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the Bennett Judgment? Is it adequate to speak of the Prayer Book as "at least patient" of their interpretations? Are we to obtain the typical Anglican doctrine only by calling as our witness the "least Protestant" Churchman we can find? We wonder what the Bishop of Birmingham would think if he applied these principles to other questions? Would he arrive at a true idea of Socialism by taking the least Socialistic writer on the one side and the most moderate Individualistic writer on the other? Still more, would he arrive at the true doctrine of our Lord's person and work if he took the best possible example of a spiritual, earnest Unitarian on the one hand, and the most large-hearted, sympathetic, Broad Churchman on the other? What would the Bishop say if we attempted to settle our Christological and Socialistic problems in the way he now urges that we should resolve our sacramental differences? We end as we began, by confessing once again our profound admiration for Bishop Gore's fearless courage and relentless logic in regard to social questions, and our utter inability to understand his position in regard to sacramental doctrine as laid down in his most recent utterance.



Literary Notes.

THE history of the Jew the wide world over is probably more complete than any other history of either country or people. It would be interesting to make a bibliography of literature relating to the Jew. The latest is a history of the Jews in India. There is a large colony of this race in Cochin. Mrs. Nalini Banerji, the wife of Mr. A. R. Banerji, the Dewan of Cochin, has the work in hand.



Professor Thomas D. Seymour, who holds the Chair of Greek Language and Literature in Yale University, defines in the preface of his "Life in the Homeric Age" the scope of the book. He says it "is based upon a careful study of the Homeric poems. The earlier works on the same subject have not relieved the author from the obligation of collecting his own material for an independent examination of the questions involved. To Buchholz's 'Homerische Realien,' however, he is greatly indebted for collections of material which have enabled him at times to check the completeness of his own. In the main he has followed Reichel in the chapter on Homeric Arms."

"Christus Futurus" is the title of a new volume by the author of "Pro Christo et Ecclesia." The author, who remains anonymous, describes his work as "only a series of successive efforts to think what the Gospel of Jesus is. Each line of thought," he goes on to say, "is unfinished, and there is very much in what is said that, in a mature work, would be more carefully guarded from misconstruction." This is well said, as well as being an attitude of modesty which one does not always find in books of modern days. The writer of "Christus Futurus" still further adds that his pages, which he chooses to say are but fragments, are only published in the hope that those who have greater opportunity may find in them something to refine and complete. It is just this spirit of toleration which makes for reasonable discussion, and should claim many readers for the book.



I am very glad to see that Messrs. George Newnes, by arrangement with the holders of the copyright, Messrs. Macmillan and Co., are bringing out in forty fortnightly parts that standard work Green's "Short History of the English People." This particular issue, which starts with the first part on October 4, will be a well-illustrated one, and will be published at sevenpence net per part. I suppose no historical work is so readable, and at the same time so accurate and authoritative, as this. Probably it is, if not the greatest, at least one of the greatest histories of the nineteenth century. The Newnes' publication will be printed on heavy paper in clear new type; it will contain hundreds of illustrations: 250 full-page engravings, 32 maps and plans, 200 portraits of historical characters, and 19 coloured plates. These have been selected and executed with a good deal of care. It must not be forgotten, says Green, that it "is a history, not of English Conquests or English Kings, but of the English People." Mrs. Green writes, in her interesting introduction to the illustrated edition, that "the book, standing alone as it does among the histories of the nations, must remain as one of the most characteristic products of our English life, and is in some sort the very expression of the people among whom it was conceived and for whom it was written."



Messrs. Longmans, Green and Co. are issuing a new "Pocket Library of Theology." The first volume is "The Gospel Message," sermons preached in St. Paul's by Canon Newbolt. This is to be followed by "Sermons at St. Paul's and Elsewhere," being selections from the sermons preached by the late Canon Liddon. The Rev. H. N. Bate, M.A., who is one of the Bishop of London's Examining Chaplains, is making the selection of sermons from those which have already been published, while the Bishop of Oxford is contributing a preface. A third volume in this new series of little books—the price will be 2s. in cloth, and 3s. 6d. in leather—will be "Christianity and Common Life," by the Rev. H. R. Gamble, M.A., Rector of Upper Chelsea.



