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Notices of Books.

LORD ACTON'S ESSAYS: Vol. I. A HISTORY OF FREEDOM, AND OTHER ESSAYS; Vol. II. HISTORICAL ESSAYS AND STUDIES. London: *Macmillan and Co.* 1908.

These two volumes consist mainly of reprints from periodicals—the *English Historical Review*, *North British Critic*, and so forth—and are prefaced with an introductory criticism by J. N. Figgis and R. V. Laurence. Both volumes are provided with excellent indexes. Doubtless it is a matter for congratulation that the historical work of Lord Acton should be disinterred from its resting-place in the long-forgotten pages of periodical literature and made available for students. Of Acton it may be justly said (in the historical reference), “Nihil quod tetigit non ornavit.” There is a moral earnestness about his judgments (even when they seem to us at times somewhat unduly harsh) which acts like a tonic to minds accustomed to works of history from which morality and emotion alike appear to have been banished; and, of course, it needs no pen to show that Acton's judgments were invariably based on immense reading and prodigious study. A more erudite man probably never lived.

Consequently, we are glad to have these reprinted essays, even if we are at the same time sadly conscious of what was lost to the world through Acton's masterly inactivity in the building of that “History of Liberty,” which was to have been his *magnum opus*. His essays, even the best of them, were but “studies” preparatory for that work. Many of those here collected are very obviously inchoate, and we doubt whether it was, after all, wise to disinter some, written nearly forty years ago, and never intended for a place in a series of considered essays. In any case, to reproduce Acton's reviews of books seems to us, in the highest degree, an error of judgment. It is hardly fair to the reputation of so great a scholar. Other great scholars, especially Hort and Lightfoot, have suffered owing to the ill-judged zeal of disciples; but there is no reason why a bad custom should become habitual. Posthumous works are, save in rare cases, always to be deprecated.

Lord Acton's style is unattractive, and it is often a task, rather than a pleasure, to peruse one of his essays. The most important section of these two volumes is the “Essays on Liberty,” but they were written thirty years ago, and do not really represent Acton at his highest. Had he recast and rewritten them twenty years later in the full maturity of his powers, there is no question that the work would have been a *κτῆμα ἐς αἰεὶ*, which the world would not willingly have let die.

THE ONE CHRIST. By Frank Weston. London: *Longmans, Green and Co.* Price 5s. net.

The author's object is to discuss theories of the manner of the Incarnation, and to seek for some explanation of the mystery which allows us to regard our Lord as true God and true man, and yet with equal reality and truth one Christ. The line followed is first to study the picture of Christ given us in the Gospels, then to describe and classify the various methods of solving the problem, and then to formulate a theory which will allow for “the reality,

permanence, and coexistence of the two states of the Incarnate God, without in any way providing room for a wall of separation between them." Chapter II. gives a fine and fresh discussion on "The Christ of the Gospels." Chapter III. discusses "The Unlimited Logos," dealing with the Christology of Athanasius and Cyril, which is acutely and ably criticized. In Chapter IV. the Christology of the school of Antioch is considered, and its weaknesses pointed out. Then in Chapter V., under the title of "The Self-Abandoned Logos," the various kenotic theories are examined, and reasons are given for their rejection. This part of the work is very effectively done. The rest of the book, covering some 200 pages, is concerned with "An Attempted Solution of the Problem." Canon Weston would confine all the activities of the unlimited Word to the sphere of His eternal universal relations, and he considers that the self-limitation of the Incarnate Son of God is necessarily eternal, "an act once made and never to be altered." Herein lies the chief difference between the writer and the usual Christology of the Church. The theory derived from Athanasius is said to imply two separate spheres of consciousness in the Incarnate Son; while the present theory is that from the moment of the Incarnation our Lord has possessed, and throughout eternity will possess, only that consciousness of His divinity which is possible to a sinless and perfect human being. The plea urged in support of the position is that the points in which the author has ventured to suggest some development have never been defined by the Church. It cannot be said that Canon Weston solves the problem, for, as he says in the last resort, we must necessarily leave much unexplained. But he makes many valuable points, not the least important one being his treatment of the post-Resurrection limitations of our Lord. He writes as a very pronounced and extreme Anglican; and even those who are prepared to favour his Christological position do not by any means feel that his deductions, ecclesiastical and sacramental, necessarily follow. Indeed, it is possible to adopt his Christology without in any degree accepting his view on the ministry and the Sacraments. This is a book to be reckoned with, and is worthy of the consideration of all students of the Incarnation. It is entirely a work for students, and very little of it could be followed by any who have not made themselves acquainted with the theology and psychology of the subject. It is a distinct and valuable contribution, and one which, more than most books, attempts to take into consideration all the factors of the situation. It is written with great clearness, though some expressions, like "any the least" for "even the least," read strange. It is marked by a spirit of constant devotion to our Lord, and tends to make the reader feel that in proportion as all writers centre their attention on Christ, they approximate to a very blessed and definite unity amid all our differences and unhappy divisions.

JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF GOD. By William M. Macgregor, D.D.
Edinburgh: *T. and T. Clark*. Price 3s. 6d. net.

There are sermons *and* sermons, and it is not by any means the case that every spoken sermon will bear printing. Those in the volume now before us stand the test perfectly, and we have not had so delightful a series for many a day. When we say that they remind us of Phillips Brooks, while also possessing qualities that Phillips Brooks did not possess, we have said

enough to express our appreciation. With great simplicity and earnestness of style there is a fullness of thought and a ripeness of experience which make them sermons a pleasure and a profit to read. We are not surprised that the book is already in its second edition. It is certainly one of the best collections of sermons that has seen the light for a long time, and we hope we shall soon have some more fruit from the same pen.

STUDIES IN THE INNER LIFE OF JESUS. By A. E. Garvie, D.D. London : *Hodder and Stoughton*. Price 7s. 6d. net.

A work from Principal Garvie's pen is sure to be worth reading. His "Studies in the Ritschlian Theology" has led us to expect work of enduring usefulness from him, and the present volume is not an exception. It is packed—over-packed—with thought, but in form of presentation it suffers from its highly Germanized style, which makes it difficult reading. The writer sits too closely to the Teutonic dialectic. We are by no means inclined to agree with Dr. Garvie in some of the critical positions he is apt to assume; and, indeed, we are disposed to believe that he has in some places under-rated, as in others he has over-rated, the value of the conflicting evidence adduced. But in this serious and religious effort to understand "the heart, mind, and will of Jesus as revealed in His works and words," we acknowledge at once a reverent purpose and a constructive ability of no ordinary kind. Differences of judgment on problems so full of intricacy there must inevitably be; what we gladly recognize is the great intellectual power and the underlying spiritual value of the book taken as a whole.

THE NATIONAL CHURCH. By the Rev. H. Hensley Henson. London : *Macmillan*. 1908.

This most striking and valuable work must not be passed by without notice. In a crisis like the present it is eminently desirable that students, as well as ordinary readers, should have presented to them a clear and adequate account of the present position of the Church of England. Canon Hensley Henson's book is just such an account—lucid, sane, and cogent. The author is honourably known as one who is not ashamed to confess himself a Protestant—at a time, too, when in a great number of cases the clergy are prone to regard Protestantism as a term of abuse. It is all very regrettable, but we fear that the process of deprotestantizing the Church of England has been, and is, proceeding apace.

We are disposed, therefore, to dispute Canon Henson's remark (on p. 409) that "every year as it passes weakens the dominance of sacerdotalist views among the clergy." It is not our experience. More disposed are we to accept his other dictum that the "intellectual penury of Evangelicalism is deplorable." We fear this is so; but there is no doubt, despite this fact, there is in Evangelicalism (we use Canon Henson's own words) a power which can, and may yet, save the National Church. The ultra-Ritualistic school is, we believe, intellectually bankrupt; but this does not prevent its retaining a sinister hold on the younger clergy, trained (as many of them are) in sacerdotal seminaries. It is a growing danger to the Church of England, but it is a danger which, given teaching capable of counteracting it, may still be averted. Such books as Canon Hensley Henson's "National

Church" are useful aids in this direction, and we hope it may be widely disseminated.

