

sought to show the agreement between science and biblical record. The unwavering faith of one whose splendid researches had led him far into those studies, the mere shadow of which shakes the belief of not a few, cannot fail to exert a strong influence upon the thoughtful mind.

College men need strong cables and hard anchor holds if they will not drift in these times. All will not be specially interested in science. All must be deeply interested in one who as a scientist was a peer of his fellows, and at the same time believed God "that it shall be even as he has said."

A National Literature.

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When a few members of Parliament waited on the late Sir John Abbott, then Prime Minister, and just created Knight, and urged him as head of the government to improve the position of certain young poets employed in the public service, amongst them, our much lamented friend Archibald Lampman, nobly lamented by Campbell, the astute premier, a commercial lawyer, who had been all his life an agent for great interests, a clever man too, said:—"Can't they sell their poems and make money out of them?" Well was it for Lampman that he had the standpoint of his sonnet, "Outlook"; a standpoint of moral greatness like that of Milton. The too practical heart might not be touched by him or his belongings, or struggles, yet happy was he for he saw with wiser eyes, to use his own words "life, love, beauty," and though he also knew at least by sympathy "hard human need", and his soul may at times have been "blind and dumb with agony" assuredly among his possessions were:—

"Great voices from life's outer sea,
Hours of strange triumphs, and when few men heard,
Murmurs and glimpses of eternity";

and now we fondly hope the "murmurs" have been replaced by vast diapasons of mighty harmonies and the "glimpses" by full-fed seeing of landscapes of infinite delight.

What is a national literature? What function does a literature fulfil as regards its community? What does it do for it? It expresses it; pictures it; embodies it for itself and for all outside "And the word was God"; is not the word man too? What is Othello? What Hamlet? So many speeches. Caesar, Pompey, or take the greatest of all, that star of patience and peace, who for centuries has looked down on a warring Christendom—He who was and is the incarnate sigh of the Infinite over human sin and pain—What are these