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CONSTANCE NADEN : A MEMOIR.

Mr. Hughes has received many gratifying letters in acknowledgment of presentation copies of this volume, among which the following are noteworthy.

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THE intrinsic value of the papers themselves, and, *inter alia*, the interest and attention which have been aroused by the publication of Miss Naden's posthumous volume of Essays, and by the succeeding Memoir which appeared last year, suggest the compilation of these her further literary *Reliques*.

In the arrangement of the volume the Editor has endeavoured, by introducing several reprinted papers, culled from the *Journal of Science*, etc., to add variety to the list now before the reader.

The appendices are necessarily numerous. They consist of some valuable additions and illustrative notes contributed to the already published papers by Dr. Lewins, and by the Rev. E. Cobham Brewer, LL.D. To this department the Editor has also ventured to add an article, written by Dr. R. W. Dale in the *Contemporary Review* for April, 1891, together with a reply written by himself and forwarded to that journal. This reply was made strictly in the interests of justice to Miss Naden's memory. Eleven years of her life's noontide have been overlooked by Dr. Dale.

I append, also, the *facsimile* of the last letter written by Miss Naden, to face the portrait. It is thoroughly characteristic of her habitual serene courage and self-forgetfulness.