LITERARY NOTES.

A memorial paper, written by Arthur Hollick, of New-Brighton, Staten Island, respecting the late Dr. John I. Northup, of Columbia College, has lately been reprinted from the records of the New-York Academy of Sciences, before which it was read. Mr. Hollick writes with feeling, and at the same time with judicious appreciation of his subject, so that his paper is an estimate no less wise than tender of a fine scientific mind and a manly character. Dr. Northup, a native of New-York, was born October 12, 1861, and he lost his life by an accident at the School of Mines, in Columbia College, June 25, 1891. The special field of his scientific labor was zoology, and in that he was learned, industrious, useful and distinguished. Dr. Northup wrote well, upon a variety of themes. His published and unpublished papers on plants, birds, fishes etc., are enumerated by his biographer with well deserved commendation for "acute powers of observation, painstaking study, and a strict regard for truth in recording of facts."

A. C. McClurg & Co., of Chicago, issue "The Evolution of Love," by Emory Miller, D. D. It is a highly philosophical and religious work, discussing such evidences of God's love as Creation, the solution of evil, atoning fact, and eschatology. As a contribution to the philosophy of religion, much can be said in its praise. But the objection to all such books is that they thresh out old straw, and consequently do little to advance the sum of human knowledge. This volume would have made Dr. Miller famous if he had lived in the days of the schoolmen; but to-day its speculative arguments will appeal in vain to the multitudes of earnest men and women who are, more or less imperfectly, doing the world's work, and shaping the world's thought. There would seem to be an unconscious satire in publishing such a metaphysical work in Chicago, of all places in the world.

Charles T. Dillingham & Co. issue a monograph by a layman in which an attempt is made to prove that the redemption of mankind by Christ was not the result of a bargain between the Father and the Son, but a voluntary submission on the part of the Son to Satan, in order that He might thereby gain a victory over Satan. As a result of this theory, the author makes the temptation in the wilderness as much a part of the redemption as the crucifixion.

Somebody writing in "The Bookman," says of John Forster—Dickens's Forster—that he imitated in everyday life the stage-mannerism of Macready: "I remember being in this way rather overpowered at my first interview with him. I had called on him by appointment, and he had kept me a few minutes waiting. Then he strode into the room, and striking an attitude, exclaimed in a tragic tone: 'It is with infinite regret that I have caused you this delay. Believe me,' and here he placed his hand upon his heart, 'I feel it sensibly.' He had as famulus and factotum a youth well known to all of Forster's friends as Henry, who amused them sometimes by a trick of identifying himself with his master. On another occasion Forster had made an appointment with me at one of the residences of his bachelor days, those chambers in 58 Lincoln's Inn Fields, where he gave many a pleasant little dinner party, and where Dickens was wont to read to select audiences, which occasionally included Carlyle, his Christmas stories before their publication. Something came in the way, and he wrote, to put me off, a note which I did not receive in time. Punctually, therefore, at the appointed hour I knocked at his door. Henry opened it, and having surveyed me with an air of dignified surprise, said in a tone slightly reproachful: 'We wrote to you this morning!' Forster's foibles were a source of occasional merriment to his friends."

We have noted the receipt of a book by Samuel J. Andrews, entitled "The Life of Our Lord upon Earth" (Charles Scribner's Sons). This is a new and revised edition of a work which first appeared in 1862 and which has become well known in Great Britain and the United States. The author is learned, reverent and conservative; and though his style is by no means brilliant, he is always readable and instructive. The book has been popular as a text book in Sunday-schools and Bible classes; but it would serve this purpose much better if it were provided with an index. When the millennium of literature comes—if it ever does come—it will be a high crime and misdemeanor for any author to write a book of this character without at the same time providing an index for it.

A curious criticism on Renan is made by "The London Spectator." It quotes a clever woman as saying in gentle depreciation of a friend: "He is an intelligent creature, but he has a cork soul." Such a soul, the critic holds, M. Renan possesses. "He has charm, he has pleasantness, he has on many subjects incisiveness of perception; but he has a cork soul, one so light that it does not even perceive the weight of the topic he discusses. He talks of God, and he means some spiritual influence which corporate humanity is to develop when it is sufficiently far advanced; he speaks of the soul, and only intends the mind when it is moved by some hot emotion; and he writes of sin, but he only thinks of a breach in a code of his own devising—nay, he hardly means even that, for conviction of sin is a feeling he has not felt, and, if we judge him aright, could not by possibility feel. Theology is for him as light a thing as literature."

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