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virtue of her letter, was bound by his allegiance to proceed "by order, injunction, or censure, so as uniformity of order may be kept in every church without variety and contention." Then by virtue of her verbal charge to him, in the presence of the Bishop of London, he was bound "to see her laws executed and good orders decreed and observed." In the present day the Archbishop under the authority of the Queen in Council, and by virtue of the command given to him, issues a form of prayer. But as it is not necessary now that the form of prayer when composed shall be submitted again to the Queen for her approval, either under the great seal or under her signet, so it seems that it was not necessary 300 years ago that the notices which were issued by the Archbishop and Commissioners, and the orders which they decreed in obedience to the Queen, should, after they were prepared, be submitted to the Queen for her approval.

As a matter of fact, however, these notices were submitted to and, in their final shape, approved by the Secretary of State.

We tender our hearty thanks to the eminent divine to whom the Church is indebted for this very valuable "Historical Inquiry," and we lose no time in earnestly commending it to the attention of our readers.

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## Short Notices.

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*Memorials of Frances Ridley Havergal.* By her Sister, "M. V. G. H."  
Pp. 391. Nisbet and Co. 1880.

An *In Memoriam* article on Frances Havergal appeared in the first number of this magazine. We content ourselves at present with merely noticing the volume, just published, which lies before us. It has an interest and value of its own, and we heartily recommend it. After reading these Memorials, many, no doubt, will understand the secret of Miss Havergal's influence; her life was one of prayer, and her humility was as marked as her trustful earnestness. The following is the inscription on the north side of Mr. Havergal's tomb, in Astley churchyard:—

FRANCES RIDLEY HAVERGAL,  
Youngest Daughter of the Rev. W. H. Havergal,  
and Jane his Wife,

Born at Astley Rectory, 14th December, 1836. Died at Caswell  
Bay, Swansea, 3rd June, 1879. Aged 42.

By her writings in prose and verse, she, "being dead yet speaketh."

"The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin."

1 John i. 7.

*The Hymnal Companion to the Book of Common Prayer.* Revised and enlarged Edition, with Introduction and Notes. Edited by EDWARD HENRY BICKERSTETH, M.A., Vicar of Christ Church, Hampstead, Rural Dean and Chaplain to the Lord Bishop of Ripon. Sampson Low, Marston, Searle, and Rivington. 1880.

The Introduction to this Hymnal was first written in the year 1870; it has been revised for the present edition, and contains much interesting information. "Many of the editor's anticipations, as expressed ten years ago," we read, "have already been verified." It appears from a paper on Hymns, by Prebendary Bulling, read at the Swansea Congress, that "in place of the multiplicity and endless diversity in 1858, there are now *three* books which practically cover nearly all the ground, and meet the present requirements of the Church, (1), 'Hymns Ancient and Modern;' (2), 'The Hymnal Companion to the Prayer Book;' (3), 'The Compilation of the

Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge." For ourselves, we are bound to say that having studied many Hymn-Books, we prefer Mr. Bickersteth's. To "Hymns Ancient and Modern" our objections are great, and we confess that the more we examine it the less we like it. But with several selections which are not from their sacerdotalism objectionable, we are on one ground or another more or less dissatisfied. Of the Hymnal Companion, however, we have made use from the first issue, and we have carefully studied the present revised edition; the book seems to us a remarkably good one; whether we regard the number of approved, generally popular, hymns which it contains, or test it with respect to its Protestant evangelical teaching, we are well satisfied. The number of hymns is sufficiently large, and the arrangement is really admirable. Of the notes we need hardly say they add much to the interest of this edition. Everywhere, indeed, appear tokens of the refined taste and deep devoutness of the editor, himself a poet of no mean order. Of the smaller editions and the musical edition we may write hereafter.

*The Religious Condition of Christendom.* A Series of Papers presented to the Seventh General Conference of the Evangelical Alliance, held at Basle, 1879. Published by authority of the Council of the British Organization of the Alliance. Edited by the Rev. J. MURRAY MITCHELL, M.A., LL.D. Pp. 490. Hodder and Stoughton, 1880.