A CHRISTIAN LIBRARY: A POPULAR SERIES OF RELIGIOUS LITERATURE. Edited by Professor Edward Arber, D.Litt., F.S.A. London: *Elliot Stock*. 1908. (1) THE TORMENTS OF PROTESTANT SLAVES IN THE FRENCH KING'S GALLEYS AND IN THE DUNGEONS OF MARSEILLES, 1686-1707 A.D. With some illustrative texts. (2) TROUBLES AT FRANKFORT, 1554-1558 A.D. Attributed to William Whittingham, Dean of Durham.

These are documents of first-class importance alike to the student of religious as of secular history. Professor Arber has done good service before this in reissuing "contemporary" books otherwise difficult of access; and in the present series he is conferring as great a benefit on the religious public as previously he conferred on a purely literary public.

The "Christian Library" is genuinely representative of Church life and thought, and, consequently, is full of interest and instruction. It would be difficult for any one to rise from the perusal of the first of the two books under notice without a sense alike of indignation and admiration—indignation for the barbarities perpetrated, under the guise of religion, by the Roman Church during the years immediately following the revocation of the Edict of Nantes; admiration for the heroic endurance of martyrs like De Marolles, Mauru, and Le Fevre in defence of their pure and lofty faith.

The "Troubles at Frankfort" gives us a vivid picture of the struggles of the early Puritans, and introduces us to many who afterwards became famous in Church history—Jewel, Knox, Sandys, and others.

Each book is provided with a useful introduction and a serviceable index.

THE PASTORAL TEACHING OF ST. PAUL. By Rev. W. E. Chadwick, D.D. Edinburgh: *T. and T. Clark*. Price 7s. 6d.

It is not long ago that we called attention to the author's valuable little work on "The Social Teaching of St. Paul," and now we have this larger and much more important book on the great Apostle's pastoral teaching. It represents an attempt to "show St. Paul at work as a Christian minister," with the object of studying his principles and methods. In the course of an introduction and ten chapters various aspects of St. Paul's life and teaching are brought before us and applied with true insight into the Apostle's mind, as well as with rare knowledge of present-day needs. On every page there are marks of scholarship and pastoral experience with many a fresh and forceful bit of exegesis which will prove of special value to hard-working clergy. Here and there we could have wished for a fuller emphasis or a different perspective, but these can be supplied by every man for himself as he reads and studies these informing pages. It is a book to be read with a Greek Testament in hand, and should take a prominent place in the library of every minister of the Gospel who desires to be "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

THE CHIEF MUSICIAN. By E. W. Bullinger, D.D. London: *Eyre and Spottiswoode*. Price 6s.

This book is based on Dr. Thirtle's fascinating and able works, "The Titles of the Psalms" and "Old Testament Problems." Parts I. and II.

discuss special words in the titles and text of the Psalms. Parts. III. and IV. deal with the "Songs of Degrees." Every one knows the problems connected with the Psalm titles, and also with the fifteen Psalms headed "Songs of Degrees." Dr. Thirtle claims to have solved these problems, and for our part we believe that his main positions are substantially correct. Dr. Bullinger thereupon uses Dr. Thirtle's results to provide further and fuller studies, and the book will prove of service and value to all earnest Bible students. We are unable to follow the author in all his deductions, but he never fails to interest even where he does not convince. One of the best parts of the book is the treatment of the obscure term "Selah," which we commend to the notice of all who are interested in the discovery of its meaning. Dr. Bullinger's suggestion seems to us to be quite satisfying. No student of the Psalter can afford to overlook this interesting work.

THOUGHTS ON THE GOSPEL OF ST. JOHN. London: *C. Murray and Co.*
Price 3s. 6d. net.

