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## Short Notices.

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*The Leisure Hour*, 1892. Pp. 860. Price 7s. 6d. The Religious Tract Society.

IN this volume *The Leisure Hour* keeps up its high reputation as a treasury of intelligent family reading. It provides useful information on an extraordinary variety of subjects. Special features are the biographies of Captain Flinders, General Gordon, Li-Hung-Chang, James Smetham, and the most eminent of the Statesmen of Europe. Eight very interesting articles appear on "The Great London Dailies," all with portraits. These have since been collected into a volume. The series of papers on the "Horse-World of London" throw light on a large and unfamiliar subject. There is also a series of valuable notes on current science.

*The London Daily Press*. By H. W. MASSINGHAM. Pp. 192. Price 2s. The Religious Tract Society.

These papers are reprinted from *The Leisure Hour* for 1892. Hundreds of thousands who take all their opinions from their daily papers know absolutely nothing about their authors and their composition. These bright and interesting sketches will be a revelation to many.

*The Cottager and Artisan*. Pp. 144. Price 1s. 6d. The Religious Tract Society.

We should be glad to see the thirty-first volume lying on the table of every cottage in the country.

*The Story of Uganda*. By SARAH G. STOCK. Pp. 223. Price 3s. 6d. The Religious Tract Society.

This timely history of the varying fortunes of our missionary operations in that interesting and important region of Central Africa, Uganda, will be widely read. There is an excellent map, including the Lakes Victoria Nyanza and Tanganyika and the sea-coast. After giving an account of the original call to the work, the writer describes the state of the country when the mission first reached it, the difficulties of their journeys, the sowing of the seed at the court of Mtesa, the admirable work of Wilson and Mackay, the martyrdom of Bishop Hannington, the great persecution of 1886, the death of Bishop Parker, the revolution of 1888, the exile of the Christians, the return of the Christians, and the arrival of Bishop Tucker. There are fifteen excellent illustrations. The reports of Captain Lugard would make an excellent appendix to the book, which was written before the knowledge of the recent troubles.

*Uganda: its Story and its Claim*. Church Missionary Society, Salisbury Square.

This timely "Handbook for the Present Crisis," as it is aptly called, contains an abundance of matter far beyond what its price (sixpence) would lead anyone to expect. There is nothing slight or sketchy about it. Its contents are of the most authentic character, and its information just what everyone wants to have at this moment—and all from original and official sources—along with extracts from the leading organs of public opinion. Among its numerous illustrations there are, besides a map, views of the country; of Mengo, the capital; the British fort Kampala; the English and French mission stations; a storm on the lake, by Bishop Tucker, who is an accomplished artist; and last, but not least, the graves of the English missionaries. We understand that the circulation has already reached 8,000.

*The Sunday at Home*, 1892. Pp. 828. Price 7s. 6d. The Religious Tract Society.

Like *The Leisure Hour*, this book is conspicuous for its charming illustrations. In the series of biographies may be noticed those of Sir J. Risdon Bennett, William Carey, Thomas Cooper the Chartist, William Penn, Mr. Spurgeon, and twelve celebrated Welsh preachers. "The Wanderings in the Holy Land" will be interesting to all students of the Bible. A very important set of papers on "Modern Discoveries and the Christian Faith" give accounts of the recently-discovered "Apology of Aristides," "Hippolytus of Rome," "St. Paul at Ephesus," and "St. Paul and Roman Organizations." The sermons and devotional papers are original and interesting. The series of papers called "Things New and Old" supply a constant source of useful information.

*Friendly Greetings*. Pp. 208. Price 2s. 6d. The Religious Tract Society.

A series of bright and wholesome stories and papers, suitable for the families of working men. Charmingly illustrated.

*Light in the Home*. Vol. I., pp. 228. Price 1s. 6d. The Religious Tract Society.

A family magazine, well selected and well illustrated. It contains Bible readings, Bible studies on the Letters to the Seven Churches, biographies of Dr. Allan, Bishop Crowther, George Moore, Lady Huntingdon, Spurgeon, and Dr. William Tyler. There are some admirable devotional papers by Mrs. G. S. Reaney.

*Books for the People*. Price 1d. each. The Religious Tract Society.

We are glad to notice that this useful and interesting series continues. More than eight millions of them have already been issued, and they ought to be spread widely in every town and village.

*The Epistles of Clement and Polycarp*. (Christian Classics Series.) Edited by HORACE E. HALL, M.A. Pp. 137. Price 3s. The Religious Tract Society.

