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younger brethren, his thoughts on all these things, the meaning of his confidence, the secret of his strength. "All the long chain of manifold witness to Christ is consummated and crowned when it passes into the inner world of the individual life. 'He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself.' But that sweet witness in a man's self is not merely in books and syllogisms. It is the creed of a living soul. It lies folded in a man's heart, and never dies—part of the great principle of victory fought and won over again in each true life—until the man dies, and ceasing then only because he sees that which is the object of its witness."—P. 253.

RICHARD W. SEAVER.

Short Notices.

Murray's Magazine. October. John Murray.

Church and People. No. 3. Quarterly Paper. Church Pastoral Aid Society.

The Newbery House Magazine. October. Griffith, Farran, Okeden and Welsh.

"BROTHERHOODS of the Poor" is the title of an article by Archdeacon Farrar, in the first of the three periodicals which we have here placed together. The Archdeacon says that "the Brothers of the Poor, whose establishment is in question, will not be monks in any sense of the word. Their vows will never be permitted to be permanent." But in the *Newbery House Magazine*, the Rev. C. H. Sharpe writes :

In the question of the duration of vows, it may be said that those truly called of God will *ipso facto* remain to the end. *Nemo Christianus nisi qui ad finem perseveraverit.* . . . But if those truly called of God would remain to the end, there can be no possible objection to their having the great benefit of being allowed to take perpetual vows.

In *Church and People* appears a very interesting paper, containing the opinions of eminent clergymen and laymen on this subject.

The Church Monthly. An illustrated magazine for home reading. London : *Church Monthly Office*, 31, New Bridge Street.

Among good and cheap gift-books or prizes, or books for the parish library, this annual will rank high. Bright, informing, and attractive as regards both matter and illustrations, it will be welcome and useful. Two of the illustrations are "Bishop Barry" and "Knapdale," the mansion in Upper Tooting given by Mr. Macmillan, the eminent publisher, for the Bishop Suffragan of Rochester. The volume, cheap as it is, contains no less than 200 fine engravings, and contributions from many representative writers, with capital Tales.

The Quiver. New and enlarged series. 1889. Cassell and Company.

Our opinion of the *Quiver* has been several times expressed during the past year, and it is enough now to commend the Annual.

The Brook and its Banks. By the Rev. J. G. WOOD, M.A. The Religious Tract Society.

This volume is wonderfully well turned out, and among choice "Christmas Books" it will on all grounds rank high. How Mr. Wood could write of the Brook and its banks, who does not know ?

Stronger than Fate. By MARY BRADFORD WHITING, pp. 250. Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.

This Tale is thoroughly good. It is well written, and has promise of

literary success; the religious teaching is sound, and free from "goody-goody." Here and there, perhaps, among the incidents (of which, by-the-by, there are plenty) is a little improbability; but the story goes with a swing, and the characters are life-like. A village lad, self-willed, very clever and ambitious, runs away; finds friends, and becomes a London doctor and a popular author; but he learns the lesson of dependence, that is—duty. Phyllis, whom in the end the doctor marries, is charming. Many readers, among the classes as well as among the masses, will be pleased with this story, and be all the better for it.

We have received a copy of the January number of the *Church Monthly*, the magazine so ably edited by Mr. Fredk. Sherlock. It is well adapted for use as a parish magazine, and will doubtless be localized in thousands of parishes.

We have received, too late for review, a curious and very interesting book, by Mr. Wratislaw, a valued contributor to the *Churchman*, *Sixty Folk Tales*, Tales from exclusively Slavonic sources. (Elliot Stock.)

The October *Dignitaries of the Church* (Hatchards) is also excellent. We have here the Archbishop of Armagh, Dr. Knox, the Bishop of Bath and Wells, and thirdly, the Bishop of Edinburgh, Dr. Dowden.

In the *C. M. S. Intelligencer* appears the first of what will be a very useful series on the Home Work of the Society, by the Rev. H. Sutton.

The new *Quarterly* comes to us too late for a worthy notice. Churchmen will take a special interest in "Ward and the Oxford Movement," "The Inhabitants of East London," and "Presbyterians and Independents," (based on Gardiner's Civil War). Other interesting articles are "John Locke" and "The National Party of the Future." Mr. Courthope's Pope is ably handled, and there is a lively and informing paper on the Zoological Gardens. Altogether this is a capital *Quarterly*.

A pleasing little volume, *Stories from Genesis*, (pp. 320) with thirty-nine illustrations, is sent out by the Religious Tract Society as the first of a series. The "Series," we think, will be very useful.

We heartily recommend Part I. of a monthly issue of Dr. Geikie's *The Holy Land and the Bible*, with original illustrations by Mr. Harper (Cassell and Co.).

Those of our readers who may desire to see a reply from Mr. Miller, Secretary of the Church Association, to the article by Mr. Gedge in the September *Churchman*, will find it in the October *Church Intelligencer* (14, Buckingham Street, Strand).

The *English Illustrated Magazine*, a wonderfully cheap sixpennyworth, having regard to matter, illustrations and type (Macmillan and Co.) contains a paper by Mrs. Jeune on Children in Theatres. With the accomplished writer we cannot, on all points, quite agree.

From Messrs. Eyre and Spottiswoode, Her Majesty's Printers, we have received two of their latest issues: a new *Portable Bible* and a fresh edition of the famous *Teacher's Bible*. With the "Portable" Bible we are greatly pleased, and make no doubt that on account of its large type and portability it will be warmly welcomed. It is a really admirable piece of work. The new edition of the "Teacher's Bible" (containing the celebrated "Aids to the Bible Student") is also excellent. Gold medals with special mention, we observe, have been recently awarded the Queen's Printers for superiority in printing and binding. Now and then, in the last ten years, we have invited the attention of our readers to their publications, and we heartily recommend the two volumes just published.