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Short Notices.

Sanctuary and Sacrifice. Eyre and Spottiswoode.

WE strongly recommend those who have not done so, to read, mark, and inwardly digest the "Sanctuary and Sacrifice," Eyre and Spottiswoode. It is a "reply" to the theory of Wellhausen that the Old Testament is all topsy-turvy, and that the Prophets never knew the Law, but wrote long before the pseudo-Moses. The book aspires to be a "reply," and it is not easy to determine what it can be if it is not; for out of his own mouth Wellhausen is convicted not only of a habitual disregard of evidence, which was known to be his besetting sin, but yet more of actual falsification and misrepresentation of what evidence there is. If anything, the book errs on the side of triumph, and abounds, moreover, with that kind of humour which is peculiarly distasteful to sedate and scholarly "critics"; but it is, nevertheless, a potent factor with the world at large, which will doubtless judge for itself, as we advise our readers to do.

Reminiscences of Seventy Years of Life, Travel, and Adventure. Vol. II. Civil Service in Royal Dockyards. By R. G. HOBBS, F. Imp. Inst., etc., etc. Pp. 571. Price 15s. Elliot Stock.

The second volume of Mr. Hobbs' very interesting autobiography comprises the period of national development between 1846 and 1886.

It is of special value as giving the history of a revolution in naval architecture and its bearing upon public events from an internal point of view, as the author was a permanent dockyard official. He has watched contemporary national history with a keen eye and an intelligent mind; and his record, besides being agreeable to the general reader, will be important to those interested in naval construction. It would be well if all public servants took as lively and patriotic an interest in the varied concerns of their marvellous country.

Leaders of Thought in the English Church. By Archdeacon SINCLAIR. Pp. 378. Price 6s. Hodder and Stoughton.

The "Leaders" are: Cranmer, Latimer, Laud, Hooker, Butler, Waterland, Wesley, Simeon, Newman, Pusey, Arnold, and Tait. The Preface says: "The twelve whom I have taken seem to me typical of the various aspects of the Church of England since the Reformation. . . . I have tried as far as possible to understand the point of view of each, and, when criticism could not be avoided, to touch such points with no unfriendly hand. . . . The general result, I think, illustrates the great width of the Church of England, which, while it is capable of exaggeration and abuse, ought always to be acknowledged and maintained."

A Catechism on the Chief Points of Difference between the Church of England and the Church of Rome. Pp. 47. Price 2d. Elliot Stock.

This invaluable manual has been prepared by a syndicate of learned men. Its judiciousness, temper, and learning could not be surpassed. Besides showing historically the mistakes of Rome, it is one of the best expositions of true Church of England doctrine. It should be circulated in every parish in the kingdom. One hundred copies can be had for 10s., or a dozen for 1s. 6d.

A Manual of Prayers for Missionary Meetings, Conferences, and Services. By the Rev. J. B. WHITING. Sutton and Goodchild.

At gatherings outside the Church people most often have felt that some of the collects used were stiff and inappropriate. This little manual

will be a real help in the right direction, especially for those who are unaccustomed to extemporary prayer.

A Cluster of Quiet Thoughts. By FREDERICK LANGBRIDGE. Pp. 47. R.T.S.

This is a series of short original aphorisms in verse, full of suggestions, and very useful for quotation.

The Papal Attempt to Re-convert England. Pp. 142. R.T.S.

The writer is one born and nurtured in Roman Catholicism; so he is acquainted with Romish teaching in a way that is possible to no one outside. It is a very complete historical exposure of Romish pretensions and contradictions. Her claims are refuted in words from her own mouth. It is a most wholesome handbook for those who are brought in touch with Roman controversy.

Ryle's Expository Thoughts. Vol. I. Pp. 414. Price 4s. Hodder and Stoughton.

The publishers are to be congratulated on producing a popular edition of this well-known and valuable work. The present volume contains St. Matthew; six more volumes are to appear. The amount of good which this commentary has already done is beyond calculation.

Prayers and Promises. By Principal MOULE. Pp. 153. Seeley and Co.

This consists of nine short devotional addresses by the eminent head of Ridley Hall. The first five are on forms of intercourse with God; the last four on different utterances by our Lord of the words "I come." They all breathe the deepest and truest spirit of sincere and genuine piety.