This is No. VII. of the Christian Classic Series. It is printed with great taste in antique style, and has a careful and scholarly introduction. It also contains the recently-discovered "Teaching of the Twelve Apostles."

*The Child's Pictorial*. Pp. 192. Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.

This is a fascinating little volume, the special feature of which is the beauty of the illustrations, both plain and coloured. Among the writers are Mrs. Molesworth, A. F. Imlach, Katherine S. Macquoid, Ascott R. Hope, the Rev. Theodore Wood (The Zoo), and Mrs. Hallward.

*Mr. Power's Tracts*.

These are a new edition of the capital and lively tracts of this well-known writer; not inferior in point and usefulness to Spurgeon's "John Ploughman's Talk."

*The Picture Gospel for Children*, and corresponding, *The Acts of the Apostles*. Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.

These contain a very good idea of simple narrative for very young children, but the illustrations, which are in the style of rather highly-coloured painted windows, will give them a somewhat distant notion of the facts represented. Would not drawings more in the style of Schnorr have been more intelligible to young minds?

*Welsh Pictures.* Edited by RICHARD GLOVER. Pp. 192. Price 8s. The Religious Tract Society.

This is a delightful companion to the preceding volumes of scenery at home and abroad. The letterpress is chatty and pleasant reading, and should induce an increasing number of Englishmen to visit that beautiful quarter of our island. Amongst the illustrations are two which will be looked at with special interest, *i.e.*, Hawarden Castle and the new Lake of Vyrnwy, now the third largest in England and Wales.

*Robbie Chivers.* By C. E. M. Pp. 218. Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.

A sympathetic story of a village shepherd-boy who gradually learns to make himself useful. The characteristics of village society are well touched upon.

*The Fireside.* Vol. for 1892. Price 7s. 6d. *Home Words* Office.

This is a truly handsome book, and quite a model in type and arrangement, with abundant illustrations of very great interest. The tone is throughout that of pure, simple, intelligent Christianity. There are excellent Sunday readings by Bishop Ossory, Prebendary Gordon Calthrop, Canon Wynne, and the Rev. Walter Senior. Biography is a strong feature; we find in this volume Longfellow, Browning, Tennyson, the Duke of Clarence, Bishop Mackenzie, Dean Burgon, Bishop Crowther, Archdeacon Farrar, the Rev. E. A. Stuart, Richard Jefferies the naturalist, John Kitto, Whitier, Spurgeon, Bishop Philpott of Worcester, and Mr. W. H. Smith. Amongst others who have contributed, or whose writings have been quoted, are Alfred Austin, Lewis Morris, C. H. Spurgeon, the Bishop of Ripon, the Bishop of Exeter, the late Bishop of Worcester, Archdeacon Farrar, Archdeacon Whateley, the late W. H. Davenport Adams, and Professor A. G. Symington. It would be difficult to find a better Christmas gift.

*Day of Days Annual.* Vol. XXI., 1892. Pp. 188. Price 2s. *Home Words* Office.

This admirable selection of Sunday readings keeps up its high level. The illustrations are excellent, particularly the portraits. Amongst the biographical sketches are Florence Nightingale, John Macgregor (Rob Roy), Bishop Ryle of Liverpool, Canon McCormick of Holy Trinity, Hull, Prince Edward, Richard Hooker, Bishop Tucker, and Canon Wynne of Christ Church, Dublin. The Sunday Bible Hour provides useful material for young people who desire to learn something for themselves of the Word of God.

*Hand and Heart.* A Family, Social, and Temperance Journal. Vol. XVI., 1892. Price 2s.

This is specially intended for lads, working men, and cottage homes. The illustrations are clear, good, and various. There are short sermons for busy readers, by Bishop Thorold of Winchester, Canon Wynne, C. H. Spurgeon, Mr. Bullock (the editor), and others. A series of eight papers on "Scandal and Scandal-Mongers" by the late Rev. J. M. Hussey is useful, and so is the series of "Talks with our Mothers," and "Temperance Jottings." The tone throughout is manly, sensible, and wholesome.

*The Church Worker.* Vol. XI., 1892. Price 2s. The Church of England Sunday-School Institute.

This is a very useful compendium of information about work that is going on, and also of hints and schemes to assist the workers. There is

an excellent series of outline-lessons on "Men and Women in the Bible," some particular characteristic being attached to each name. There are also some ninety short papers on subjects of interest in Church life. The notes on Church teaching are sound, plain and useful.

*Henry Martyn.* By GEORGE SMITH, C.I.E., LL.D. Pp. 572. The Religious Tract Society. 1892.

