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it as little as possible, except when we are called on to convert it. Remember the lady in Comus :

“ A thousand fantasies
Begin to throng into my memory,
Of calling shapes, and beckoning shadows dire. . . .
These thoughts may startle well, but not astound
The virtuous mind, that ever walks attended
By a strong-siding champion, Conscience.

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So dear to Heaven is saintly chastity,
That when a soul is found sincerely so,
A thousand liveried angels lackey her,
Driving far off each thing of sin and guilt ;
And, in clear dream and solemn vision,
Tell her of things that no gross ear can hear,
Till oft converse with heavenly habitants
Begins to cast a beam on the outward shape,
The unpolluted temple of the mind,
And turns it by degrees to the soul's essence,
Till all be made immortal.”

But this will not be if we wilfully go into temptation, where this ideal and aspiration is not recognised :

“ But when lust
By unchaste looks, loose gestures, and foul talk

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Lets in defilement to the inward parts,
The soul grows clotted by contagion,
Imbodies, and imbrutes, till she quite lose
The Divine property of her first being.”

Short Notices.

The World Beautiful. By LILIAN WHITING. Pp. 190. Gay and Bird.

THE writer is an American lady, who was a very intimate friend of the late Phillips Brooks, and her writing shows clearly his influence on her mind and thought. She is bravely determined to pursue optimism, and to see the ideal in everything. She has collected a great number of quotations in prose and verse illustrating her thought and adding to the value of her book, the tendency of which is encouraging and elevating.

Things New and Old : Stories from English History. By H. ARNOLD-FORSTER. P. 240. Cassell and Co.

This is a reader for the Fifth Standard on the Tudor period. The book is useful, important, timely, and well illustrated.

Hours with the Bible. New Testament Hours : St. Peter to Revelation. By Dr. CUNNINGHAM GEIKIE. Pp. 475. Price 6s. Longmans.

These are valuable and interesting chapters, illustrating facts, thoughts, and teachings, in the last part of the New Testament. The style is readable, the thought clear, and the result adds much interest to Bible study.

The Hope of Israel. By H. F. WOODS, B.D. Pp. 218. Price 3s. 6d. T. and T. Clark.

This work is a reproduction of the author's Warburtonian Lectures, and is a review of the argument from prophecy in the light of modern criticism. The writer's position is, that the prophets did not foresee the actual person, work, and suffering of the Messiah, but that they announced great truths and principles which the Messiah, as the perfect and Divine type of humanity, naturally fulfilled.

From the Garden to the Cross. By A. B. CAMERON, D.D. Pp. 348. Price 5s. Isbister and Co.

These are thoughtful devotional studies on sixteen subjects connected with the Passion, and would be useful in Lent, or for devotional meetings, or Good Friday addresses. The treatment is reverent and sympathetic.

New Thoughts on Current Subjects. By the Rev. J. A. DEWE. Pp. 230. Elliot Stock.

These are fifteen essays divided into three groups : scientific, social, and philosophical. They treat of subjects frequently mentioned in conversation, with a strong scientific grasp and a light literary touch. There is a readiness to accept proved and admitted facts and to form the best theories about them, which is a very useful and fruitful attitude of mind. Admitting, for instance, the theory of Evolution, the author insists that what was new in the creation of man was the imparting of reasoning or intellectual power, which distinguished man from the whole of the animal creation.

The Fathers for English Readers: Boniface. By the Rev. J. P. GREGORY SMITH. Pp. 106. Price 2s. S.P.C.K.

A charming and popular account of the great English missionary of the eighth century.

The Bible in the Light of To-day. By CHARLES CROSLEGH, D.D. Pp. 497. Price 6s. S.P.C.K.