Messrs. Kegan Paul and Co. announce a new volume by Dr. Macgowan, the well-known author of "The History of China," under the title of "Side-

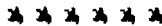
lights on Chinese Life." The interest in this new work is considerably enhanced by the fact that the publishers have secured the right to reproduce as illustrations for this volume, which bids fair to be unusually attractive, certain pictures, in themselves very fine specimens of art, by Mr. Montague Smyth, who recently visited the country.



The firm of Messrs. Methuen and Co., the importance of whose list seems to grow larger every year, have an extraordinarily large catalogue of autumn announcements this year. Not the least interesting is one on the study of English children on which Mrs. Elizabeth Godfrey has for some time been engaged. The author has gone to various sources, and culled a good deal of information as to children's games, toys, lessons, discipline, as well as their personal characteristics in various epochs, from the earliest days down to the Victorian age. There are a number of excellent illustrations in the book, both from old portraits and from prints of children at play.



From the same house there is to come a volume by the well-known antiquarian Dr. J. Charles Cox and Dr. A. Harvey, entitled "Church Furniture." This is a new volume in that very readable series of Messrs. Methuen's entitled "The Antiquary's Books." In this new volume there are more than 150 illustrations. In these pages very full accounts are given, from the earliest examples down to the end of the seventeenth century, of such extant objects as altars, altar-stones, holy tables, altar-rails, sedilia, aumbries, piscinas, holy-water stoups, Easter sepulchres, Gospel lecterns, pulpits (both of wood and of stone), hour-glasses, candlesticks, chests, and poor-boxes. A great deal of consideration has also been devoted to screens, stalls, bench-ends, and seats. Further, much information will be gleaned about font-covers, altar plate, including pyxes, censers, and paxes. Among the exceptional curiosities of later days, the several instances of those remarkable instruments, the "vamping horns," are set forth, and various noteworthy examples of early royal arms and tables of Commandments are specified. Tentative lists, classified according to date, are given of the known examples of these different objects of Church furniture throughout England.



The Rev. Stopford A. Brooke has a new volume of critical essays coming out shortly, entitled "Studies in Poetry," in which will be found chapters devoted to Blake, Keats, Shelley, and Scott. This book will be published by Messrs. Duckworth and Co. They will also publish "Ethics of Revolt," by Dr. Greville Macdonald; "Legend and Folk-lore of the Holy Land," by Rev. J. E. Hanauer, who has spent many years in the East collecting material for the volume; and "The Christ Face in Art," by the Rev. J. Burns. It is astonishing that a volume devoted to this subject has not been compiled before this. Mr. Burns includes in his book many reproductions of paintings by the greatest artists of each age and country. I believe several articles have been written around the matter, but I do not recall any previous volume. But, of course, in this I may be in error.

"The Library of Golden Thoughts" is the title of a new series. The first volume, appropriately enough, is "Golden Thoughts from the Gospels." Each volume has end papers and a cover design by Mr. Charles Ricketts, and a frontispiece, together with border designs, by Mr. Laurence Housman. The price is to be 1s. net in cloth, and 2s. net in leather.



The seventh and concluding volume of the series "United Study of Missions" is "Gloria Christi," by Dr. Anna Lindsay, which is further described as "an outline study of missions and social progress." Its aim is to give a brief survey of five or six forms of progressive social work which are being carried on in missionary lands by the Christian Church of to-day, and to note the impression they are making on the non-Christian world. In successive chapters the book deals with Evangelistic, Educational, Medical, Industrial, and Philanthropic Missions, while a concluding chapter treats of missions which contribute to other forms of social progress. The other six volumes in this series are: "Via Christi," by Miss Louise Manning Hodgkins, which forms an introduction to the study of missions; "Lux Christi," by Mrs. Caroline A. Mason, which deals with India; "Rex Christus," by Dr. W. E. Griffis, which treats of Japan; "Christus Liberator," dealing with Africa, by Miss Ellen C. Jarsons, to which Sir Harry Johnston contributes an introduction; and "Christus Redemptor," which describes the mission work in progress in the islands of the Pacific. This series of books emanates from America, and have had a ready sale there, which says much for the interest in that country in the work of the Mission Field. It is announced that next year will see the commencement of a new series of books which, while differing in some respects from this, will present wide fields of study of mission work, with some new and attractive features.



