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## Notices of Books.

THE RELIGIOUS TEACHERS OF GREECE. By the late James Adam. Edinburgh: *T. and T. Clark*. Price 10s. 6d.

Death has been busy of late in the ranks of English classical scholarship. Jebb, Blaydes, Headlam, Adam, Monro, have all passed away during the last three years, and the world of letters is poorer by their loss. Adam was not the least distinguished of the many able scholars who have risen to high place in their University. A Scotsman, born in a humble rank of life, he quickly won golden opinions at Cambridge both as a finished scholar and a devoted and able teacher. His edition of Plato's "Republic" is a worthy record of his erudition; and the present (posthumous) volume, edited by his wife, will make his name known to a wider circle of students than any of his previous works. These "Gifford Lectures" (for of such is the book composed) were delivered by Adam a few months before his death in 1906. They are admirable alike in their clearness, their ease, and their cogency. They cannot rank, of course, with such a masterpiece as Edward Caird's volumes on the Theology of the Greek Philosophers; but they are calculated to touch a larger audience, inasmuch as they strike a less strictly philosophic note. It is no easy task to display to a mixed audience the main principles that animated the evolution of religious thought in Ancient Greece; but this task Adam achieved to a surprisingly successful degree. The least successful of his chapters is that devoted to *Orphic* religious thought; it is too scanty, and we could well have spared—especially in view of Prof. Burnet's invaluable work on early Greek Philosophy—some of the pages devoted to the Ionians, for a larger and more illuminating treatment of Orphic doctrine. This doctrine lay at the root of all Greek mysticism; and that there were mystics, even in Greece, is not to be doubted. If a fresh edition of this work should ever be required, we would suggest that an appendix be added giving the original Greek of the many interesting passages chosen by the lecturer for citation. English students will be glad to have the English renderings; but scholars would be not less glad to have the Greek for purposes of comparison.

A CRITICAL AND EXEGETICAL COMMENTARY ON THE BOOK OF ECCLESIASTES. By G. A. Barton. Edinburgh: *T. and T. Clark*. Price 8s. 6d.

New issues of the International Critical Commentary are always welcome, for, in spite of difference and inequality of treatment among the volumes, the series is one of the most important of modern contributions to the study of Holy Scripture. The author modestly describes his work as "a plain Commentary on the Book of Ecclesiastes," but it is of course based upon a thorough study of the Hebrew text and the Greek and other versions, and is written in full knowledge of all earlier Commentaries. It is rightly said that of recent years we have had too much advocacy of new and startling theories of this perplexing book. Questions of Introduction occupy the first sixty-five pages. It is interesting to observe that Dr. Barton favours on the whole the theory of unity. It is true that he pleads for the interpolation of certain editorial words and sentences, but he leans mainly to the side of those who,

like Cornill and Genung, uphold the unity of the book. We cannot say that we are altogether impressed by Dr. Barton's theory of interpolations; they appear to us unduly subjective. The date of the book is ascribed to the Greek period, about 200 B.C., though it is denied that there are any Greek influences in it. The author considers it represents an original development of Hebrew thought, Semitic in its point of view (p. 43). The real test of any Commentary on Ecclesiastes is as to what is supposed to be the writer's main thought and purpose. Dr. Barton's view is that, when the interpolations are removed, the book teaches the inscrutableness of God and the vanity of seeking to understand His works. All that we can know is that God holds man in an iron vice of fate, though notwithstanding this the book preaches a gospel of work and an enjoyment of life which are to be realized while the facts of life are being bravely faced. But we may fairly question whether on such an interpretation the book would ever have obtained entrance into the Canon. The old view seems to us far truer and more practical. While Proverbs teaches that piety is blessedness, Job and Ecclesiastes afford two apparent exceptions to this principle, the former by exhibiting a case of piety without prosperity, and the latter an instance of prosperity without piety. To prove that the principle laid down in Proverbs is not false is the real purpose of this book. Only on some such very definite religious basis can we find a true justification of its inclusion in the Canon of sacred Scripture. But quite apart from Dr. Barton's main positions as to date and purpose, his Commentary cannot fail to be of real service to all serious students of Qoheleth.

THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS. By James Orr, D.D. London: *Hodder and Stoughton*. Price 6s.