A Report of the proceedings of the Basle Conference was published partly in German and partly in French towards the close of last year. The volume before us is a reproduction in English of that Report, but with a fuller account of the proceedings in the Anglo-American section. The report on the state of religion in Great Britain was read by the Hon. and Rev. E. V. Bligh, that on North America by Professor Schaff, that on Holland by Professor van Oosterzee. Papers were read by Pastor Fisch, Professor Godet, Dr. Stoughton, Professor Christlieb, Dr. Rigg, and other representative men from various countries. The volume contains a great deal of interesting information, and some of the Papers, Dr. Christlieb's on Missions, for example, are of a high order of merit, and are well worth reading.

*The Lives of the most Eminent British Painters.* By ALLEN CUNNINGHAM. Revised edition. Annotated and continued to the present time by Mrs. C. HEATON. Vol. III. pp. 480. George Bell & Sons, 1880.

The title explains the character of this work; but it may be mentioned that the last life by Cunningham in this third volume is that of James Burnett. Mrs. Heaton begins with Stothard. The lives of Turner, Constable, Wilkie, Maclise, Landseer, and others, are well done; neither too long nor too short. The volume has a neat cover.

*My Spectacles; and what I Saw with them.* By the Rev. GEORGE EVERARD, M.A., Vicar of St. Mark's, Wolverhampton. Author of "Day by Day," &c. Pp. 109. W. Hunt & Co. 1880.

A little book which deserves hearty praise; suggestive, cheery, practical. The headings of some of the chapters will show its character: "Catch the Shower," "Ramsgate Harbour," "The Telephone," "Show your Ticket." Mr. Everard evidently made good use of his "spectacles;" and he has well written what he has seen and thought over. A capital little gift-book.

*Destruction of life by Snakes, Hydrophobia, &c., in Western India.* By an EX-COMMISSIONER. Pp. 120. W. H. Allen and Co. 1880.

According to a return published in January, 1878, 22,000 lives were lost by snake-bites in India. In 1875, snakes killed in all India were 270,185; in 1876, 212,371. Total deaths by snakes and wild animals in

1875, 21,000; in 1876, 15,000. The unusually high floods of 1875, it is stated, afforded greater facilities for the destruction of snakes (to go back two thousand years, we learn from Arrian that many snakes were destroyed by the floods of the Hydaspes; *otherwise the country would have been deserted*); in the Punjab, during 1875, the snakes destroyed were 144,542. The *Echis carinata* is not known in Bengal, but is the chief agent of destruction in Western India; it is considered by Dr. Imlach in Scinde and others in Rutnagherry as the most destructive of the tribes of poisonous reptiles. The people in Rutnagherry, 257 deaths having occurred in one year, destroyed snakes in immense numbers, proving that it is possible to exterminate these poisonous creatures. In some districts, however, offering a reward seems to be of no use. Of the greater number of snakes the poison acts on the nervous system; some were said to be more rapidly fatal than even the *cobra*; but recent experiments have proved that this is an error. The *Echis carinata* is known as "Kupper" in Sind, "Foorsa" in Concan, Malabar, and Ceylon, "Viryan Pam" in the Tamal country. It seems to have no fear of the approach of man. Ancient writers called this snake *Hæmorrois*; the oozing of blood through the pores distinguish its poison from that of any other snake. The poison of Russell's viper (*polonga*) and others produces convulsions, vomiting, &c. The *cobra* bite, as is well known, is quickly followed by coma; and a very small quantity of the poison of this snake will destroy life. According to "Ex-Commissioner," a remedy exists for the poison of the *Echis carinata*, which acts on the blood; deadly without treatment, it has been found to be susceptible of cure. One of these determined, deadly, little creatures, we may add, has just been introduced into the Regent's Park Zoological Gardens.

Prophecy,—not "Forecast," but (in the words of Bishop Butler) "the history of events before they come to pass."

*A Sermon preached before the University of Oxford, February 15, 1880, with Introductory Remarks: being a Reply to the Rev. Brownlow Maitland's "Argument from Prophecy."* By JOHN WILLIAM BURGON, B.D., Dean of Chichester. Pp. 47. James Parker & Co.

