

helpful discussions of Figures of Speech and Versification. An extended and discriminating list of books recommended for study is given in the appendix.

The book will be very serviceable to those not fully initiated into the best methods and true spirit of literary interpretation. Teachers of English will find it fresh and suggestive.

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The Open Door.

By Henry Van Dyke. Published by the Presbyterian Board of Publication, Philadelphia, Pa.

This little book contains eight sermons by the distinguished preacher, author and professor. Dr. Van Dyke's pulpit style does not differ materially from that of his books. There is the same discriminating thought, the same penetrative imagination, the same simplicity and lucidity, the same cheery optimism, the same love of nature. He has the power of striking, convincing statement in a rare degree. He is sparing of illustration, not rich in imaginative adornments; but he is always suggestive, stimulating, helpful. The sermons are biblical without much quotation of the Bible, thoroughly evangelical, but expressed in language that appeals to the world of to-day. The first one on "The Open Door" which gives name to the volume is particularly fine. Other good ones are "Resurrection Now," "A Divine Impossibility," and "The Making of St. John."

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Ancient Sermons for Modern Times.

By Asterius, Bishop of Amasia circa 375-405 A.D. Translated by Galusha Anderson and E. J. Goodspeed. The Pilgrim Press. New York, Boston, Chicago.

In his Lectures on the History of Preaching Dr. Broadus called attention very warmly to Asterius, Bishop of Amasea (or Amasia?) in Pontus in the fourth century,