

This book belongs to the Literary Lives Series edited by W. Robertson Nicoll. It has the flavor of Scotland and smells of the heather, the rare white heather. Mr. Lang understands Scot and the Scotch. The book has a touch of tenderness about it that is quite appropriate. One who is a lover of Sir Walter (and who is not) can speak of him only with reverence. But there is real criticism here also. For those who have not time for Lockhart this is just the book and many who know Lockhart will revel in the luminous pages of Lang. One effect of the book is to make you wish to take down the Waverley novels again and read them afresh.

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### **Walter Pater.**

By A. C. Benson, Fellow of Magdalene College, Cambridge. The MacMillan Co., New York and London. 1906. Price \$1.00.

Mr. Benson writes sympathetically, though with reserve, of this very remarkable man. He cannot be said to be an easy subject, for he is elusive and even shadowy in his personality. The personality of Pater is not very vivid in Mr. Benson's treatment though much of his mystical charm is here. The style of Pater is peculiar though wonderful at its best. He is an artist in the use of words, and deserves a place in the English Men of Letters Series. Perhaps no one else could have discussed Walter Pater better than Mr. Benson unless indeed Dr. F. W. Bussell, of Brasenose College, Oxford, could have done so. Pater was tutor at Brasenose, though a student of Queen's College. In a way he was the most striking figure at Oxford during his prime, though his lectures were above the heads of the students. He will live in his books on artistic and critical subjects.

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**The New Far East.**—An examination into the New Position of Japan and her influence upon the Solution of the Far Eastern Questions, with Special Reference to the Interests of America and the Future of the Chinese Empire.

By Thomas F. Millard. New York. Charles Scribner's Sons. 1906. XII-319 pages.