The first biography of the celebrated apostle to the Mahometans was published in 1819, by John Sargeant, Vicar of Lavington. In 1837, his son-in-law, Bishop Samuel Wilberforce, edited the Journals and Letters of the Rev. Henry Martyn, adding matter which had been kept back in the previous work, as Lydia Grenfell, Martyn's principal correspondent, to whom he had considered himself engaged to be married, was still alive. All the matter available has now been made use of by Dr. George Smith, C.I.E.; and the result is a complete and perfect biography of one of the most splendid of that long roll of un-canonised saints which Reformed Christianity has produced. The Apostle of Persia tells his own story in these pages, with necessary comments and explanations from the editor. The type is excellent, there are several interesting illustrations, and a good index.

*Papacy, Socialism, and Democracy.* By A. Leroy-Beaulieu. Translated by B. L. O'Donnell. London: Chapman and Hall.

Reference to this work has been made in the article on "Socialism and the Papacy" in the CHURCHMAN for November, and we need only add that the English edition of M. Anatole Leroy-Beaulieu's interesting book is thoroughly well edited and translated.

*The Victories of Faith.* A Sacred Cantata, with Scriptural Readings, compiled and partly written by P. W. DARNTON, B.A. Music composed by CHARLES DARNTON. In Old Notation and Tonic Sol-Fa. Price 6d. The Sunday-School Union.

This is a very pleasing and effective little work for soprano and baritone soloists and chorus. The vocal numbers are interspersed with selected Scriptural readings, and three hymns are introduced, in the singing of which it is intended that the congregation shall join.

The words are excellently compiled and written, and the music bright and original, without being in any way difficult.

*Hymns and Chorales for Schools and Colleges.* Edited by JOHN FARMER, Organist of Balliol College. The Clarendon Press, Oxford. 1892.

Unquestionably one of the most complete collections of old and standard tunes which has yet appeared. Mr. Farmer in this, as in all he undertakes, has done his work thoroughly and with taste. The fact that included in this compilation are such fine old tunes as Woburn, Burford, Nottingham, Irish, St. Pancras, Dundee, and a large number of the best German chorales, with many more equally good and popular, speaks for itself. If we may venture to make a complaint it is that in several instances tunes which are now inseparably associated with particular hymns have here been passed over in favour of others, possibly as good, but certainly less familiar and therefore less interesting. We may mention as cases in point: No. 82, "Our Blest Redeemer 'ere He Breath'd"; No. 85, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"; and No. 120, "The King of Love my Shepherd is"; sung respectively to "St. Guthbert," "Nicœa" and "Dominus Regit Me"; each of these tunes being composed by that sound and melodious writer, the Rev. J. B. Dykes, Mus.Doc. But, possibly, *new* tunes have been excluded on principle.

We notice also the omission of an alphabetical index of tunes and composers; but on the other hand, Mr. Farmer has supplied short but pithy biographical notes of the better known hymnologists.

Burns' hymn, "O Thou unknown, Almighty Cause," is perhaps hardly suited for schoolboys.

*Here and Elsewhere*, by the Rev. Harry Jones (S.P.C.K.), is a thoroughly interesting and useful book for boys.

The yearly volumes of *Good Words* and the *Sunday Magazine* (Isbister and Co.) form, as usual, handsome and acceptable gift-books.

In *Round the Round World* (S.P.C.K.) Canon G. E. Mason has given us a deeply interesting account of a mission-preaching tour undertaken at the request of the New Zealand Church.

*Christian Theology and Modern Theories*, by Rev. John Evans (Elliot Stock), is an honest attempt to make manifest the permanent truths under the changing garb which they assume from time to time, and is written with considerable ability.

To the various stories published by the Sunday-School Union, unreserved commendation may be awarded. They are thoroughly pure in tone, and yet brightly and cheerfully written. We may mention especially, *In the Days of '54*, *Waif and Gipsy*, *The Mystery of Hall-in-the-Wood*, and *Wrecked off Scilly*.

*The Book Genesis a True History*. By Rev. F. Watson, B.D. (S.P.C.K.). Another valuable arrow in the sheaf which is being forged to meet recent attacks on the history of the Old Testament. The author searches most minutely and carefully into the questions raised by the theory of the number of "redactors" who are alleged to have compiled Genesis amongst them.

*Essays and Addresses*. By H. P. Liddon. (Longmans, Green and Co.) Of the seven papers which compose this volume, two on Buddhism were delivered in St. Paul's Cathedral in 1873; two on St. Paul in 1874. The remaining papers—two on Dante and Aquinas, and one on Dante and the Franciscans—were read to the Oxford Dante Society. They are marked by all the charm of style and clearness of thought of their lamented author.