This work is by the author of "Thoughts on Logic." If the eyes of his body have failed the "eyes of his heart" are open. It is full of spiritual teaching and insight. Scholarship and independent thought are not wanting. A running commentary on each chapter, with chapter and verse put in the margin, make it very convenient to read with the Gospel. It is interesting to note that the author goes as far as Westcott in believing the writer of the Gospel, a Jew of Palestine, and eyewitness, but he cries "halt" when the word "Apostle" is used. His supposition is that the Gospel and Epistles were written by John the elder, who is quite distinct from St. John the Apostle, the son of Zebedee, and writer of the Apocalypse. His reasons are not without foundation, but also are not conclusive.

PSALMS TO MALACHI. Edited by W. Shaw Sparrow. London: *Hodder and Stoughton.* Price 3s. 6d. net; 5s. cloth; 7s. 6d. vellum.

This is Vol. III. of the "Old Testament in Art." The editor writes an illuminating preface, and, with Canon Dobell, is responsible for the letterpress. German, French, Spanish, Flemish, and American artists are responsible for the plates. As a companion to the "Gospels in Art" and the "Apostles in Art," this "continuation of the Old Testament in Art" is well up to standard. The conceptions are fine, and all schools and phases of styles represented. A pictorial history of the Bible in art will always secure a large patronage.

PERIODICALS, PAMPHLETS, AND REPRINTS.

THE CHURCH QUARTERLY REVIEW. April, 1908. London: *Spottiswoode and Co., Ltd.*
Price 3s.

This is a good number, and contains several articles of great interest and value. The first is on "The Education Bill," but, unfortunately, takes a view that almost entirely ignores the salient facts of the history of the last four years. The three next articles are on "John Wesley and the Psychology of Revivals," "The Athanasian Creed," and "The Brethren of Our Lord," all of which contain not a little valuable material. The new Elephantinè Papyri, Mr. Gosse's book, "Father and Son," and an article on "The Church in the United States of America," by which is meant the Protestant Episcopal Church only, are among the remaining articles. A valuable feature of the *Review* is the list of the periodicals with their subjects which have appeared during the last three months.

THE BIBLIOTHECA SACRA. April, 1908. Oberlin, Ohio, U.S.A. Sold by *Charles Higham and Co.*, London. Price 75 cents.

The first article is on "Whittier the Man, Poet, and Reformer," and is an interesting account of the great Quaker poet. The next article, on "Suffer Little Children to come unto Me," is a curious discussion, full of impossible and far-fetched exegesis. Among the other articles are, "Can Secularism do it?" and "False Biology and Fatalism." The current number is not so interesting as usual to readers on this side of the Atlantic, but contains some useful articles and notes. Two of the latter, by the Editor, give his impressions of a recent stay in this country, and deal with "The Poverty and Vice of London" and "Theological Unrest in England." It is always well to see ourselves as others see us.

THE JOURNAL OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES. April, 1908. London: *Henry Frowde*. Price 3s. 6d. net.

This number is noteworthy for an article by Dr. Burney on "A Theory of the Development of Israelite Religion in Early Times." While continuing to maintain the documentary theory and the unhistorical and impossible view that the prophetic period of Israel's development is prior to the legalistic, Dr. Burney now comes forward to champion the view that Moses was responsible for the establishment of a high form of ethical religion, that the title "pre-prophetic," as applied to the early religion of the nation, is largely a misnomer, and that no sharp line of demarcation can be drawn between the religion of Israel and that of the founder of the national life. This is a noteworthy change of position on the part of one of the ablest of our younger scholars, and approximates towards the position laid down twenty years ago by Robertson in his still unanswered work, "The Early Religion of Israel." Dr. Burney is evidently becoming more and more impressed with the evidence of archæology, and, unless we are greatly mistaken, he will not be able to stay where he now stands. The article should be read by all. The reviews are exceptionally interesting and valuable. Dr. Lock subjects Mr. E. F. Scott to a searching criticism; and in the same way Professor Gwatkin fares very severely, and as we think unfairly, at the hands of Mr. C. C. J. Webb. Altogether this is a valuable number.

THE JOURNAL OF THE GYPSY LORE SOCIETY. April, 1908. Liverpool: *Gypsy Lore Society*, 6, Hope Place.