Dr. Orr rightly says that it is not so long ago when the Resurrection of our Lord was regarded as an immovable corner-stone of Christianity. But the subject has been reopened quite recently, and is being approached from new sides, with new presuppositions, and with new critical methods and apparatus, and as a consequence the believer is anew put on his defence (p. 13). With characteristic clearness and refreshing plainness Dr. Orr goes to the root of the matter by saying that the consideration of the Resurrection cannot be dissociated from the view taken of the facts which make up the Gospel history as a whole. Everything depends upon the estimate we form of Jesus Christ. This is the presupposition which dominates the situation (p. 14). Consequently the one question that lies at the bottom of the whole investigation is "the admissibility of the supernatural." It is the repugnance to miracle which is so marked a feature of the modern attitude to Christianity that constitutes the most serious and difficult element in the situation. The predominant aspect of recent criticism is the attempt to show that the idea of our Lord's Resurrection can be conserved, while the belief in the bodily rising from the tomb is surrendered (p. 23). The appearances are explained as those of the spiritually risen Christ, as manifestations of One whose body was still sleeping in the tomb. This theory, which is at least as old as Keim, has received fresh support in connection with the investigations of the Society of Psychological Research (p. 28). Dr. Orr points out that on any view this theory is not one of "Resurrection" in the New

Testament sense of that word. Whether the theory really represents the reality which lies behind the narratives in the Gospels is the main subject of Dr. Orr's book. It will be seen from this that the treatment is thoroughly up to date, and it is marked by all the really marvellous knowledge of modern literature which the author's former books have shown to be one of the characteristic features of his work. In a series of chapters the whole question is discussed with remarkable fulness, fairness, and force. Among the topics of discussion we have the miraculous nature of the Resurrection, the Gospel narratives, the credibility of the witness, the post-Resurrection appearances, and the Apostolic Church. On all these Dr. Orr has much to say that is suggestive and incisive, as well as convincing to those who are willing to give attention to all sides of the problem. A chapter of special importance deals with "Neo-Babylonian Theories" which are now being put forth to account for the Resurrection by those who have found all previous attempts to explain it on natural grounds inadequate. A concluding chapter discusses the doctrinal bearings of the Resurrection in which Dr. Orr shows the utter impossibility of any half-way position which compromises our attitude to the great supernatural facts on which Christianity rests (p. 266). We are glad and thankful that the issues are thus faced so squarely, for it is impossible to discover any true *via media* between the acceptance of our Lord's supernatural Person and Work and the position which regards Him only as a good Man. "If Christ be not raised, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain." Dr. Orr has once more made us his debtor by this fine piece of work. It should be studied and mastered by all who would know the latest and best results of Christian scholarship on one of the most important and vital subjects that can occupy attention.

REDEEMING VISION. By Rev. J. Stuart Holden. London: *Robert Scott*.  
Price 3s. 6d. net.

The twenty-six chapters of which this book consists were first delivered as sermons to the author's own congregation, and were afterwards reproduced in an abridged form in a monthly magazine. They are here presented as they appeared in serial issue. Those to whom Mr. Holden's devotional teaching is familiar will be glad to welcome this new volume, while those who have yet to make his acquaintance could not do so in a better way than by means of it. It is marked by genuine spirituality, clearness of expression, definiteness of personal application, together with not a little apt poetic illustration. The titles of the chapters are often truly suggestive of thought and meditation, and there are several examples of quite telling use of Bible texts. The fact that they first appeared in a monthly magazine probably accounts for the absence of any sequence of teaching, but as meditations on the Christian life these brief and pointed chapters will do fruitful service.

ST. PAUL'S EPISTLES TO THE THESSALONIANS AND THE CORINTHIANS.  
By the late W. G. Rutherford. London: *Macmillan and Co., Ltd.*  
Price 3s. 6d. net.

Dr. Rutherford's profound scholarship is here brought to bear on three of St. Paul's Epistles. Like his translation of Romans, it is full of felicitous

renderings, which cannot but be helpful to all students as a contribution to a fresh interpretation of St. Paul. Mr. Spencer Wilkinson, in his preface, shows only too clearly what we have lost by the early decease of one of our greatest Greek scholars. Here and there, perhaps, the translation tends a little too much in the direction of paraphrase, but taken as a whole it cannot help being productive of thought to all who study these writings.

AN EXPOSITION OF THE GOSPEL OF ST. JOHN. By the late William Kelly.  
 Edited, with additions, by E. E. Whitfield. London: *Elliot Stock*.  
 Price 7s. 6d.

