

somebody. Such is not Dr. Whyte. The many imperfections in the Greek Church in general, and in Father John in particular, he perfectly knows; but he passes them by. He has drawn a picture well worth the studying, but it is a picture that owes half its value to its setting in the frame of a great Christian's loving magnanimity.

The minister of Free St. George's has also published a second series of "Bible Characters, from Gideon to Absalom," 245 pages, 12mo, price a dollar and a quarter. In its 21 character sketches the same spirit of earnest, kindly appreciation appears that breathes in "Father John." The preacher is tender with Samson and Eli and Saul and Solomon, though he perceives their grievous faults. But Nabal and Michal, Shimei, Joab and Absalom, he cannot condescend in any way to justify. He reads these old characters in the light of modern life, or rather, of modern lives, not of deed, but of spirit, and in so doing gathers to his aid the judgments of many writers, old and new. I have before remarked his reprobation of sins of the spirit, of which these sketches furnish abundant illustration. "We shall, therefore, set it down to Samson's credit that, with all his license and with all his riot, he never became a drunkard. But, then, as it always comes into my heart when I read of Samson's total abstinence—

What boots it at one gate to make defence,
And at another to let in the foe?

You are making a gallant defence at one gate; but what about the other gates; and, especially, what about the gates on the other side of the city? You keep, with all diligence, this and that gate of the body; but what about the more deadly gates of the soul? Plutarch tells us of a great Roman, who was very brave; but, then, he was very envious of other brave men, and his envy did himself and them and the state more mischief than if he had been a coward. You work hard for God at your books and your visiting as a minister, or as