

clothes, it sends ten thousand naked and empty away. For one it fills with the vapid froth of self-conceit, it fills ten thousand with an unappeasible consciousness of want and sin. To save appearances it hastens indeed to trip up the heels of the burglar, and immure the petty thief in prison. But it organizes a systematic pillage of the stock exchange, and builds up the fortune of its rich men upon the actual murder of its poor. . . . Society was made for man, not man for society. It is the steward of God, not His heir, and He holds it therefore to a rigid accountability. . . . The heir has so long delayed his coming, that the steward has grown bold and come to look upon himself as the heir. So obdurate has this conviction waxed, that it apparently requires every arrow in God's quiver to arouse him from his delusion. Nothing else explains the present stupidity of society under the desolating judgments which are visiting it."

The universality of the true philosopher knows no bounds of time or space, and these words, uttered half a century ago, are just as applicable to the present as to the society of his day. The rights of the "heir," the individual and immortal man, are now even more grossly ignored by the "steward," the deformed social monster, that arrogates to itself the power to judge, condemn and execute the individual whom it has driven into want and crime.

Undoubtedly some adverse views may be taken of a philosophy which penetrates through the superficial crust of righteousness to the ruling spirit of self-love within, and which makes man amenable, first of all, to the divine law of the Christ of God dwelling at the center of every soul.

"Morality and the Perfect Life" is a little book, but it holds a living seed which, sown in human thought, may expand to wondrous growth and power in human action.

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NATURAL RELIGION.

The Religion of Nature and of Human Experience. By W. J. Jupp. Published by Philip Green, London, 1906.

This work by an English writer is a very interesting appreciation of the religious experience and philosophy which underlie some of the chief English and American poets and nature writers of the 19th century. Mr. Jupp has entered deeply into the spirit of Wordsworth, Thoreau, Whitman and Carpenter, and has learned much from such naturalists as Roberts, Long and Burroughs. It is natural that in such a study America should contribute a large share, for here nature is still less overlaid by convention than in England. To any one who wishes a stimulating handbook of liberal and undogmatic religion this volume can be heartily recommended.

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ROBIN HOOD IN PICTURE AND VERSE.

Robin Hood: His Deeds and Adventures as Recounted in the Old English Ballads. Selected and Illustrated by Lucy Fitch Perkins. New York: Frederick A. Stokes' Company. Price \$1.50.

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a dear and enduring fellowship through their love for the characters made real by the ballads, folk and fairy tales of old," says Mrs. Perkins. Certainly to the children of the English speech the Robin Hood stories will always be a beloved inheritance, with their visions of the good green wood where merry men in Lincoln green try their strength, chase the deer, and harry the monopolists of their time, to despoil them of the unearned prizes of privilege, sometimes to distribute these again among the exploited poor folk.

The ballads given in this beautiful book are gathered from old authoritative sources, Mrs. Perkins tells us; but it must be admitted that, unlike many of the old English ballads, their form is not as rhythmical as their subjects are charming. Nevertheless it is certainly worth while for our children to make their acquaintance, and this is rendered all the easier by the delightful illustrations in color, full of life and charm and quaintness. Making pictures for children is an art. Simple surfaces, an absence of teasing details, and above all, intelligent movement—the doing of things—are called for if the pictures are to tell their story to children. A very little girl once made a scrapbook all by herself for the crippled children of a New England hospital. This scrapbook, obviously crude, was so especially beloved by the children that an aunt examined the little girl's work with great care to discover the secret of her success. All she found was that the pictures were simple, and in each one some one was performing some act that even little children could understand—folks were doing things. In Mrs. Perkins' lively, simple pictures, jolly people are doing things.

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