This is a new edition of a work issued ten years ago. Besides the critical apparatus provided in the former edition, the editor has included the evidence of the Sinaitic Syriac version and the readings of Weiss and Blass. There is also an editorial appendix of notes, in which current critical theories affecting this Gospel are examined from the point of view of the exposition, with special reference to recent German literature. We welcome with great heartiness this new edition of Mr. Kelly's work. He was a giant in mind and heart and "mighty in the Scriptures." While we often disagree with his peculiar views, we scarcely ever consult him in vain. Together with a profound submission to the authority of Holy Scripture, he always endeavours to seek out the plain meaning of a passage, and to apply it with keenness and force to heart and life. We are glad to know there is a prospect of new editions of his expositions on St. Matthew and St. Luke. When these are published students will have a valuable addition to the available expository works on the Gospels.

THE PATMOS LETTERS. By the Rev. J. L. Campbell, D.D. London:  
*Morgan and Scott*. Price 4s. 6d. net.

A spiritual and practical exposition of the Messages to the Seven Churches. Each study is prefaced by a well-produced photograph of the particular locality. The treatment is clear, scholarly, and truly devotional, and is written with constant reference to practical every-day life. Those who know Dr. Campbell Morgan's exposition of this section of the Apocalypse will easily recognize the author's indebtedness to that valuable little work; but the writer has his own message, and is able to deliver it well. As a piece of expository preaching and teaching it will prove eminently useful to those who are called upon to deal with this passage.

CHURCH SONG AND PRAYER. London: *James Nisbet and Co., Ltd.* Price 1s. net.

This valuable little volume is a compilation drawn up in connection with the recent Liverpool Diocesan Convention and the forthcoming Church Mission in that city. The section on Prayer provides a Century of Collects in a ten days' prayer cycle, and will be found a very useful help in private devotion as well as for prayer-meetings. The musical portion consists of 100 hymns for special services. The hymns and tunes have been drawn from all quarters, and include both familiar and less-known ones. For parochial gatherings of all sorts this collection of hymns will be most serviceable and welcome. Altogether this little book is quite admirable. It can be obtained complete, or the two sections can be had separately. We notice that it is inscribed "To the greater glory of God." Why "greater"? There can be nothing "greater" than the Divine glory.

## GIFT-BOOKS.

THE SUNNY SIDE OF THE HILL. By Rosa N. Carey. London: *Macmillan and Co., Ltd.* Price 6s.

A pleasant story, as the title suggests. The authoress shows her usual skill in the wonderful touches depicting home life. There is a delightful fragrance in the Aunt Margaret of the story, who has her romance as well as the younger people in the book. While this book is superior from a literary standpoint to some of Miss Carey's earlier books, yet we miss the more definite religious fervour. Not that the religious atmosphere is lacking, but rather that it is of a different kind from that to which we have been accustomed from her. But the book will find many admirers, and should prove welcome as a Christmas gift-book.

ROMANCE OF EARLY BRITISH LIFE. By G. F. Scott Elliott. London: *Seeley and Co.* Price 5s.

History coloured by imagination is here presented in a most attractive form from before the Ice Age to King Alfred. An admirable gift-book for a young, intelligent boy or girl, and one likely to invest their early ideas of British life with an altogether new light and fresh interest. The "Library of Romance" is doing a good work, and Professor Scott Elliott has already given us the "Romance of Savage Life" and the "Romance of Plant Life." The volumes are profusely illustrated, and are most attractive.

COVERLEIGH RECTORY. By Mary D'Aguilar. London: *Robert Scott.* Price 3s. 6d.

A story calculated to stir up missionary zeal and to make young people see what can be done if two or three are in earnest and use their influence for God.

GLEANINGS FROM THE FIELDS OF NATURE. By Edward T. Connold. London: *The Religious Tract Society.* Price 3s. 6d.

The author truly says that many people interested in natural history are prevented from pursuing the study or making research for themselves. The book is offered in the hope that it will in some measure compensate for inability of personal research. Here we have studies of the spider, the ant, the whelk, the dragon-fly, the wasp, the dog-fish, the star-fish, the primrose, the bee, the crab, the viper, and several other natural history objects. Dr. Anderson-Berry writes an interesting preface, and well-executed photographs add to the interest of one of the most enjoyable natural history books we have ever seen. Every effort has been made to avoid technicalities, and we could not wish for a more delightful introduction to the study of natural history, whether for old or for young.

COMRADES UNDER CANVAS. By F. P. Gibbon. London: *The Religious Tract Society.* Price 3s. 6d.

