

As a man of letters he is not widely known, nor is his original work of the highest quality. It will not compare favourably with the work of Cardinal Newman, or Mr. Froude, or Mr. Pater (to confine ourselves to Oxford), but it is distinctly good; and there are indications it might have been better had his energy been less or his leisure greater. His translations from the Greek classics are masterpieces. He did not trouble himself too much about verbal niceties, and he was not above taking a liberty with his author. But spirit and sense were always faithfully rendered. To use Emerson's phrase, he nestled in the brain of Plato; what is more, he made the ancient Greek interesting to the modern Englishman. The achievement, it will be admitted, was not a slight one. — *The Publishers' Circular*.

DR. JOWETT, MASTER OF BALLIOL. — Many are there who remember that it was he who first caused them to think out the meaning of words on which they had never before bestowed a thought, for he had a positive hatred for all that was merely high-sounding and not practical. His ideal of life was the interweaving of knowledge and activity to the fullest measure of both, and his own life was the honest endeavour to realize his ideal. There is a legend that he once concluded a sermon on "money" with the remark, "the love of money is the root of all evil—and I advise you each to have something in the bank," a combination of abstract wisdom and practical commonsense which it would be hard to beat. With this specimen of his practical theology squares another story as to his doctrinal views. One of his pupils, in the course of a friendly conversation, went so far as to aver that he had been unable in any philosophy or creed to discover evidence for the existence of any God. The Master shut his lips in the dread-

ed *aposiopesis* which was the recognized calm prelude to the lightning. "Well, Mr. A——," he said at length, "I can only say that if you cannot find yourself a God before luncheon to-morrow, I must send you back to your friends." "All religions," he said on another occasion, "are identical in their bearing on right conduct: it is only in point of scientific explanations that they are different." — *The Educational Times*.

MASSING OF CHILDREN.—The statement of Maj. McClaugbry, chief of the Chicago police, that first among the causes of crime is "criminal parentage, association, and neglect of children by their parents," every teacher can testify to as being correct. The incorrigibles in a school, without an exception we believe, will be found to be unfortunately born or of those who are severely let alone by their parents. But as it is certain that these children must be reached through the emotions and the will to be influenced, a duty, religious it may be well called, rests upon every teacher having such under her charge (and who has not?) to study the peculiarities of the individual child. Away, we say, with this massing of children for purposes of instruction. To place sixty or fifty children in a room and expect that the young teacher shall not only teach according to the methods of the idealists, but shall deal successfully with the two or three vicious phenomena in her class is preposterous. — *The School Journal*.

More is got from one book on which the thought settles for a definite end in knowledge, than from libraries skimmed over by wandering eyes. A cottage flower gives honey to the bee, a king's garden none to the butterfly. — *Lord Lytton*