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John Seldon and His Table Talk. By ROBERT WATERS. New York: Eaton & Mains. Toronto: William Briggs. Price, \$1.00.

Seldon's *Table Talk* is one of the books that is more talked about than read. Almost everybody knows its name, but we confess that to Mr. Waters' book we owe our first acquaintance with its text. This is a remarkably well edited book. The editor gives an account of the previous books of Ana and gossip, from the Scaligerana, or Sayings of Scali-ger, down to Boswell's Johnson. The learned Seldon wrote a great deal—chiefly dry-as-dust law and antiquarian research, but, by a strange paradox, he is best known by a book which he never wrote, and which lay neglected for years after his death. There is a strong, clear, terse character about his sentences that arrests the attention and fixes his phrases in the mind. This "*Table Talk*," by its wit and wisdom, reminds us of the apothegms of Bacon, and many of them are as well worth remembering.

Lectures on Christian Unity. By HERBERT SYMONDS, M.A. Methodist Book Rooms, Toronto, Montreal, Halifax. 12mo, pp. 174.

Mr. Symonds adds an important contribution to the subject to which we refer editorially in this number, a subject which is attracting much attention in all the churches. We had the pleasure of reading this book in manuscript, and regard Mr. Symonds' book as a sympathetic and generous discussion of this subject—although we would not be understood as standing sponsor for all the conclusions reached. The very appearance, however, of such a book, and the meeting of the Christian Unity Society, held in this city in November, at which representatives of the Anglican, Presbyterian, and Methodist Churches all took part, is an outward and visible sign of the inward and spiritual grace which is drawing the hearts of God's people in the different communions closer together.

Science and Faith, or Man as an Animal, and Man as a Member of Society, with a Discussion of Animal Societies. By DR. PAUL TOPINARD. Translated by THOMAS J. MCCORMACK. Chicago: The Open Court Publishing Co. 12mo. Pp. vi-374.

This book is defective in one of its premises. Man is more than an animal. "God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul." Therefore, any philosophy which is based merely upon man as a physical evolution from the ascidian, is a defective one. With this abatement, and it is a serious one, Dr. Topinard's book is a very interesting and even instructive one. His thesis is how has man been changed from an egocentric to a sociocentric animal. The factors and conditions of this evolution, political, religious, and social, are successively considered. The title of this book seems rather a misnomer: "because," says the author, "science and faith mutually exclude each other. One is knowledge, the other is belief." But in a higher unity they may be harmonized, and with Tennyson we may say,

"Let knowledge grow from more to more,
But more of reverence in us dwell."

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