

imagine how his eloquent voice would ring out in eager support in the recent proposal for a larger union of the churches—he advocated, indeed, a broader union still, just thirty years ago. The authors of this biography, one the son, and both pupils of Principal Grant, have done their work well. They have given us a life-like picture of a man whose work will abide, because he put so much of himself into it. This higher-priced *édition de luxe* will be followed, we understand, by an issue of the book in a cheaper form.

Andrew Halliday Douglas; Five Sermons, with a Biographical Introduction, by Charles Douglas, M.P. (Horder & Stoughton, London, England, 323 pages, \$2.60), is a welcome memorial of a much-loved man. "His presence was as the sunshine," says his colleague and friend, Professor McFadyen. The face that looks out from the four full-page portraits of him at different ages, confirms the testimony. His one brief session at Knox College, Toronto, will be an abiding memory. No one perhaps ever made, in so short a time, so deep a mark. It was not through extraordinary learning or skill as a teacher. It was the strength and sweetness of the man himself. "I think," writes an Edinburgh friend, "that Halliday Douglas was the most purely religious man that I have ever known." It was religion with the penetrating breath of spring in it. It was irresistible. His Canadian friends—and he took Canada to his heart from the first day of his landing—will prize this memorial volume. The sermons are strong, sane and

tender, and the story of his boyhood and student days and early ministry help one to understand better the secret of that wonderful charm which conquered at sight and which made every student his sworn friend. Passing strange indeed is God's way; his life seemed just ripening for even more abundant service when the end came suddenly; it is just two years ago.

The Scottish Covenanters had no enemies so bitter as to belittle their courage. "Dogged fighters for freedom in Church and State," is what Alexander Smellie calls them in his **Men of the Covenant** (Fleming H. Revell Company, 440 pages, \$2.50), which gives the story of the sad, but stirring years of persecution. Perhaps—doubtless, indeed—they were narrow and bitter, those fighters against prelacy. Such was the spirit of the time. But they had this much of the modern spirit, that they were "invincible haters of despotism." The signing of the Covenants and the long and bloody struggle which followed, are described in vivid detail. The attitude is that of one to whom "it seems evident that the Covenanter, in the main, was incontestably right." It is a book that calls things by plain names, and is full of color. It will do our growing boys and girls good to know what liberty has cost; and our time is sadly in need of the stern, unyielding Covenanter temper, against the new evils of the day. The thirty-seven illustrations, many of them striking reproductions in pen and ink of famous portraits, are no small embellishment to this pretty and attractive volume, which ought to do much to enkindle fresh interest in a heroic age.

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