

exposes with intense earnestness the danger of proclaiming a probation beyond the grave. There is immense force in his pleadings. But he scarcely understands the difference between preaching to men, that they will have a "second chance," and holding that the Scriptures do not declare the manner in which God will deal with those ignorant of the Gospel, and that, therefore, it is permissible to seek intellectual relief in the speculative possibility of further ministries in the intermediate state. All the texts he cites are susceptible of this limitation. As to Temperance, Mr. Cook is an extreme Prohibitionist, and will not even listen to arguments on the other side. One commendable feature is the determined and partially successful effort to view politics in the light of Christianity. There is an attractive downrightness about Joseph Cook. He knows what he wants to say, and he says it plainly and boldly, so that no one can mistake his meaning. Decidedly the lectures were worth republishing in this country, and they will repay perusal.

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