This pamphlet has somehow not reached us in time for so full a notice in the present CHURCHMAN as the importance of the subject demands. The Introduction occupies twenty pages, and its concluding sentences are as follows:—

I now submit my Sermon—of which these introductory remarks are the necessary complement—to the judgment of the bishops and doctors of the Church, here at home, and in America. Whatever may be the result of the present appeal, it shall comfort me to remember that I did my best to wipe off from the Church of my baptism what I consider to be a grievous stain upon her reputation. At all events, it can no longer be said that a book purporting to form part of a "Christian Evidence Series," was put forth in 1877 by an English clergyman, and under high sanction too, with the avowed object of resolving PROPHECY into "Forecast,"—and that no one bearing a commission in the army of the Great King was found to call attention to its fatal teaching, and to demand reparation for the insult which had been offered to his Divine Master's honour.

J. W. B.

*History of the Jews.* By W. H. MILMAN, D.D. Ward, Lock, & Co.

This volume, well printed and neatly bound, forms one of "The World Library of Standard Books." The character of the present edition of Dean Milman's work will be understood from the prefatory notes which we quote in full, as follows:—

Mr. Milman, in his History of the Jews, has explained away the miracles of the Old Testament, till all that is supernatural, grand, and impressive disappears.—*Cham. Cyc. of Eng. Lit.*

MEMO.—In this edition the Bible record of the miracles has been given—the “philosophical explainings away” ignored; otherwise this reprint is faithful and full.

*The Old Testament with a Brief Commentary. Prophetical Books—Isaiah to Malachi.* With Maps. Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge. 1880.

In the present volume—rather too bulky, but probably unavoidably so—the Dean of Canterbury writes on Isaiah, Dr. Kay on Jeremiah, and Dr. Bailey on Obadiah, Jonah, and Micah. Other commentators are the Revs. H. Deane, E. C. Woolcombe, Giles’s, Oxford; Canon Curteis, and Prebendary Churton. The Commentary on Daniel is the work of the late Rev. W. T. Bullock. Many passages, opening the volume here and there, we have read with satisfaction; and so far as our examination has extended we can cordially commend this portion of the S. P. C. K. Commentary. Some remarks of the Dean of Canterbury have an especial value, in regard to Rationalistic views; but the tone of the whole seems firm and sound. Good, clear type ought to be mentioned.

From Messrs. Marcus Ward & Co. (67, Chandos Street) we have received some charming packets of cards. *Sunday School Centenary*: A packet of twelve cards in commemoration of the event, with life and portrait of Raikes. *Confirmation Card. Dogs’ heads and what’s in them*: With lectures on kindness to animals. *Evening and Morning*: A packet of cards with selections by Hesba Dora Stretton. We do not know that we have ever seen such tasteful cards; the dogs’ heads are delightful.

With one of the recent smaller publications of the Religious Tract Society we are greatly pleased, namely, No. 23 of a tinted-paper tract series, entitled *The Death of the Cross*. From the combined narratives of the four Evangelists is woven a connected history of the last twenty-four hours of our Lord’s earthly life. Evidently the result of reverential study, it shows literary skill and judgment of a high order, and, in brief, is decidedly the best publication of the kind so far as we know. We may suggest the preparation of other similar expository harmony tracts.

From Messrs. T. Nelson & Son we have received a copy of *The Boy’s Country Book*, by William Howitt,—new edition. An exceedingly interesting series of country life sketches, which boys in towns, perhaps, will appreciate as much as their school friends who live in villages. Though it goes back some sixty years the descriptions are, in the main, as fresh as they were when written. Like all Messrs. Nelson’s gift-books it is well printed and tastefully got up.

A third, cheap, edition of *Spent in the Service*, published by Messrs. Hodder and Stoughton, has reached us. A notice of Mr. Wynne’s memoir of that devoted and honoured servant of Christ, Achilles Daunt, has already appeared in our columns. We are pleased to have so soon another opportunity of recommending it, not only because of its own merits as a Christian biography, but because it brings before us the work of an ancient Church in which just now we ought to take a special interest.

From the Religious Tract Society we have received six large-sized illustrations, printed in colours on linen, for Sunday School centenary gatherings of several kinds. The Queen in Manchester, the first Sunday School in Gloucester, a Swiss Sunday School, are three specially interesting—but each of the six is good—well sketched, bright, and attractive. We have made use of this capital wall series in teaching, and we cordially commend it. Such map-lesson pictures are very useful. *A Key to the Series of Pictorial Diagrams illustrative of Sunday Schools*, 32 pages, is well written.