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THE DESTINY OF TO-DAY

STUDIES IN CONSCIENCE AND CHARACTER

BY JOHN McLEAN, Ph.D.,

Author of "The Making of a Christian," "Better Lives for Common People."

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Among the chapters in this helpful little volume are: The Invisible Third—The Every Day of Judgment—Remorse—Retribution—The Demand for Confession—The Coercion of Deeds—The Master in the Soul—The Infinite Outcome.

We have also received an excellent little book by John Maclean, Ph.D., entitled "The Destiny of To-day." (Toronto: Briggs, 1902.) These studies in conscience and character deal with human life and conduct in the light of the divine judgment now and hereafter, and would make an admirable course of sermons or a salutary course of reading. They are, in our judgment, distinctly above the level of a former volume by the same author recently noticed in our columns. *Travis Globe*

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—THE DESTINY OF TO-DAY. Studies in Conscience and Character. By Rev. John Maclean, Ph.D. (Toronto: William Briggs.) 50 cents.

The little book deals with large and solemn questions—questions in which we are all personally and deeply interested. It is written with a serious purpose—to make men think, and to think intensely, upon the tremendous issues which the author raises. Dr. Maclean has the happy art of putting the great facts that pertain to life and destiny in a striking light, and drives home the lessons he gathers with unerring precision and commanding appeal. The author's style, while graceful, and sometimes brilliant, is always clear, earnest, and practical. Such books have a mission, not to a few, but to the multitudes thronging the highways of life, crying, "Who will show us any good?" In these days of unrest and doubt, when so many on the ocean of life are like sailors bewildered in a fog, it is well that men should be made to hear the clear, positive notes that ring through this volume from beginning to end. "The Destiny of To-day" is a valuable contribution to the Christian literature of the age, and in sending forth the small volume, freighted with such an important message, it is more than likely that the author has "built better than he knew."

The Destiny of To-day. By JOHN MACLEAN, Ph.D. (Toronto: William Briggs.) 50¢ 1902. ~

Dr. Maclean is a Twentieth Century John the Baptist. The sub-title of this book is "Studies in Conscience and Character," and the description is an accurate one. Sin is the subject of this work—its awful reality and tragic consequences. We knew a Methodist preacher who came to be known colloquially in one circuit as "The Conscience Scraper." If Dr. Maclean will allow the expression, he is verily "A Conscience Scraper." We have not met with a writer who could more alarmingly depict the terrors of remorse. If these discourses have been preached they must surely have penetrated the hardest heart. Withal, Dr. Maclean knows how to make the sternest subjects attractive, and he has a quick eye for an effective illustration. These addresses lack somewhat of the tenderness of the Evangel of Jesus; but they are impressive largely because they are uttered to a generation drifted towards a pseudo-merciful toleration of transgression and transgressors. He would be a bold man who would say that this severe kind of preaching can be dispensed with. We are much inclined to think this little book contains a message for the moment. It has been issued in Canada and is a worthy specimen of what colonial printers, bookbinders and publishers, are capable of. *London - England*