

*Supplicium Aeternum*—The Hereafter of Sin: What it will be. With answers to certain questions and objections. By Rev. John W. Haley, M.A. (Andover: Warren F. Draper.)

This is a timely production, and well adapted to one class of doubters. When skepticism has so smitten the mental and moral nature of a man that he yields to a cherished bondage, neither the logic of reason nor inspiration can release him. This argument is designed for those who, while in darkness, wish to come to the light. It is supplementary to the Bible or textual argument for the eternity of punishment. It is strictly logical and philosophical, and is conducted with candor, skill and force. The object of the writer is to show that the theory of "Future Punishment," deducible from the Scriptures, accords with sound philosophy, and this he does, in large measure, by psychological analysis. The mental and moral constitution of man, as exhibited in normal and abnormal conditions, is made to testify in favor of such punishment as a necessary factor in God's government.

Part I—"Future Retribution. Demand for and nature of it"—is an exhaustive and powerful cumulative argument based upon a dis-

section of man's moral consciousness. Especially is the section showing the "self-perpetuating tendency of moral character" pertinent and strong.

Part II is devoted to the consideration of questions and objections. These are frankly put and skilfully met. We know of no book of so small a compass in which there is so much condensed argument and successful refutation on the subject of "Future Punishment." There is material enough to be amplified into a work of much more formidable size. We congratulate the author on his exceptional combination of brevity and effectiveness.