"A Christmas Carroll," by George Wither, was written long before Charles Dickens' immortal story. An edition of the former is announced with thirty full-page illustrations, a frontispiece in colours, and numerous other decorations by Mr. Frank T. Merrill. Wither's "Carroll" is a poem which sings of the festal and convivial joys of Christmas. Each stanza is full of the joy of the period. The roundelay was written as long as three centuries since.



Mr. Murray is publishing a volume entitled "Among the Natives of India, being Some Experiences of an English Clergyman during Ten Years of Mission Work in Poona City," by the Rev. E. F. Elwin.



Dr. Caird, during his period as Master of Balliol, delivered a series of addresses in the college. These have been collected together, and are to be published under the heading of "Lay Sermons and Addresses," and its contents discuss such subjects as "Freedom and Truth," "Salvation Here and Hereafter," "The Nation as an Ethical Ideal," "Courage," and "Immortality."



Messrs. Longmans are bringing out a new and enlarged edition of "Neolithic Dew Ponds and Cattleways," by Arthur J. Hubbard, M.D., and George Hubbard, F.S.A., F.R.I.B.A.; "What is Faith? A Hermit's Epistle to Some that are Without," by the Rev. J. H. Skrine, M.A.; "The One Christ: An Enquiry into the Manner of the Incarnation," by the Rev. Frank Weston, B.D.; "Christ in the Old Testament; being Short Readings on Messianic Passages," by the Rev. B. W. Randolph, D.D.; and "Hope and Strength: Addresses," by the Rev. P. N. Waggett, M.A.



"Practical Lay Preaching and Speaking to Men" is a volume which ought to find a number of readers. There is a good deal to study and think about when addressing a body of men, particularly if that body of men be of the working class. You must give them the best; anything won't do. They are the keenest and the most sensible of critics. Some well-known preachers contribute chapters to the book.



Notices of Books.

THE HUMAN ELEMENT IN THE GOSPELS: A COMMENTARY ON THE SYNOPTIC NARRATIVE. By George Salmon, D.D. Edited by Newport J. D. White, D.D. London: *John Murray*. Price 15s. net.

The present Dean of Canterbury, when Principal of King's College, London, used to advise his students to read everything they could obtain that came from Dr. Salmon's pen, and those who have followed his advice have seen no cause to regret doing so. Dr. Salmon's "Introduction to the New Testament" and "The Infallibility of the Church" are among the most valuable and important theological works of modern days, while his volumes of sermons show a remarkable combination of keen intellectual power and true spiritual perception. The present work, which comes to us as posthumous, occupied the closing years of the venerable author's life, and apparently represents his latest views on the subject of the Synoptic Problem. The material preserved by more Evangelists than one is systematically and closely examined, in order to form a true judgment as to sources. The comments are full of suggestive help to students, and are marked by all Dr. Salmon's penetration and soundness of judgment. The conclusions as to the general reliability of the Synoptic Gospels are summed up by saying that they "present us with the story as delivered in the very first assemblies of Christians by men who had been personal disciples of Jesus." It is also deeply interesting to read Dr. Salmon's opinion that "of all attempts to eliminate the miracle from the Gospel history the expectation to do so by historical criticism of our sources is the vainest." His verdict is unmistakable that "every theory will break down which does not acknowledge the complete historicity of our existing records; that is to say, which does not acknowledge that they contain what was honestly delivered and honestly believed by persons contemporary with the events related." The