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"A Religious Rebel," by Logan Pearsall Smith (Nisbet, 10/6d.).

THE late Logan Pearsall Smith, said by his friend Robert Bridges to have "written the most immoral book in the world, though every word could be read in any drawing room," was the son of a famous Quaker preacher, Hannah Whitall Smith, who wrote a religious best-seller, "The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life," translated into almost every language and still widely read.

That she was also "a most remarkable and brilliant letter writer" is proved by this collection of her correspondence which he edited a few years before his death. She was a witty and beautiful woman, who enjoyed parties, believed that children would grow up better "for having a happy childhood tucked under their jackets," and even once tried to hire an elephant for her grandchildren to ride in the country.