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LITERARY NOTES.

It is commonly supposed—presumably by the very young, and the misinformed and unthinking—that books having to do with a religious interpretation of life are the resource only of preachers and old women. It is said to be a fact—which publishers' accounts would almost certainly verify—that religious thought was never before so active among all thinking classes in this country, and that liberal religious and theological works command much and ready attention, and attain large sales. "The Age of Faith," by Dr. Amory H. Bradford, of Montclair, New Jersey, which was published late in October by Messrs. Houghton, Mifflin & Co., is a volume which addresses itself to the liberal religious community, and seeks, in clear, reasonable, hopeful tones, to interpret the fatherhood of God, and to indicate the effect of the idea upon human institutions. It is never dogmatic, and therefore is in harmony with the philosophical spirit of the time, and it contends that the science and philosophy of the age have made it one of faith rather than of doubt—faith, not indeed, in dogma, but in the unity of life and the benevolence of the existing world-order. It belongs to the beneficent class of books represented by the works of Dr. Abbott, Dr. Munger, and Dr. Gladden.

A series of short biographies, intended to afford a knowledge of American history by a study of the lives of its leaders, political, religious, industrial, military, scientific, and otherwise, is in course of publication by the Messrs. Houghton, Mifflin & Co., and will be known as "The Riverside Biographical Series." The first of the issue will be "Andrew Jackson," by William G. Brown; and this volume, of but few more than a hundred pages, will be followed monthly by others on Franklin, Jefferson, Cooper, Penn, Jackson, Eads, Lewis and Clark, and Grant. It is hoped that ultimately the series will form a Biographical History of the United States. The several volumes will be published in two editions, one for school use, and one, with photogravure portrait and library style, for the general public. They are small 16mo in size, and will contain each about 200 pages.

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