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"OF SUCH is the KINGDOM"

THE above is the title of a book written by RICHARD L. METCALFE. The third edition of this handsomely bound little volume has just come from the press. The remarkable sale which this book has attained in so short a time stamps it as the most popular book of the year. The impression that this book has made upon authors, statesmen, scholars, ministers and laymen who have read it is phenomenal. The many voluntary letters written to Mr. Metcalle, expressing appreciation of the valuable contribution to American literature which the author of this little volume has made, and commending the book to others, are of such unusual character that the reading of them will excite a desire to see and read, "OF SUCH IS THE KINGDOM." Below will be found some of the letters which Mr. Metcalfe has received.

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