

neglected truth : "Our Father in heaven must be full of labor and sorrow, of care and pain and the bitter sense of loss. His eye is never closed in rest. His hand is over all His works. He grieves over the sins and wrongs of His world. He has a vast realm to administer, and He takes care that a sparrow even is not wronged. Infinite pain in the infinite heart of God !" Responsibility of man ridicules the World's Parliament of Religions. In plain speech the bishop deals with the plausible Oriental : "The higher his caste and the more religious the Hindu is, the more measureless liar he is !" He holds that God never overrides the personality of man, and adds in a foot-note : "In nothing does Calvinism more outrage Christianity than in its doctrine of Invincible Grace." This is a book worth reading by anybody and everybody. It is philosophical, devout, eloquent, racy, full of apt quotation and illustration, the work of an intensely earnest man who has exalted ideas of God and of humanity. Its lectures must have been an inspiration to the men who heard them delivered, for, even in book form, they ring through the eye upon the mind like a grand organ strain through cathedral aisles, that falls here and there to a light and playful touch upon the keys. Whatever one may think of his strictures on Calvinism and other isms that are, after all, only *circa sacra* not *in sacris*, it must be acknowledged that Bishop Thompson is a master in Israel.

*The Toronto Week*, commenting on Goldwin Smith's *North American Review* article, remarks : "No Christian scholar of note to-day holds the doctrine of verbal inspiration. But doubtless Mr. Goldwin Smith is not wrong in supposing that many Christians do." On the liberal-conservative side of this important subject of inspiration I know of no better, more satisfying book than "The Breath of God, a sketch, historical, critical and logical, of the Doctrine of Inspiration." The author of this work of a little over a hundred pages is the Rev. Frank Hallam. Like the book just noticed, it is published by Mr. Whittaker, and its price is seventy-five cents. It contains ten chapters, the first dealing with the Book or King Liber in a strain of pleasing allegory. The others are concerned with his courtiers, critics, blemishes, limitations, ministers, friends, divinity, exaltation and power. This is the work of a true servant of God and honest lover of the Bible, who loves it too well to tell any lies about it, and who believes that God is greater and wiser than the Bible, for asserting which self-evident doctrine the Talker came near being put out of the synagogue. Mr. Hallam's book is popular but at the same time replete with learning. Some of his innumerable quotations he admits truthfully to be made at second hand; but, making allowance for all the help furnished his pages by such writers as Sanday, Smyth, Farrar and Gladden, there still remain many evidences of painstaking and accurate scholarship. Almost everything the