

man became responsible for his evil inheritance only when he adopted it, yielded to it and made it dominant in his nature. It has taught that the Holy Spirit passed upon all men, so that no human being comes into the world without sufficient divine force present with him to save him if he would follow the divine light. We have, therefore, no use for a second probation, nor for any of the allied doctrines that arise out of the moral protest of humanity against Augustinian theology."

### THE STANDARD DICTIONARY.

For some years there has been felt a much needed want of a Dictionary of the English language, in harmony with the growth of the language. Webster's and Worcester's Unabridged had fulfilled their mission, and for some time the requirements of the literary world were not being met. Recently a few of our enterprising publishers have assumed the immense responsibility of meeting this want, and are giving us Dictionaries fully up to the times, and have even anticipated the needs of the future sufficiently to make them standards for years to come. Among these, the STANDARD DICTIONARY, now being published by *Funk & Wagnalls*, of New York; London, Eng.; and Toronto; has so many excellent features and withal is so comprehensive that it is likely to be the favorite with the general public. The production of such a Dictionary is an immense work. Nearly four years have been occupied in its compilation, and, it is stated, that 247 office editors, and specialists have been engaged in the work. The cost has already exceeded half a million dollars, and the work is not completed. It is to be issued in two volumes; also in a single volume. Volume I. is completed, and we have examined it with great satisfaction. Both the mechanical and literary work upon it are highly creditable. Nearly 300,000 words and

terms are treated of, which is nearly three times as many as we find in Worcester or Webster's Unabridged, and 55,000 more than in the new Century.

The growth and change in the English language is wonderful. New words are being continually coined, and variation in the use and shade of meaning of words, as well as simplification in spelling is continual. Recent developments in science have added largely to our vocabulary, which is shown by the fact that 4,000 terms referring to electricity alone have been collected in this work.

The Dictionary is pre-eminently American, and modern in its meaning and spelling of words. In some cases, the spelling preferred is peculiar, but is in harmony with the tendency toward the simpler (phonetic) forms of spelling.

A very useful and important feature of the work is the grouping of derived words around their primitives.

Ample illustrations are found throughout the work, and the many high-class colored plates deserve special praise, as they are exceptionally fine.

Volume II. of the Standard is announced to be completed shortly, and we have no doubt will be eagerly looked for by the literary world. The work fully deserves a warm reception by the public, and an extended sale. Bound in heavy leather binding (either full Russia or full Morocco) the outward appearance is substantial and attractive. No wonder the old "Unabridged" works are being sold for a song, when such dictionaries as the Standard can be procured.

At the close of the evening meeting at Leeds on the 4th ult., John Wilhelm Rowntree, of York, read a paper on "The need of reality in religion." He quoted the words of Canon Farrar, spoken to one of his friends, that "though Quakerism was not sufficiently alive within its *own borders*, the religious life of England was tending towards Friends' general views." Pro-