The interesting and thoughtful disquisitions of this volume will be found helpful to many, as tending to place their traditional beliefs about the Bible on a sound basis. The first part is a historical sketch, giving an account of the growth of the Canon of the Old and New Testament, and the various manuscripts and versions. The second part reviews the evidence showing the Bible to be from God ; the witness of the Church ; the claims of the Bible itself ; the internal evidence ; the self-evidence of the message ; the superhuman effects of its teaching ; and the general meaning of a message from God. The third part answers such objections as the following : Faultiness in composition ; alleged untrustworthy history ; incompatibility with physical science ; immature moral position ; uncertain date and authorship of certain books ; and presence of error, absence of infallibility. The attitude adopted by the writer in regard to these questions appears to be sound and true, and to supply the answer by anticipation to other objections of the same class.

The Prayer-Book, Articles, and Homilies. By J. T. TOMLINSON. Pp. 311. Elliot Stock.

Mr. Tomlinson is one of the most learned of ritualists in the technical sense of the word, as one who has studied the history of ritual. He has put together thirteen very valuable contributions towards the discussion and settlement of contemporary controversies. The subjects are : The Black Letter Holy Days ; the Ministers and Mistakers of the First Prayer-Book ; the Injunctions of Elizabeth, 1559 ; the Advertisements of Elizabeth, 1556 ; the Ornaments Rubric, Elizabeth, 1559-61 ; the Ornaments Rubric, Charles II., 1662 ; the Ornaments Rubric (the great Cosin

myth); the *Breaking of the Bread*; the *First Book of Homilies*; the *Second Book of Homilies*; the *Declaration on Kneeling*; the *Ordinal and Article XXXVI.*; and, lastly, *Article XXXI.*

Mr. Tomlinson writes with learning, candour, good temper, and moderation, and it is to be hoped that both sides engaged in the controversies raised by the Oxford Movement will make themselves masters of his laborious investigations.

Queen Victoria and Her People. Pp. 256. Price charged to schools, 6d. Educational Supply Association.

This is one of the Holborn series, and is of the nature of a handbook. It has numerous capital illustrations, and is sympathetically and carefully executed.

Birds of our Islands. By F. A. FULCHER. Pp. 366. Price 3s. 6d. ANDREW MELROSE.

This is a popular and attractive account of English birds in different groups, and it is well illustrated. The habits and characteristics of the birds are described in an easy, pleasant manner. Few people who walk about the country can help desiring to know something of the beautiful little creatures that frequent hedgerows, woods, fields, rivers and shore. This work is an agreeable introduction to more scientific treatises.

We have also received the following magazines: *Good Words*, *Sunday Magazine*, *The Leisure Hour*, *The Critical Review*, *The Anglican Church Magazine*, *The Church Missionary Intelligencer*, *The Evangelical Churchman*, *The Church Sunday-School Magazine*, *The Fireside*, *Sunday at Home*, *The Girl's Own Paper*, *The Boy's Own Paper*, *Sunday Hours*, *The Church Worker*, *The Church Monthly*, *The Church Missionary Gleaner*, *Light in the Home*, *Awake*, *India's Women*, *The Cottager and Artisan*, *Friendly Greetings*, *Golden Sunbeams*, *Little Folks*, *Our Little Dots*, *The Child's Companion*, *Boys' and Girl's Companion*, *The Children's World*, *Daybreak*, *Day of Days*, *Dawn of Day*, *Home Words*, *Hand and Heart*, and *Church and People*.



The Month.

THE DIAMOND JUBILEE.

THE event of the month, and, indeed, of the whole year, which has absorbed and transcended all other interests, has been the celebration in the length and breadth of the British Empire of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. It is hardly too much to say that throughout this great realm not one single son or daughter has been so ignorant or so thoughtless, not one hamlet or cottage has been so remote or uninterested, as not to have joined with sincere rejoicing in some expression of thankfulness for the beneficent glory of her Majesty's reign. What was, however, at first a purely spontaneous and unanimous outburst of personal gratitude and affectionate admiration towards the good and great Queen, in the natural course of things eventually developed into a demonstration of the extent, the solidarity, and the corresponding responsibilities of her great empire. As the Queen passed, in the noon-