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Here and Hereafter. By the Rev. G. W. BUTLER, M.A. London : S. W. Partridge and Co.

A solemn and deeply spiritual meditation upon the first part of the narrative of the Rich Man and Lazarus. To the mind of the writer heaven and hell are such realities that his earnestness and conviction infuse every word of his exposition.

The Son of Man. By the Rev. Prebendary HARRY JONES. London : S.P.C.K.

Sober and forceful teaching on some of the aspects of Christ's human character which are occasionally overlooked, *e.g.*, His thrift, homeliness, newness. Prebendary Harry Jones insists well upon the necessity for modern Christianity to conform to the character of the Master. "Endurance, not indulgence, is the leading note of Christianity" (p. 53).



The Month.

THE great event of the month has been the C.M.S. centenary celebration. There is hardly a paper of importance, religious or secular, that has not made reference to this event—which, it may without exaggeration be said, marks an epoch in Church History. The centenary proceedings began on Sunday, April 9, when special sermons were preached in a large number of London churches. Monday, the 10th, in the official programme described as "a day for prayer and thanksgiving," began with a service at St. Bride's, and closed with a remarkable service in St. Paul's Cathedral, where an immense congregation assembled to hear the Primate. The stewards at that service were supplied by the C.M.S. Younger Clergy Union. A considerable number of Bishops were present.

The meetings proper began on Tuesday, a day set apart for reviewing C.M.S. missions in general. The gathering at Exeter Hall was presided over by Lord Kinnaird, in the unavoidable absence (through illness) of the great Bishop of Durham, Dr. Westcott. The afternoon meeting, presided over by Dr. Eden, Bishop of Wakefield, was even more crowded than the morning one. At the evening meeting, when the lectures were illustrated by dissolving views, there was an immense gathering; the Bishop of Winchester took the chair.

"Centenary day" was actually celebrated on Wednesday, at 11 a.m., in Exeter Hall, with the President of the C.M.S., Sir John Kennaway, in the chair. Congratulatory letters and telegrams were read from (among others) Lord Salisbury, the Lord Chancellor, Prince Oscar of Sweden, and Lord Roberts of Kandahar. The Chairman was supported by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Earl of Northbrook, Sir Richard Temple, and several of the Bishops.

On April 12, vast numbers of people poured into Queen's Hall (open to the general public), and a huge concourse of men made their way to Exeter Hall, the overflow betaking themselves to Langham Place, where the venerable Bishop of Liverpool occupied the chair. Great enthusiasm was displayed everywhere; and it is with great satisfaction that we learn that Colonel Williams, M.P., Treasurer of the C.M.S., was able to announce, at the close of the meeting in Queen's Hall, that the centenary contributions had then amounted to £55,000.

Amid various troubles, political and religious, crises in the Church at home, ominous mutterings among the nations abroad, and much uneasiness as well as ill-feeling in too many directions, it is satisfactory to be able

to speak of the great work of world-evangelization which the Church Missionary Society has been, and is, carrying forward. Faithfulness to simple Christian principles has brought its divinely promised reward.

The following resolution was passed by the House of Commons (by 198 to 16) on Tuesday, April 11: "That this House deplores the spirit of lawlessness shown by certain members of the Church of England, and confidently hopes that the Ministers of the Crown will not recommend any clergyman for ecclesiastical preferment unless they are satisfied that he will loyally obey the Bishops and the Prayer-Book, and that he will obey the law as declared by the Courts which have jurisdiction in matters ecclesiastical."

Sir Arthur Charles has accepted the offer by the Archbishop of Canterbury of the appointment to the Judgeship of the Court of Arches. The acceptance of the offer was confirmed on Saturday by an announcement of the Primate. The post carries with it the Judgeship of the Chancery Court of York Province, the offer of the latter position being made formally by the Archbishop of York upon the acceptance of the principal ecclesiastical appointment. The *Daily News* says: "Sir Arthur Charles is a learned lawyer, a Conservative in politics, and a High Churchman in religion."