An excellent story of a week under canvas with the Boys' Brigade. It is full of humour, adventure, common-sense, and genuine religion. It is well written, thoroughly interesting, and should be in every boys' library.

RAY AND FAIRY. By L. E. Tiddeman. London: *S.P.C.K.* Price 1s.

A pretty children's story, and specially, though not exclusively, suitable for better-class children. It should serve to teach them the great lesson of "lend a hand."

A BIT OF A BOUNDER. By Robert Leighton. London: *Sunday-School Union.* Price 1s.

A school story illustrating the danger of the baleful cigarette. We hope it may be widely read by boys, and widely followed in its good advice.

## PERIODICALS AND PAMPHLETS.

TRUST ACCOUNTS. By P. W. Ardran. London: *P. W. Ardran and Co.* Price 1s.

A booklet giving examples and explanatory notes written for the use of executors, trustees, and others. A very practical and useful compilation.

LIVINGSTONE COLLEGE YEAR-BOOK, 1908. Leyton: *Livingstone College.* Price 6d.

An account of the work done at Livingstone College, and by its former students, in all parts of the world, with a review of the recent progress in tropical medicine. Together with the report is issued a lecture delivered at the college by Sir Patrick Manson on "Tropical Research in its Relation to the Missionary Enterprise." Those who are interested in medical missionary work will find much valuable information in these pages.

**SERVITE DOMINO IN LÆTITIA.** London: *National Church League*.

A new edition of forms of morning and evening prayer for a week, intended for colleges and schools. Originally drawn up by the late Chancellor Bernard, this little volume has been re-edited, and now affords a very useful combination of Prayer-Book prayers and other forms of devotion. It seems admirably suited for the special purpose for which it is intended.

**OLD BELIEFS AND NEW KNOWLEDGE.** By the Rev. C. L. Drawbridge. London: *Longmans, Green and Co.* Price 6d. net.

A new and cheaper edition of a work reviewed in these columns last year. We like its sympathy with doubters and its fresh outlook on the truth; but, as we have already pointed out, it is far too concessive on what seem to us to be vital points to make it altogether acceptable.

**QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNG.** By S. Selley. London: *Elliot Stock*. Price 2d.

A small booklet compiled for the use of parents. The answers are given in the very words of Scripture.

**FRIENDLY GREETINGS.** London: *The Religious Tract Society*. Price 2s. 6d.

The new half-yearly volume of an old and welcome friend. There is nothing quite like it for general distribution among working people. It is full of interest, and, still better, full of the Gospel.

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

The most important articles are the first and second, on the Lambeth Conference, which is presumably by the editor, and on "Eucharistic Doctrine and the Canon of the Roman Mass," by the Rev. Darwell Stone. The former is at once appreciative and critical, and is a useful contribution to the discussions arising out of the problems dealt with at the Conference. Mr. Darwell Stone's main view is that the essential doctrine of the Canon of the Roman Mass is such that neither Eastern Christians nor English Churchmen need repudiate. This is a well-known position of his; but while he has convinced himself of its tenableness, there are very few others who will be able to endorse his conclusions. No one ever arrives at truth by omitting essential factors in a problem as Mr. Stone so often does. The Reviews of Books are not so strong a feature as we should like to see them.

**LONDON UNIVERSITY GUIDE.** London: *University Correspondence College*.

The annual volume issued by the University Correspondence College, which contains full information concerning the regulations for examinations in 1909 and 1910.

**MATRICULATION DIRECTORY.** Cambridge: *Burlington House*. Price 1s.

This includes articles on text-books necessary for the London University Examinations.

**THE UPWARD WAY.** Edited by E. C. Gregory. London: *H. R. Allenson, Ltd.* Price 6d. net.

A very welcome selection from the letters of the saintly Rutherford, comprising readings for a month. A choice treasure for our hours of devotion.

**THE RHYTHM OF BERNARD DE MORLAIX.** With Translations by J. M. Neale. London: *H. R. Allenson, Ltd.* Price 1s. net.

A fresh edition of Bernard's wonderful hymn, together with the lesser-known hymn by Cardinal Damiani. A preface deals helpfully and discriminatingly with the authors and their works.

**THE MURDERESS OF THE UNSEEN.** By Rev. S. Hemphill, D.D. London: *Simphin, Marshall and Co., Ltd.* Price 1s. net.

A tract on "Race-Suicide." A solemn and searching warning on a matter of the profoundest moment to our country and race. If wisely circulated, it must do great good.

