

one hand, and ridiculous unnatural prudery, and sexual starvation, on the other, be the tacitly accepted relations between men and women."

Of course the work frankly denies God and it makes sport of the Psalmist's declaration that "the fool hath said in his heart there is no God." He charges to religious institutions the persistent prevalence of ignorance.

One ought, if possible, to give the work credit for its constructive elements; but, as already intimated, these are wrought in the imagination and present only "possibilities" and "probabilities" as also do they deal in the broadest generalities with promise of detailed exposition in a volume to follow this.

The work is appropriately dedicated to Ernst Haeckel "by permission."

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**Haeckel's Monism False.** An Examination of "The Riddle of the Universe"; "The Wonders of Life"; "The Confessions of a Man of Science." By Professor Haeckel, together with "Haeckel's Critics," by Mr. Joseph McCabe.

By Frank Ballard, M.A., B.D., B. Sc., F. R. M. S., etc. Author of "The Miracles of Unbelief", "Clarion Fallacies", "Which Bible to Read", "The Mission of Christianity", "Reasonable Orthodoxy", etc. London, Charles H. Kelley. XVI, + 605 pages.

So little is Haeckel read on this side of the water, and so few are the believers in his gross materialism, so very different indeed are all the real philosophical tendencies, both scholastic and popular, that one is quite shocked by the apparent need for English readers of so voluminous a review of the vociferous German scholar's positions. In England there is large following for materialism among a class that in this country have not yet come to account themselves philosophers at all. There are special conditions, ecclesiastical, political and social, for setting this class of better artisans and tradesmen against the more cultured forms of philosophy and religion; conditions that

do not yet obtain in America and some of which could find no place in our life.

For this class very largely Mr. Ballard has for years been a most watchful, sincere and competent guardian and defender of the Faith of the Gospel. He stands as an example of the *polemic* rather than the *apologist* and as such gives good account of himself. He wants nothing of his usual vigor in this volume and has somewhat more of comprehensiveness than his discussions usually have allowed.

That English readers could be found for Haeckel's works and expositions of them by the hundred thousand is somewhat surprising and is a proof of the energetic propaganda of "Rationalist Press Association."

One who desires to read a remarkably vigorous, frank, incisive polemic against Haeckel and his advocates will do well to get this work, but one can hardly think much need for it will be found in America. We have many and serious forms of skepticism and of aggressive attack on Christianity here, but Haeckel's specific form will not soon do us serious harm.

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## VI. NEW TESTAMENT.

### **All About the Bible.**

By Sidney Collett. Fleming H. Revell Company, New York. Pp., 324.

The fullness of the claims of this book cannot be quite appreciated without reading its subtitle: "Its Origin—Its Language—Its Translation—Its Canon—Its Symbols—Its Inspiration—Its Alleged Errors and Contradictions—Its Plan—Its Science—Its Rivals" (all in three hundred and twenty-four pages!!) It is unfortunate that the author makes such claims for his book. It is intended as an answer to questions which puzzled the author twenty-five years ago, but it does not deal with the questions which are most important to-day, or