Dr. Waller's successor at Highbury is to be the Rev. A. W. Greenup, Rector of Alburgh, Norfolk, who has a good University record, has published some theological work, and is very well spoken of.

The next full meeting of the Central Council of Diocesan Conferences will be held on May 16 and 17 at the National Society's house, Westminster. The subjects for discussion will include "The Archbishops' Bill," "Tithe Rating," and "A Joint Assembly of the Houses of Convocation and the Houses of Laymen." Names of newly-elected members should be sent at once to Mr. G. H. F. Nye, at the National Society's house, Westminster.

CHURCH ARMY.

The Asylum for the Houseless Poor in Banner Street, St. Luke's, has, at the request of the Asylum committee, been taken over by the Church Army for an experimental period of six months. The asylum has been in existence for eighty years, and last year no fewer than 31,526 nights' lodgings and 71,000 rations of bread were supplied to houseless and destitute men and women.

The Church Army Council are anxious to undertake religious and educational work in connection with show people attending fairs, gipsies, and other van dwellers, and Sir John Gorst has written to the hon. chief secretary of the society (Rev. W. Carlile) expressing the warmest good wishes of the Education Department in the proposal. The obstacle in the way at present is the impossibility of obtaining an efficient and reliable motor van. The Council are hoping, however, that it may be found possible to devise some means for the education and religious instruction of van-dwellers and their children.

APPEALS, DONATIONS, AND BEQUESTS.

The committee of the Factory Girls' Country Holiday Fund—an excellent institution—in sending us their Annual Report for 1898, are making an urgent appeal for funds wherewith to continue their present work among the London factory girls. Cooped up as they are for nearly

the whole year within the four walls of gloomy factory buildings, these poor girls must revel in a breath of country air in a degree which we simply cannot understand.

“They who can wander at will where the works of the Lord are revealed
Little guess what joy's to be got from a cowslip out of the field.”

In 1888, when this benevolent institution was started, only thirty-nine girls were sent away for a brief holiday; in 1898 the number had risen to 1,724. The annual meeting will be held on May 4, at 3.15 p.m., at the Charterhouse, E.C., when the Master of the Charterhouse will preside. The secretary to the committee of this fund is Miss Mary Canney, St. Peter's Rectory, Saffron Hill, E.C.

Archdeacon Sheringham, one of the joint treasurers of the restoration fund, appeals to the Churchmen of England for help to renew the decayed roof and sodden walls of the noble Abbey of Tewkesbury. Already £1,700 has been expended, but the sum of £1,200 is still required to preserve the finest church in England from impending disaster. There is no debt, but the church stands in a small and poor town, and outside help is necessary if the Abbey is to be rescued from decay. Donations should be sent to Archdeacon Sheringham, The College Green, Gloucester.

A meeting of the council of the Queen Victoria Clergy Fund was held in the Church House on Friday, at which the sum of £25,000 was distributed in block grants to the following affiliated dioceses for allocation and distribution: Canterbury, £400; York, £1,100; Winchester, £150; Bangor, £350; Bath and Wells, £1,300; Bristol, £500; Carlisle, £700; Chichester, £300; Exeter, £1,000; Gloucester, £700; Hereford, £1,000; Lichfield, £1,150; Lincoln, £1,650; Landaff, £900; Manchester, £250; Newcastle, £200; Norwich, £2,100; Oxford, £900; Peterborough, £1,200; Ripon, £700; Rochester, £850; St. Albans, £1,600; St. Asaph, £500; St. David's, £1,500; Salisbury, £1,050; Southwell, £900; Truro, £600; Wakefield, £450; Worcester, £900; Sodor and Man, £100.

The diocese of London sent £647 to the Central fund, but did not ask for a block grant.

The promises towards the £100,000 appealed for for the Leeds Church Extension Scheme amount to over £30,000. Messrs. Beckett and Co., the bankers, have headed the list of subscriptions with £2,500 to extend over five years, a legacy of £2,000 comes from the will of the late Mr. E. G. Jepson, and £1,000 each has been given by the Lord Mayor of Leeds (Alderman Harding), the Kirkstall Forge Company, Messrs. Joshua Tetley and Sons, Mr. James E. Maude, Messrs. S. Lawson and Sons, Miss March, and Miss Carrie March. Lord Grimthorpe is subscribing £150 annually. Several sites for new churches have been secured, and it is proposed to add thirty to the number of parochial clergy in the city, the scheme extending over ten years.

