

stream, and anticipations of delightful days to come in nature's retreats, far from human business and bustle.

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Before Dr. David Smith became Professor of Theology in Magee College, Londonderry, he was minister in Blairgowrie, Scotland. In that parish were produced the sermons now published in the volume, **Man's Need of God** (Hodder & Stoughton, London, U. C. Tract Society, Toronto, 287 pages, \$1.50 net). Marked as these sermons are by deep spiritual insight and unusual felicity of expression, they will be read with pleasure and profit by the wider audience to whom they are now offered.

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