**THE CATHOLIC DOCTRINE OF EUCHARISTIC SACRIFICE: WHAT IS IT?** By J. T. Tomlinson. London: *Elliot Stock*. Price 4d.

A new and revised edition of a well-known and very able pamphlet which is a distinct contribution to its subject, and should be carefully studied by all who would know the truth. We are particularly glad to welcome this reissue.

NEW TESTAMENT PROPHECY: ITS SOURCE, SUBSTANCE, AND SIGNS. By Rev. Hubert Brooke. Brighton: *T. A. Smith*. Price 3d. net.

This is most welcome and refreshing, for it deals with a subject which is far too much overlooked in the present day. Those who wish to have a simple introduction to the study of New Testament prophecy could not do better than take Mr. Brooke as their guide.

A LAYMAN'S NOTES ON OLD TESTAMENT CRITICISM. By P. J. Heawood, M.A. London: *Elliot Stock*. Price 1s. net.

A reprint from our own pages which will be particularly useful in this convenient form. Mr. Heawood shows how modern criticism strikes the mind of an educated layman who is not encumbered with theological and critical presuppositions.

AN INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN MYSTICISM. By E. C. Gregory. London: *H. R. Allen-son, Ltd.* Price 6d. net.

We are often asked for something to guide in the study of Christian mysticism. This is the very thing. It will provide everything that is required for an introduction to one of the most important of subjects.

THE CHURCH MUSIC SOCIETY'S CHOIR-BOOK. London: *Henry Frowde*. Price 1s. net.

This contains Ferial and Festival Responses and Litany, together with *Amens*, *Kyries*, *Gloria* and *Gratias*, Athanasian Creed, and *Benedicite*, compiled from the original and authentic sources. Organists and choir-masters will be glad to have this book for study and use. The editorial work is well done.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PENNY MANUALS. No. 9. GLEANINGS FROM CHURCH HISTORY. By M. E. Ames. No. 10. SOCIALISM OR SOCIAL REFORM? By the Rev. R. C. Butt. No. 11. ARCHBISHOP CRANMER. By Rev. Canon McCormick, D.D. No. 12. THE THIRTY-NINE ARTICLES. By the Right Rev. Bishop J. C. Ryle, D.D. London: *Charles J. Thynne*.

The latest additions to this series.

HARMONY OF SCIENCE WITH GENESIS. By Captain Alexander McNeile. London: *Charles J. Thynne*. Price 1d.

A discussion of the Creation story of Genesis in the light of modern science.

A KALENDAR OF HYMNS ANCIENT AND MODERN. Compiled by Robert S. Genge. London: *Henry Frowde*. Price 2d. net.

Convenient and useful for those who use the hymn-book.

REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S MEETINGS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH THE PAN-ANGLICAN CONGRESS OF 1908. London: *S.P.C.K.* Price 6d.

All who are interested in work by and among women will find a fund of useful information in these pages.

RESPONSIBILITY. An Address to Girls. By Rev. E. E. Holmes. London: *Longmans, Green and Co.* Price 1d. net.

A new edition, full of suggestive teaching, but decidedly lacking at a vital point. It does not tell the girls anything about the dynamic of the Christian life.

THE INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF APOCRYPHA. October, 1908. London: *International Society of the Apocrypha*. Price 6d.

The main articles of this number are "A Study of Ecclesiasticus," by Principal Estlin Carpenter; a second article on "The Bible Canon of the Reformation," by Sir Henry Howarth; together with several smaller contributions on various aspects of the Apocrypha.

THE LADDER. A Week's Prayers. London: *Charles J. Thynne*. Price 6d. net.

We have received from *Messrs. Raphael Tuck and Sons* specimens of a new series of Scripture Motto Cards for the New Year. There are sixteen different varieties in a smaller size (1d. each), and eight different varieties in a larger size (2d. each). The Biblical quotations seem to have been selected with great care. The printing is, of course, of the very best, and the landscape views are most attractive. The name of the firm is a sufficient guarantee of excellence, and we have no doubt that the cards will be in very great demand during the forthcoming season. It is difficult to see how they could be improved upon.

*The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge* send us a packet of twelve Scripture Picture Cards dealing with New Testament scenes in colours (1s. 4d. per packet), and also two Motto Cards for the New Year, with New Testament scenes, a Scripture text, and a verse of poetry. These will be found useful for general distribution, especially in Sunday-schools.