

Paterson, puts the gist of the book in the very first sentence, in the questions: *What do we really know concerning the life of heaven? And of what practical use is the knowledge?* These two questions the author endeavours to answer in the book, where we find a chapter on the "Great city," or *the number of the redeemed*," another chapter on, "*Heavenly Recognition*," or "*the social Life of Heaven*;" another chapter on "*Heavenly degrees, or the Active Life of Heaven*." These chapters, and the other chapters, are enriched with extracts from various authors who have written on these deep and profoundly interesting themes.

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SERMONS TO THE NATURAL MAN. Scribner & Co.: New York, U.S.A.

This volume of sermons by the late Prof. Shedd, of Union Theological Seminary, New York, will be read with profit and with pleasure by those lovers of orthodoxy, who, while willing to extend the right hand of fellowship to all who love the Lord Jesus Christ, are still most decidedly opposed to the Latitudinarian tendencies of the times. The author of "*A History of Christian Doctrine*," "*Homiletics and Pastoral Theology*," and "*Philosophy of History*," requires no introduction to the student of theology; but amongst those to whom the present volume is particularly addressed, the author is comparatively unknown.

His services in the support of Christian doctrine are well known and appreciated by theologians, and with the exception of Dr. Philip Schaff, no other name can probably be mentioned on this continent which has been so thoroughly and successfully identified with opposing the theories and speculations of M. Renan and others, who, while willing to concede to our Saviour the highest possible perfection of human nature, are not willing to admit his divinity. In the work under consideration, some may charge the author with being ultra-Calvinistic, and others with directing the sinner's attention more to the thunderings and terrors of Sinai than to the Cross of Christ. He sees, and sees truly, in the death of Christ an awful exemplification of Divine justice; but the poor sin-burdened sinner finds comfort in it, as being the amazing proof "that God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son," etc. In the preface our author states, "The benefits of Christ's redemption are pearls which must not be cast before swine. The gospel is not for the stupid, or for the doubter, still less for the scoffer." Mr. Moody and the most successful evangelists of our day, would probably say otherwise; and the poor sinner, stupid and doubting though he may be, with Thomas of Celano, in the "*Dies Ira*," would prefer saying:—