Unity in Christendom. By G. E. TARNER. Pp. 42. Elliot Stock, 1895.

This useful monograph points out that internal reformation in the Church of Rome is a necessary antecedent to any possible scheme of Reunion. He is not hopeless about it, and urges it as an object for prayer and effort.

Socrates. By A. D. GODLEY. Pp. 230. Price 4s. 6d. Seeley and Co.

A very sympathetic and discriminating account of the great Athenian teacher. Mr. Godley, who is a Fellow of Magdalen, Oxford, describes Socrates as a historical character, as he appears in Plato, and in Xenophon. He gives a series of charming sketches and glimpses of the meaning of the different teachings and dialogues. The book will stimulate its readers to a deeper study of the great Greek.

East London. By HENRY WALKER. Pp. 192. R.T.S.

Everybody should read this very interesting account of Christian effort amongst the masses. In one sympathetic view it describes the work of the Church of England, Nonconformists, and so-called undenominationalists. So much needs still to be done for London that this most attractive series of sketches ought to serve a very useful purpose in drawing new efforts to this extremely difficult and long-neglected field of Christian work.

There are forty-eight admirable illustrations.

Three Reply Lectures. By the Rev. C. H. H. WRIGHT, D.D. Pp. 34. Protestant Reformation Society.

Dr. Wright's Kensington Lectures were attended by crowded audiences, among which were many Roman Catholics. Many questions were put to him, and he was held to have answered them clearly. Dr. Wright is a learned, competent, and experienced controversialist, and treated his subjects with great good humour and fulness of illustration. At the

present day good-tempered controversy is essential to the preservation of truth ; and such lectures might well be delivered in every part of the kingdom, both town and country.

The latest numbers of the S.P.C.K. wonderful penny Pocket Library Series are those old favourites "The Borderers," by Fenimore Cooper, and "Poor Jack," by Captain Marryat. The Society in these publications is admirably furthering the movement for purer literature for our young folks.

MAGAZINES.

We have received the following (May) magazines :

The Religious Review of Reviews, The Review of the Churches, The Anglican Church Magazine, The Church Missionary Intelligencer, The Evangelical Churchman, The Church Sunday-School Magazine, Blackwood, The Cornhill, Sunday Magazine, The Fireside, The Quiver, Cassell's Family Magazine, Good Words, The Leisure Hour, Sunday at Home, The Girl's Own Paper, The Boy's Own Paper, Light and Truth, The Church Worker, The Church Monthly, The Church Missionary Gleaner, South American Missionary Magazine, Light in the Home, Awake, India's Women, Parish Magazine, The Bible Society's Gleanings for the Young, The Bible Society's Monthly Reporter, The Cottager and Artisan, Friendly Greetings, Little Folks, The Child's Pictorial, Our Little Dots, The Child's Companion, Boy's and Girl's Companion, The Children's World, On Service, Church and People, Dawn of Day, Day of Days, Home Words, and Hand and Heart.

The Month.

ANNUAL MEETINGS.

CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

THE ninety-seventh annual meeting of the C.M.S. was held in Exeter Hall, under the presidency of Sir John Kennaway, M.P. There were eight meetings during the day, the total attendance being estimated at over 10,000. The Rev. H. E. Fox (honorary secretary) read the general review of the year, in which were noted three marked events : (1) the Ku-Cheng massacre, (2) the development of the Uganda Mission, (3) the commencement of the three years' enterprise. The receipts for the year were as follows : General, £230,696, of which £159,126 was from associations, £35,934 from legacies, and £27,519 from benefactions ; appropriated, £30,457, of which £8,868 was from associations ; total, £261,153 :

The year began with a deficit of	...	...	...	...	£1,422
The expenditure of the year was	...	...	...	...	279,732
Making a total to be met of	...	...	...	...	£281,154
The funds applicable to this expenditure have been :					
(a) General contributions	...	...	...	£230,696	
(b) Appropriated contributions (including part balances of previous years) applicable to this year's expenditure	...	...	...	33,139	
(c) Drawn from contingency fund	...	...	...	250	
					<u>264,085</u>
Leaving a deficit on March 31, 1896, of	..				£17,069