*The Great Discourse of Jesus the Christ* (Griffith and Farran) is a topical arrangement and analysis of all our Lord's words recorded in the New Testament, separated from the context. The preface, by a layman, is very interesting, and from it it would appear that, after long wavering in doubt, he "searched the Scriptures, and therefore he believed." The result of his experience has been to select various topics—moral, ethical, and doctrinal—and to collect for them all the recorded sayings of the Saviour which may be fairly brought under each head. This gives us an extremely helpful book, which, while it can in no sense supplant the four books of the Gospel, can yet be used as a valuable supplement.

We have received many of the prize and gift books which the coming Christmas season is rapidly producing. Miss Emma Marshall's story for girls, *New Relations* (Nisbet), is remarkably good. So, too, is Mr. Ballantyne's book for boys, *The Hot Swamp* (Nisbet). It is written in his happiest vein, and is sure to interest his *clientèle* greatly. We do not think the same can be said of his *Hunted and Harried*. It is tedious and heavy, and long tirades against the enormities which bygone Scotchmen inflicted on each other are misplaced in a tale. Besides, we rather think that most boys regard "Bonnie Dundee" in the light of a hero more than, say, Balfour of Burley.

We have received several handbooks on Church History. Of these, unqualified approval may be given to Mr. G. H. F. Nye's *Church and her Story* (Griffith and Farran). It is written accurately, attrac-

tively, and fairly. The illustrations scattered throughout the book are much better than those of their class usually are, and its price is such as to place it within everyone's reach. It should be of the greatest use. *An Epitome of Anglican Church History*, by Miss Ellen Webley-Perry (Griffith and Farran), is an abridged form of a larger work, written in a quiet and careful spirit. Special attention is paid to Wales. It would make a careful text-book for classes. *A Handy Book of the Church of England*, by Rev. E. L. Cutts, D.D. (S.P.C.K.), is not a cut-and-dried history, but a bird's-eye view of the origin, institutions, and work of the Church, arranged in various sections. It is a veritable compendium of facts, very ably put together, and there are very few points of interest to the National Church that cannot be found as alluded to. We can imagine nothing, in this particular line, that would be of greater help to a theological student. A capital index is a further recommendation. *A First Book on the Church*, by Rev. E. P. Garnier (S.P.C.K.), professes to be written for "the working man," and, if he can be got to read it, will remove many misconceptions and stimulate many fresh ideas.

#### MAGAZINES.

*The British Medical Journal* has interesting extracts from the discussion which has arisen on the subject of Vivisection.

*The Speaker* contains a courageous article, putting the case against the Reformation from the Secularist point of view.

*The Quiver* (Cassell and Co.) gives portraits and sketches of the "Representatives of Philanthropy in Parliament," and has pleasant papers on "The Recreations of John Wesley" and on "Home Life."

*The Newbery House Magazine* (Griffith, Farran and Co.) continues "A Layman's Recollections of Newman's Church Movement," and has an agreeable paper on "Peterborough—Past and Present."

*The Thinker* (Nisbet and Co.) provides excellent papers on current theological topics and Biblical criticism. It is a useful check to much imaginative neology.

*The Religious Review of Reviews* has a second lecture on "Reading in Church," by Canon Fleming, who is a master of the subject. The need of this amongst young clergymen is notorious.

*Cassell's Family Magazine* continues its serial stories, and has useful articles on various subjects connected with home life.

*Chums* (Cassell and Co.) is a new, lively and entertaining paper for boys, which is sure to be heartily welcomed by those for whom it is written.

*The New Technical Educator* (Cassell and Co.) will be of great assistance to young mechanics and artisans, and should be on the tables of all institutes for young men.

The light and amusing pages of *Little Folks* could hardly be surpassed in their fitness for the nursery.

*The Anglican Church Magazine* (Harrison and Sons) has Bishop Wilkinson's speech on the work of the Church of England on the Continent, and a striking account of a Basque Festival.

*The Church Missionary Intelligencer* has papers from Bengal, the Punjab and China. It contains a summary of the Uganda question and interesting letters from the Church Missionary Society's Deputation in Australia.

We reserve for further notice the following books: "The Witness of the Epistles," by the Rev. R. J. Knowling (Longmans); "Book by Book" (Isbister); "The Lord's Day and the Holy Eucharist" (Longmans); "Did Moses write the Pentateuch after all?" (Stock); "Horeæ Evangelicæ," the Rev. Canon Birks (Bell and Sons); "The Critical Review," Vol. II. (T. and T. Clark); "A Long Chase" (The Sunday-School Institute).