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— Prof. Bernard Bosquet of London, whose “History of Asthers” has recently been published by Macmillan & Co., has just completed a course of fifteen lectures at the School of Applied Ethics, Plymouth, Mass. His theme was an historical survey of Greek ethics, tracing to the present day the influence of Plato and Aristotle. In clearness, precision, and in power to interest and stir his hearers Mr. Bosquet proved as effective a teacher has ever sent across the sea. His ability, as a thinker has been familiar to American students through his work on logic, which takes high rank as an authority. A recently published volume in the Contemporary Science Series presents his “Essays and Reviews,” showing him to be one of the most incisive and sympathetic writers of the time in the fields of ethical and phal-infiques. Mr. Bosquet intends to visit Colorado and the Yellowstone region before returning to England next month.
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