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Literary Notes.

WE are to have a little series of booklets devoted to Church history. They are to be cheap, popularly written, and should help to diffuse information concerning the early days of Christianity in England among those whose knowledge is limited in this matter. One of these booklets is a translation of "The Antiquities of Glastonbury," by William of Malmesbury, a Norman historian. This will be welcomed, not only as dealing with the early history of a sanctuary known for centuries as the "First Ground of God," a claim to precedence which was upheld by Archbishop Parker in the sixteenth century, but also in view of the very recent redemption of these venerable ruins by the Church of England. The price is 2s. net.



What should be one of the most interesting of the many little series is that which Messrs. Jack are going to publish. In this series—a series which is bound to be delightfully produced, judging from past experience of Messrs. Jack's publications—they propose to reprint in facsimile a certain number of old Tudor plays, including, also, other printed pieces and rare manuscripts. This is, I think, the first definite and systematic attempt to reprint the literature of the Shakespearian period in facsimile. It will bring us into closer contact with all those treasures of the Tudor period which are, of course, chiefly and safely housed in the British Museum and the Bodleian. Mr. John S. Farmer, the noted expert, is to supervise the series, and invites communications from scholars regarding rare books and manuscripts, which would be reproduced if acceptable.



Dr. Charles Seignobos has written a volume dealing with the history of medieval civilization. The work further concerns itself with modern civilization to the end of the seventeenth century. It is really a comprehensive survey of the civilization of Europe since the break-up of the Roman Empire. Examples are given of the various customs of the different phases of society, while there are prolific explanations showing in detail how those various customs were formed, modified, and dissolved.



This month there is to be published a history of the Church in Scotland from the Reformation to the Revolution, under the general title of "The Covenanters." The author is the Rev. Dr. J. K. Hewison, author of "The Isle of Bute in the Olden Time," etc. Dr. Hewison is a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland and editor of "The Works of Abbot Ninian Winzet." The work is to be in two large volumes. There will be printed 1,250 copies, and the style will be akin to the Edinburgh edition of the works of R.L.S. Dr. Hewison goes to original resources for his information, especially those preserved in manuscript in the public archives of Edinburgh and London, as well as in the National Libraries. The book is the labour of many years, and it is expected that it will supply a long-felt want. Although it is popular in form, it will also be "replete with accurately detailed facts, sufficient to satisfy the most exacting student." The develop-

ment of the national covenants out of the personal bonds of the early Reformers is historically traced, the documents being reproduced, and several of the covenants being shown in facsimile. The strange infatuation of the Stuart sovereigns for Popery; the intrigues in Church, Court, and camp for the overthrow of Presbytery; the almost incredible story of Laud's favour for Romanism, and his sending of the Scottish Liturgy to the Vatican for the Papal imprimatur; and the treacherous part played by hapless Archbishop Sharp are all exhaustively treated. The publishers are Messrs. John Smith and Son, Glasgow, and the price of the ordinary edition is to be 32s. net. It will form an important addition to the history of Scotland, especially the religious history.



We have received the following items from Messrs. Longmans: "Buddhism, Primitive and Present," by Dr. Copleston, Bishop of Calcutta; "Missions to Hindus: a Contribution to the Study of Missionary Methods," by Dr. Mylne, who is Rector of Alvechurch, in Worcester, and who was Bishop of Bombay from 1876 to 1897 (previous to this Dr. Mylne was Tutor of Keble College); and "The Holy Ghost the Comforter," by Rev. G. F. Holden, Vicar of All Saints', Margaret Street, W. The Bishop of London contributes an Introduction to this volume. Last month the same firm issued "Gloria Crucis: Addresses delivered in Lichfield Cathedral, Holy Week and Good Friday, 1907," by the Rev. J. H. Beibitz, Vice-Principal of the Theological College, Lichfield.



"The Programme of Modernism: a Reply to the Encyclical *Pascendi* of Pius X.," is coming out. The Rev. A. L. Lilley, Vicar of St. Mary's, Paddington Green, has written an Introduction for the English translation. Mr. Unwin is to publish the book, the authors of which have been excommunicated by the Pope. Mr. Unwin is also going to publish a new volume in that excellent series, "The Story of the Nations"—"The Roman Empire, B.C. 29—A.D. 476," by Mr. H. Stuart Jones, who was, at one time, Director of the British School at Rome. From the same publisher will also come a long-expected translation of a very important German book—"German Education, Past and Present," by Dr. Friedrich Paulsen, Professor of Philosophy in the University of Berlin. Dr. T. Lorenz is to make the translation.



The interest in colour-books shows no abatement. Messrs. Chatto and Windus are enterprisingly issuing a number of new volumes. One of the most attractive will be that on "The Rhine." There are great possibilities in this great European waterway; and if only artist and writer can combine that rare sympathy which one so often looks for, but fails to find, under such conditions of collaboration, there is not the slightest reason why we should not have a literary and artistic treat which shall occupy the first place in the spring literary output. Mr. H. J. Mackinder is to do the text and Mrs. James Jardine the pictures. Mr. Mackinder has made a lifelong study of the Rhine.

Mr. Paul Elmer More is preparing a fifth volume of essays in his series of "Shelburne Essays." Studies will be found in this new volume of the Greek Anthology, of Dickens, of Gissing's novels, of Mrs. Gaskell, and other subjects.



From Mr. Murray we may shortly expect a new book from the pen of Mr. Mallock. It is to be called "A Critical Examination of Socialism." It should be good reading, for Mr. Mallock knows much of his subject. The volume will be really founded upon a series of addresses delivered during the winter months of 1907 at the Universities of New York, Harvard, Chicago, Philadelphia, and Baltimore. Another volume of a similar nature will be issued by Messrs. Smith, Elder and Co., entitled "English Socialism To-day: its Teaching and its Aims Examined," by Mr. Arnold-Forster, M.P., being a reprint of the articles published in the *Standard*.



Canon Henson is publishing, through Messrs. Macmillan and Co., "The National Church," a volume of essays on its history and constitution, and criticisms of its present administration. The Rev. Dr. Llewelyn Davies contributes an Introduction. It seems to me that the fashion for introductions, even to original works, is on the increase; but I cannot quite see that they are always necessary. However, one may expect some fearless comments upon the questions discussed from the facile pen of Canon Henson.



Chapters i. to iii. of the work on the "Apocalypse," which the late Dr. Hort had in hand at the time of his death, are about to be published. These notes were, in the first place, prepared for a course of lectures which Dr. Hort delivered at Cambridge as Lady Margaret Professor, and, although they are incomplete, it was felt by competent scholars that they ought to be made accessible to students.



The Bishop of Durham has just written to Messrs. Allenson, warmly welcoming their reprint of Brother Lawrence's two books, "Practice of the Presence of God" and his "Spiritual Maxims," and Madame Guyon's "Method of Prayer." The Bishop says the form and type are admirably suited for wide circulation and ready reading, and, devoted son as he is of the English Reformation, bears willing and grateful testimony to the rich spiritual benefits he has derived from these writings of Roman Catholic saints to the blessedness of the life hid with Christ in God.



Messrs. Bagster announce "The Apocrypha in English Literature," edited by the Rev. Herbert Pentin, Warden of the International Society of the Apocrypha. The first volume deals with Judith, and will be issued shortly.

