

Book Notices.



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"John Fletcher Hurst." A Biography.
By Albert Osborn. New York:
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Briggs. Svo. Pp. xiv-509. Price,
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Bishop Hurst was one of the most

genial and companionable of men. To those who knew him best he will be remembered more for his large and loving heart than for his many-languaged head. If at first you stood in awe of the learning of the great scholar, you soon felt at ease with the kindly Christian gentleman. We met him intimately at our Canadian Chautauqua, and learned to love the man even more than we admired his books.

This Life is a worthy tribute to the Methodist Melancthon who united the wisdom of the sage with the piety of the saint. The name given him, John Fletcher, indicates the Christian consecration of his early life. The child of many prayers was early converted to God and was led into the Christian ministry. At twenty-two he postponed immediate marriage, and went abroad to study at Halle. He travelled extensively in Europe, and the East, and narrowly escaped being destroyed by the bomb of a Catholic fanatic at a Wesleyan service in Rome.

At thirty-one he published his first book, "The History of Rationalism," which did much to establish his fame, and was the precursor of many valuable books, chiefly historical, on the history of the Christian Church, and his recent masterly "History of Methodism." He also wrote verse of much merit. Some of his best efforts were connected with the establishment of Drew Theological Seminary, but the great work of his later years was the founding of the Methodist University at Washington. He presided at one hundred and seventy conferences in the United States and many foreign countries. He was an indefatigable book lover. The recent sale of his library in New York, the collection of forty years, brought the sum of \$56,500. It is a pity that this could not have been secured as a permanent Hurst memorial. He was a great pedestrian, and tramped over a large part of Europe and the United States on holiday trips with genial comrades. But his noblest characteristic was his Christian consecration, his tireless zeal for the cause of God.