

will be constrained to acknowledge. Never had the Presbyterian Church a more loyal son, nor one who stood more consistently true to fundamental principles.

He zealously strove to avert civil war, and when we read, "On the State of the Country," "A Christian's Best Motive for Patriotism," "A Pacific Appeal to Christians," "Christians, Pray for Your Country," we can the better understand how, when war became inevitable, he maintained the Southern cause so nobly on the battlefield as a member of "Stonewall Jackson's" staff.

The religious life of the home and the religious duties of the state are admirably treated in "The Dancing Question," "On Dangerous Reading," and "The Sabbath and the State." Never has the question of amusements been handled with more thoroughness and convincing power than in the first named. Thoroughness was a native habit of his mind. He penetrated every question to its basal principles, and showed the practical application of these to the subject under consideration.

Volume III., dealing with philosophic subjects, shows the wealth of knowledge and power of thought that lay behind his "Syllabus of Theology," and contributed to make it such an excellent work. Among other subjects here considered, mention may be made of "Geology and the Bible," "A Caution against Anti-Christian Science," "Monism," "The Nature of Physical Causes," "Positiveness in England," "The Philosophy of Dr. Bledsoe," "The Philosophy of Volition," "Inductive Logic Discussed," "The Application of Induction and Analogy," "Theories of Rights," "Civil Ethics," "Philosophy Regulating Private Corporations," "Final Cause," and "The Immortality of the Soul."

The essay on "Final Cause" was presented before the Victoria Institute, London, and elicited the highest praise from English critics. For a lucid, succinct, cogent statement of the argument within limited compass it stands unrivalled. Indeed, one is surprised at Dr. Dabney's exactitude of knowledge of so many subjects. Physical science, philosophy, politics, and general literature, he seems to have at easy command, and all is made subsidiary to the great work of theological education.

These volumes are a remarkable contribution to the thinking of our time. Presbyterians have every reason to feel grateful to the author for this substantial enrichment of our literature. Indeed, he has made all Christian people his beneficiaries.

The perusal of these volumes cannot fail to awaken the hope that some enterprising publisher will ere long issue Dr. Dabney's "Christian Ethics," now ready for the press. A reliable text-book on this subject is generally needed for use in our theological seminaries, and such a book from the pen of this great Christian scholar would be a possession of permanent worth.

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