

MR. MAUDE'S ARTICLE ON TOLSTOY.

The article on the "Misinterpretation of Tolstoy," by Mr. Aylmer Maude, in reply to Mrs. Evans's article on the Russian reformer, published in *The Open Court* for August, was forwarded to the editor by Mr. Ernest Howard Crosby, of New York City. Mr. Crosby, while returning to New York from an international appointment in Alexandria, Egypt, visited Count Tolstoy at his home in Russia, and has, since this meeting, under the influence of Tolstoy's writings, devoted considerable attention to social reform. Mr. Crosby writes that the author of the article

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Mr. Aylmer Maude, a prominent and well-to-do business man of Moscow,—an Englishman,—became interested in Tolstoy's writings some ten years or more ago and is now an intimate friend of the Count. Under the influence of his teaching he abandoned his business and is now living near Chelmsford in Essex, England engaged among other things in bringing out a complete edition of Tolstoy's works, of which two volumes, *Sebastopol* and *Resurrection*, have already been published by Grant Richards. He is also the author of *Tolstoy and His Problems*, and is recognised as the Englishman who stands closest to Tolstoy. Mr. Maude's work is indispensable to the student of Tolstoy's life and labors. It is published, in America, by the A. Wessels Company, 7-9 W. 18th St., New York, and in England by Grant Richards. In view of the recent alarming reports concerning Tolstoy's health, it may be interesting to our readers to learn from a letter from Mr. Maude, dated August 26th at Tolstoy's home, Yásnaya Polyána, Russia, that while Tolstoy is still far from strong, he can write three or four hours most days and walks sometimes two or three miles at a time. A doctor is, however, in constant attendance, both in case of emergency and to check Tolstoy's rashness; he having been so strong and active until two years ago, finds it difficult to exercise due moderation in his exercise and to follow a strict régime.