

"Newman." An Appreciation in two Lectures ; with the Choicest Passages of his Writings selected and arranged by Alexander Whyte, D.D. The Appendix contains six of his Eminence's Letters not hitherto published. Edinburgh : Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier. Toronto : William Briggs. Pp. 254. Price, 3s. 6d.

A book by a Presbyterian divine upon a great English scholar, who was for forty years a Roman priest, including correspondence not before published, cannot fail to be of great interest and value. Dr. Whyte is an intense admirer, and at the same time a severe critic, of Cardinal Newman. He regards the forty volumes of his writings as among the most precious contributions to English literature. He says : "Every preface of his, every title-page of his, every dedication and advertisement of his, every footnote, every parenthesis of his, has a stamp upon it that at once makes you say—that is Newman. He is simply inimitable. He is simply alone as a writer, and has no fellow." And this estimate he vindicates by copious citations from Newman's works.

Some years ago Dr. T. Bowman Stephenson presented the present writer with Newman's great poem, "Gerontius," and years before we read with enthralled interest his "Apologia Pro Sua Vita." From these and many other books are culled a rich anthology of the most stately prose and verse in the English language. On the august themes of God, God the Son, The Word, The Infinite, on Man and Conscience, on David, Paul, on Athens and Rome, he writes with a majesty akin to that of Milton, a beauty akin to that of Ruskin. We marked a number of passages for quotation, but to give them would more than exhaust our space. This is especially a book for preachers, indeed for all who love high thought and noble expression. The sermon on a Lost Soul before the Judgment Seat is one of tremendous power, akin to the majesty of Macbeth ; that on his leaving the Church of England for the Church of Rome is one of tender and loving pathos.

"Proceedings of the Third Ecumenical Methodist Conference, held in City Road Chapel, London, September, 1901." With an introduction by T. B. Stephenson, D.D., LL.D. London : Wesleyan Methodist

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By means of this verbatim report we can attend the Ecumenical Conference and get as much good out of it as its own delegates. No one could take in, understand and digest these addresses and discussions by merely hearing them. From the limits of time they had to be highly condensed. The papers are here given in full, as revised by their authors. We have here the best thoughts of the best thinkers of Methodism. Our Canadian contingent come well to the front and make us more than ever proud of them. The references to the Boer war were very much magnified, as usual, in the cable despatches.

Many papers of great and permanent value, of deep and intense spirituality, of missionary zeal and enthusiasm, are here printed. It will be for many years a treasury of information and inspiration to world-wide Methodism. The Conference was not without its humour. One good brother, when rung down, exclaimed :

"Oh ! the bell,
It sounds my knell ;
I leave you to think
What I cannot tell."

"Like Another Helen." By George Horton. Illustrated by C. M. Relyea. Indianapolis : The Bowen-Merrill Co. Toronto : William Briggs. Pp. 379.

Mr. Horton has lived much in the Levant, and understands Greek and Turkish character better than most men. He has not only the seeing eye, but a wonderfully graphic pen, which makes his readers see what he describes. Those glorious isles of Greece, the sunny Cyclades and scattered Sporades, are the home of romance and patriotic heroism. He reproduces the spell which we ourselves have felt as we sailed for days amid these enchanted scenes. He describes the intense and bitter racial and religious hate between the Turks and the Christian population of the East, ever ready to flame forth in pillage and massacre. The story gives vivid pictures of the late revolt in Crete—almost too vivid, as in the description of the leper settlement, of the truculence of the Turks and heroism of the Greeks, and the gallant intervention