

These sermons of Mr. Campbell convince me that there has been a change in the atmosphere of the City Temple, and yet not enough change to make the sinner feel very uncomfortable. Mr. Spurgeon's earnestness was intense and perhaps we should not expect it of all preachers. But it is essential to the best preaching—to really great preaching.

At times I was almost on the point of calling Mr. Campbell a great preacher.

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### **The Inspiration of Our Faith. Sermons.**

By John Watson, D. D., "Ian Maclaren." Published by A. C. Armstrong & Son, New York. 1905. Pp. 559.

Here are twenty-nine sermons, and you will want to read them every one. Need one say a word more? You may not believe all you read here, but you will find mental stimulus, and what is far more in a sermon, you will find spiritual inspiration. You will know yourself better and God. Life will be fuller and religion will mean more.

It is the custom now to name sermon volumes after the title of the first one in the book, and that fashion seems at first to be followed here. But it is only in the seeming, for the title in this case is truly the appropriate characterization of the whole set of sermons. They deal with the emotional side of the religion of the soul under the lead of the Christ. Our day is fortunate in the vigorous reassertion of the value and reliability of the "feelings" as the source, or at least the channel, of the highest knowledge and the best certainty. Dr. Watson in his earlier writings showed a mind weary of the dearth of a religion of dogma. It was natural for such a mind to seek relief in the license of criticism. But "Ian Maclaren" was already a man of the heart and the only message in the midst of his criticism that the world listened to was the clear call of all his work. Now he has found himself and the barren conceit of criticism is even more disgusting than the dearth of theological dogma. In this volume he

gives you no preface, for he speaks not for himself. The apostle of the heart calls to the message of the heart of God and shows the way of response. W. O. CARVER.

## VII. MISSIONS.

### **Religions of Mission Fields; As Viewed by Protestant Missionaries.**

Published by the Student Volunteer Movement. 1905. Pp. X, 300, 12mo, cloth 50 cents, paper 35 cents.

There are ten chapters dealing with all organized religions with which Protestant missionaries have to do, including Judaism and Roman Catholicism. In each instance there is a good bibliography of both popular and scientific works. The authors have been chosen with an eye to experience and capacity to make use of it, and a certain uniformity of treatment, with personal diversity has been secured by the editing committee. For a practical, clear, working view of the religions as they are today no single small volume is equal to this one. One questions many of the generalizations of Dr. Richards concerning the Religion of the African and may not be in perfect accord with all conclusions of other writers. Yet the work is remarkably well done and is cast in a form easy to get. It is just the thing for study classes and for private reading. W. O. CARVER.

### **Mohammed and the Rise of Islam.**

By D. S. Margoliouth. Published by G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York. 1905. Pp. XXVI and 481. Numerous illustrations.

This volume is one of the Heroes of the Nations series which these publishers are bringing out. Professor Margoliouth is known as a competent scholar and his selection for this volume is fully justified by the outcome. Full use is made of all the sources and of all the works of preceding writers. The author is cautious of conclusions where the evidence is conflicting or insufficient and where the interpretations differ, but he is not more timid