



By Courtesy of Mr. Lessing Rosenthal

Here Spinoza may be seen who knew of Nature and of God
And of the Cosmic Order—his face but not his spirit
Which the very skill of Zeuxis could not paint,
But which lives in the books he wrote of the sublime:
Who e're would know his spirit—let him read.

SOME RECENT BOOKS

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An Essay Concerning the Understanding, Knowledge, Opinion, and Assent. By John Locke, Edited with an introduction by Benjamin Rand, PH.D. LL.D. Harvard University Press, Cambridge, 1931. Pp. 1x + 306 (\$3.50)

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Wise Men Worship. Compiled and edited by Mabel Hill with a Preface by William Lyon Phelps. E. P. Dutton and Co., Inc., New York, 1932. Pp. 134.

A compilation of excerpts from writings by distinguished scientists, philosophers, and professional men on the relation of Science and Religion setting forth their interpretation of God and the Universe.

Jesus Came Preaching. By George Buttrick. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, 1931. Pp. xiv + 239. (\$2.50)

This book is concerned with the preacher's approach to modern life and the content of his message. Dr. Buttrick finds the pivotal issue to be whether Christ is still the preacher's authority. After deciding this question in the affirmative he develops the theme, and closes with an appeal for a return to the preaching of the Cross.

Of the Tribe of Homer, Being an Enquiry into the Theory and Practice of English Narrative Verse Since 1833. By Willem Van Doorn. N.V. De Arbeiderspers, Amsterdam, 1932.

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