Articles by Mr. Joseph Pennell, Mr. Arthur Symons, and several other writers, containing not a little deeply interesting information about gypsies. The present number is devoted almost entirely to accounts of their social and moral condition, and provides some important information for all those who are concerned with these aspects.

"DAILY MAIL" YEAR-BOOK OF THE CHURCHES. London: *Associated Newspapers, Ltd.* Price 6d. net.

A wonderful sixpennyworth. The purpose of this book is to focus the various religious forces of the country, not merely giving statistics, but explaining the ideas and principles which characterize the various Christian bodies and schools of thought. There are nine sections, dealing in an interesting way with some of the most vital problems of the present day, including "The Spiritual Condition of the Churches," "What Men are Thinking," "Methods of the Churches," and "Foreign Missions." There is also a long list of names of prominent religious men, and a full account of various societies. This is, in a word, an ecclesiastical "Who's Who and What's What," and ought to prove of real value as a book of reference and information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION. By the Rev. C. L. Drawbridge. London: *Longmans, Green and Co.* Price 1s. net.

A second and cheaper edition of a book noticed in these columns a year ago. We are very glad indeed to have the book in this cheap form, and hope that its valuable counsels will thereby obtain a much wider circulation.

HINTS FOR CHURCHWARDENS, SIDESMEN, AND OTHERS. By F. Sherlock. London: "*The Church Monthly*" Office. Price 1s. net.

Full of useful and practical suggestions, though we much wish the author had contented himself with dealing with matters that come within the purview of all loyal Churchmen. In giving hints to churchwardens about altar flowers, he is using terms and speaking of ornaments of which the Prayer Book knows nothing.

THE FOOTSTEPS OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST. By H. Kynaston. London : *Elliot Stock*. Price 2s. 6d. net.

This contains selections from the prayers appended to the several chapters of the "Vita Jesu Christi" of Ludolphus of Saxony. Its spiritual experience is, of course, medieval in tone and attitude, but if read with discrimination it will prove a useful aid to the devotional life.

THE FORCES OF THE SPIRIT. By the Author of "The Cloud of Witness." London : *Henry Frowde*. Price 3d. net.

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Another batch of these valuable papers. They provide a perfect storehouse of information and suggestion for members of the Anglican Church.

WHAT IS THE REAL PRESENCE? By the Rev. W. Burnet. London : *Robert Scott*. Price 3d. A very useful reprint.

THE CHRISTIAN IDEA OF GOD. THE CHRISTIAN IDEA OF MAN. Addresses by the Right Rev. C. H. Boutflower, D.D. London : S.P.C.K. Price 4d.

Addresses delivered in a West End drawing-room in connexion with the C.M.S.

FROM ATHEISM TO CHRIST. By H. Musgrave Reade. Leicester : *H. M. Reade*. Price 1d. each ; 6s. per 100. Admirable for general circulation.

EASTER ALL THE YEAR. By the Rev. Charles Bullock. London : "Home Words" Office. Price 2d. A word in season for all believers.

WHAT IS IT ABOUT? By Sir Robert Anderson, K.C.B., LL.D. WHAT IS THY NAME? By the Rev. C. H. Waller, D.D. THE EPISTLES OF ST. PAUL AND THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS. By the Rev. A. L. Williams. THE VITALITY OF THE BIBLE. By Eugene Stock. Bible and Prayer Union Booklets, Nos. 1 to 4. London : *Bible and Prayer Union*. *Morgan and Scott, Ltd.* Price ¼d. each. Very suitable for use by Bible readers.

ISLAM'S CHALLENGE TO CHRISTIANITY. By the Bishop of Durham. The Rev. D. S. Margoliouth. The Rev. W. St. Clair-Tisdall, D.D. London : *Bible Lands Missions' Aid Society*. Price 1d. Three able and timely papers.

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SHALL WE TOLERATE THE JESUITS? A Political Question. By H. A. Henderson. London : *Charles J. Thynne*. Price 3d. net ; cloth, 6d. net.