

Catholic point of view and therefore both implies and asserts that the Papal Church is the only true one, which is not as clear as the author believes. The pith of the volume, however, lies in the ridicule which it casts, good-naturedly but effectively, upon the claims of the Anglican Church and especially of the High Church party. More might have been said in their own defense by some of the speakers yet the author has not merely set up men of straw to be knocked over. Without indorsing the Roman Catholicism of the book, one can find considerable truth and force in it.

Rev. A. J. Harrison has done admirable work in the Boyle Lectures for 1892-93 which compose the volume, *The Ascent of Faith, or The Grounds of Certainty in Science and Religion* [Thomas Whittaker. \$1.75]. Being convinced that so-called unbelievers often believe much more than they suppose, he has undertaken in these lectures to show them what they do believe and what in addition, from their own point of view, they are bound to believe. From these beginnings he shows how one must advance in order to be logical until Christ has been accepted. His argument is terse and telling and cannot fail to be greatly useful. Ministers will be aided by it and it is just what many thoughtful and reverently disposed, but at present unconvinced, laymen need and will appreciate.—Rev. Dr. W. B. Carpenter, Bishop of Ripon, in his volume, *The Son of Man Among the Sons of Men* [Thomas Whittaker. \$1.50] has published a series of a dozen discourses on New Testament characters—Herod, Pilate, Judas, Peter, Thomas, Bartimeus, etc.—in which keen analysis, large familiarity with human nature, practical good sense and devout piety all blend effectively. The sermons are fresh, strong and impressive.

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All who were interested in the recent famous case of Professor Briggs should read *The Trial of Dr. Briggs* [A. D. F. Randolph & Co. 50 cents], by a stranger, apparently himself a trained and loyal Presbyterian, who attended the meetings at Washington and claims to have read carefully the publications called out by the result. He has written calmly, clearly and forcibly, and his opinions should have weight. His judgment is that Dr. Briggs's views were misunderstood and misrepresented, and that he was condemned for opinions which he not only does not hold but has repudiated, that there is nothing in Dr. Briggs's positions inconsistent with Presbyterian orthodoxy, and that the next, or some future, General Assembly, in justice not only to him but also to the denomination, should reverse and correct the decision of that by which he was tried. The author rightly insists that the injury done to the truth by the verdict reached is more serious than even the injustice done to Dr. Briggs. The book is as powerful as it is temperate and kindly.

The Comedy of English Protestantism [Benziger Bros.], by A. F. Marshall, is amusing reading. The book purports to describe a grand church council held in London with the aim of bringing all the different religious bodies in Great Britain into the fold of the Church of England. Seven or eight representative men argue and discuss and the book is spirited and in some respects instructive. It is written from a Roman