

## III. SERMONS.

**The Unlighted Lustre.** Addresses from a Glasgow Pulpit.

By the Rev. S. H. Morison, M. A. Pages, 278. New York, A. C. Armstrong & Son.

There are thirty sermons in this collection, each good and fit for its place. One thing to note is that they are really sermons, personal and persuasive. The subjects are fresh and freshly stated, "The Unlighted Lustre," "The Intrusiveness of Christ," "The League with the Stones," "Hands Beautiful." As a rule, too, they are markedly Scriptural. The acquaintance with literature displayed is wide and varied, but the Bible is more to the author than other books, and he has read it for himself with his own eyes, and not another's. To be sure, these are not great sermons. They do not set forth the profoundest truths of the Book, nor search the depths of the soul, nor grapple with the greatest problems of life today; but they might well stimulate many a preacher to emulation by their almost breezy freshness, their directness and simplicity, their wealth of allusion, their variety and fertility, and their consequent attractiveness.

D. F. ESTES.

**The Essentials of Spirituality.**

By Felix Adler. Pages 92. New York. James Pott & Co.

This volume, made up of four addresses before the Ethical Culture Society of New York City, of which Dr. Adler has been the leader from the beginning, deserves wide and thoughtful reading. We may not agree that his definition of spirituality, "always keeping in view this supreme end" of moral completeness, of perfection, exactly expresses our idea of spirituality; but it were to be hoped that we all agreed with the author in devotion to this purpose. What he says as to living in view of death and as to our attitude toward our fellow men deserves not

reading only, but re-reading and repetition. Of course, the teachings of Dr. Adler must be limited by his failure to accept Christianity, but it is also to be recognized that he feels and says some things which many who have the Christian faith are neglecting. This little book of ethical culture addresses may well evoke and enrich many Christian sermons.

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**The Certainty of the Kingdom, and other Sermons.**

By Heber D. Ketcham, D. D., Pages 152. Cincinnati, Jennings & Rat. 50 cents net.

The preacher of these sermons publishes them "that the ways of God in the heart of man may be made plain." Doubtless by the preaching of them souls were helped, and it is to be hoped that the same result may attend them as printed; but this is not certain. The author laments the confusion of the definitions which state "the processes of grace in Christian experience." It can hardly be said that he has escaped a similar confusion. These discourses are earnest in tone, not specially simple in style, indeed sometimes almost turgid, rather forceful than clear, showing no keen discrimination either in acceptance of historical statements or in analysis of human emotions, but demonstrating the author's loyalty to Christ, and also his soundness in Wesleyan doctrine, as befits a Methodist preacher.

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**The Christ of Today. What? Whence? Whither?**

By G. Campbell Morgan. Pages 64. Fleming H. Revell Co.

In this little book, presumably the printing of an address, the "Problem of Jesus" is stated once more, and once more in a way that ought to be effective. The author argues on the basis of four "facts of the hour, embedded in the consciousness of enlightened people." "Christ is the Revealer of the highest type of human life . . . the Redeemer of all types of human failure . . . Ruler over the most remarkable empire that man has ever seen . . . the Restorer of lost order wherever he is