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BOOKS OF THE DAY.

"The Star and the Garter," by Aleister Crowley, Society for the Propagation of Religious Truth.

These verses appear to relate the love-making of a young lady with "inviolate violet eyes" and a man of strong passions. The poetry is of the incoherently sensuous type, and we hear a good deal about the moon and of unrestrained love and kisses. Some songs are interspersed. A couple of stanzas will illustrate the character of Mr. Crowley's writing:—

"Make me a rose-leaf with your mouth
And I will waft it through the air
To some far garden of the South,
The herald of our happening there!"

"To sea! Before us leap the waves,
The wild white combers follow.
Invoke, ye melancholy slaves
The morning of Apollo!"

Enclosed with the volume is a leaflet which states that the "Society for the Propagation of Religious Truth" offers a prize of £100 for an essay upon the works of Aleister Crowley. This method of propagating minor poetry is not more remarkable than the publication of such poetry by the society.