The affairs of the people of Armenia are so truly deplorable, the scarcity of food is so great, that the Duke of Westminster is making an urgent appeal for £20,000—for the purchase of seed-corn alone. The record of the sufferings of these sorely-trying Armenians is appalling.

LITERARY NOTES.

An important volume of essays on the History and Doctrine of the Church of England is expected to be published very shortly by Messrs. Blackwood. Contributions have been promised by Dean Farrar, Dr. Wace,

the Rev. Principal H. C. G. Moule, D.D., Canon Meyrick, Dr. C. H. H. Wright (Bampton lecturer for 1878), Rev. R. E. Bartlett (Bampton lecturer for 1888), Rev. H. J. Marston, Principal Drury, Chancellor P. V. Smith, Mr. M. Barlow, and Mr. E. H. Blakeney.

In view of present controversies the book will, no doubt, be sure to attract attention.

A new quarterly theological review will appear in October. Professors Ince, Sanday, Driver, Swete, Moberly, and Ryle are among the committee responsible for the journal.

LITERARY ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The following are a few selected titles of books from the Publishers' Spring Publishing Lists; a complete list (extending to twelve closely printed columns) was published in the *Academy* of March 11:

- Macmillan*: "France." By J. E. C. BODLEY. Cheap edition.
 "Rubáiyát of Omar Kayyám." Fitzgerald's version. (*Golden Treasury* series.)
Methuen: "St. Paul, the Master Builder." By Rev. W. LOCK, D.D.
Longmans: "Life of Danton." By A. H. BEESLY, M.A.
 "Myth, Ritual, Religion." By ANDREW LANG. Revised edition. (*Silver Library*.)
 "England in the Age of Wycliffe." By G. M. TREVELYAN, B.A.
 "The Reformation Settlement." By CANON MACCOLL.
Murray: "Asiatic Studies." By Sir A. LYALL. New and enlarged edition, in two vols.
Cassell: "The Life of W. E. Gladstone." Edited by Sir WEMYSS REID.
Fisher Unwin: "Modern Spain." By MARTIN A. S. HUME.
Cambridge Press: "Introduction to the Septuagint." By Rev. Professor SWETE, D.D.
 "Herôndas—The Mimes." By W. HEADLAM, M.A.
 "Sophocles—The Fragments." By Dr. JEBB.
Clarendon Press: "Eusebius—Preparatio Evangelica." Edited by Dr. GIFFORD.
 "Introduction to Hooker's Ecclesiastical Polity, Book V." By Dean F. PAGET.
Sonnenschein: "Short History of Free Thought." By J. M. ROBERTSON.
 "Phenomenology of the Spirit." By G. W. F. HEGEL. Translated by J. B. Baillie.
T. and T. Clark: "A Dictionary of the Bible," vol. ii. Edited by Rev. J. HASTINGS, D.D. [We hope to notice this instalment of an important work fully, on its appearance.]
Duckworth: "Spinoza: His Life and Philosophy." By Sir F. POLLOCK.

SOME NEW BOOKS.

- A History of British India.* By Sir W. W. HUNTER. Vol. i.—introductory (to be completed in five vols.). Longmans. 18s.
History of the New World, called America. Book II., Aboriginal America (continued). By EDWARD J. PAYNE. Oxford: Clarendon Press. 14s.
Palaeography of Greek Papyri. By F. G. KENYON, M.A. Same publishers. 10s. 6d.
Select Library of Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers. Vol. ix., St. Hilary of Poitiers, John of Damascus; vol. xiii., Gregory the Great. Parker and Co.
The Theology of the Epistle to the Hebrews. By Rev. G. MILLIGAN. T. and T. Clark. Price 6s.