

have not seldom lost sight of the cardinal truths in the old." The advance of men of science, such as Spencer, Romanes, John Fiske and Professor Shaler, toward theism and Christianity, he concedes, may well cause us to rejoice; but ought we to be equally pleased with the recession of Christian thinkers? In this connection we may well recall the utterances of Professor George H. Darwin, a son of the illustrious author of "The Descent of Man," in his late inaugural address before the British Society for the Advancement of Science.

GEO. B. EAGER.

The Garden of Nuts. Mystical Expositions with an Essay on Christian Mysticism.

By the Rev. W. Robertson Nicoll, M.A., LL. D. A. C. Armstrong & Son, New York. 1905, pp. 232.

Dr. Nicoll is essentially a rational mystic and this is an excellent example of his excellent work. The essay on mysticism sets forth the essentials of that type of thought and life, while the other brief essays set forth what he believes "to be an old, true, precious and divinely sanctioned method of interpretation. It is not our purpose to revive the purely mystical and allegorical reading of the Bible." p. 81. "Nevertheless we are certain that the church of Christ is in danger of losing the key to the wonderful and mysterious world of Scripture." p. 82. This is due to the bold literalism of the time. His plea for a profounder interpretation of Scripture and its larger and higher use in preaching is powerful and ought not to go without effect.

W. J. MCGLOTHLIN.

Life and Religion. An Aftermath from the Writings of the Right Honorable Professor F. Max Müller.

By His Wife. Doubleday, Page & Co., New York. 1905, pp. 237.

This is a compilation of striking passages on "Life and Religion" taken from the published works and the private correspondence of the late distinguished Prof. Max Müller. Many of them are most beautiful and striking, revealing the tender heart and deep religiousness of

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