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ROMANISM IN THE LIGHT OF HISTORY. By the Rev. Randolph H. McKim, D.D., LL.D., D.C.L., Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Washington. New York and London: *G. P. Putnam's Sons*. Price 5s. net.

Dr. McKim has prepared this volume in the hope of arousing his countrymen to see and resist the efforts so assiduously being put forth "to make America Catholic." He has given us a valuable contribution to the literature on the Romish Controversy, bringing the claims of the Papal Church to the bar of history and showing how untenable they are. He shows how fallacious is the notion that Rome has become more enlightened in these modern days, and demonstrates the fact that she remains *semper eadem*, and antagonistic to modern progress and modern science. Since the emissaries of Rome are not less aggressive in this country than in America, Dr. McKim's book deserves a wide circulation.

THE QUEST. A Mystery Play. By Helen Beatrice Allan. London: *S.P.C.K.* Price 1s.

Our notions may perhaps be regarded as antiquated, but we must confess we have no liking for plays of this kind; nor are we favourably impressed by this one when we read in the "directions" that the pageant is to include Thurifer, Acolytes, Crucifer, Monks, Nuns, etc., while we are told that, "if a thurible is not carried, the hall must be 'censed' before the doors open." But is it not a bold and unjustifiable assumption that this kind of thing accurately represents the early days of the British Church? What can be the object of such representation? Is it to familiarize our people with an elaborate ritual which has been foreign to our Church since the Reformation, and which belongs to the Middle Ages rather than to primitive Christianity?



Publications of the Month.

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BIBLICAL.

THE TEACHING OF CHRIST. By the Rev. E. G. Selwyn, M.A. (*Longmans, Green and Co.* 2s. 6d. net.) An addition to "The Layman's Library" series. Mr. Selwyn describes his book as "an attempt to appreciate the main lineaments of the teaching of Christ in their historical proportion." The first five chapters, dealing respectively with the vision, the preaching, the faith, and the spirit and form of the Kingdom, and with the Person and Office of Christ, are based upon the Synoptic Gospels; not that the writer regards the Fourth Gospel as an unreliable source, but because there are obvious advantages in using it to illustrate rather than to prove. The later chapters are somewhat different. The sixth shows how the teaching of Christ was translated into the language of the Apostolic age, and the seventh shows "what principles our Lord left to His Church for its further progress."

THE REVELATION OF DISCOVERY. By Bishop Brent. (*Longmans, Green and Co.* 2s. 6d. net.) A collection of papers contributed by the Bishop of the Philippine Islands to *St. Andrew's Cross* and the *New York Churchman*.

THE INTERNATIONAL CRITICAL COMMENTARY: 2 CORINTHIANS. By the Rev. Alfred Plummer, D.D. (*T. and T. Clark.* 12s. net.) Dr. Plummer is now the sole survivor of the three original editors of this great Commentary, Dr. Briggs and Dr. Driver having died within a year of each other. His volume on 1 Corinthians was undertaken in conjunction with the Bishop of Exeter, but the increase of diocesan work and the Bishop's illness made it expedient that Dr. Robertson should be released

from his promise to co-operate in a volume on the Second Epistle. Dr. Plummer has, therefore, brought out the present book single-handed. It is a notable contribution to Pauline literature, and exhibits great thoroughness. "No difficulty of importance has been passed over in silence."

STUDIES IN THE SECOND EPISTLE OF ST. PETER. By E. Iliff Robson, B.D. (*Cambridge University Press*. 2s. 6d. net.) The question of authorship is carefully examined, but, says the author, "we leave it with an air of puzzle and dissatisfaction."

THE GOSPEL MIRACLES. By J. R. Illingworth, D.D. (*Macmillan and Co., Ltd.* 4s. 6d. net.) An essay in which the writer proceeds "to vindicate the occurrence of the Gospel miracles as being intrinsically congruous with the Incarnation, considered as the great enfranchisement of human life by its deliverance from the slavery to sin."

THE MESSIAH. By R. A. Cumine, M.A. (*J. and J. Bennett, Ltd.* 3s. 6d. net.) A Life of our Lord told in poetical form.

THE FOURFOLD GOSPEL. Section III.: The Proclamation of the New Kingdom. By Edwin A. Abbott. (*Cambridge University Press*. 12s. 6d. net.) Another monumental work from Dr. Abbott's learned mind and fertile pen.

DEVOTIONAL.

THE CREED IN HUMAN LIFE. By Maurice Clare. New cheap edition. (*Hodder and Stoughton*. 3s. 6d. net.) A volume full of good things. It is not a doctrinal exposition, but a devotional commentary, intended "as a help and comfort to contemplative folk." It is a compilation rather than an original work, and the author's selections cover an immense range of writers of the most varied character. The thoughtful reader will find it a veritable treasure-house, upon which he can draw again and again, and always find something fresh, stimulating, and helpful. In its handsome binding, this volume is one that every Churchman will be glad to possess.

THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS: THOUGHTS FOR EVERY DAY THROUGHOUT THE CHRISTIAN YEAR. Selected from authors old and new by May Byron. New cheap edition. (*Hodder and Stoughton*. 2s. 6d. net.) A precious volume for the early morning hour. The range of subjects is far wider than in most books of this kind, and the variety of authors drawn upon is striking. The compiler is singularly happy in her idea. The book is meant as "a small exponent of the Communion of Saints, past, present, and to come, blent in that eternal now which this holy fellowship assumes in the sight of God."

FRIENDSHIP AND COMFORT. Two volumes of the "Friendship" Books. By Hugh Black. (*Hodder and Stoughton*. 1s. net each.) We give a cordial welcome to these reprints. Each has much wise and heartening counsel to give, such as is specially needed just now. Mr. Hugh Black's style is singularly lucid, fresh, and illuminating.

RELIGIOUS LIFE: PERSONAL AND NATIONAL. The Addresses given at the London Meeting of Lay Churchmen, January 16. (*C. J. Thynne*. 6d.) These addresses deserve the closest attention for their strong and direct bearing upon the attitude of the Christian layman towards the war. They were contributed by Professor Beresford Pite, Mr. Albert Mitchell, Dr. C. F. Harford, Dr. Eugene Stock, Mr. G. A. King, and Mr. Martin F. H. Sutton.

THE NIGHT OFFICE. For Christmas Day, the Epiphany, Holy Week, and Easter Day. (*Harrison and Sons*. 2s.)

GENERAL.

THE OFFICIAL YEAR-BOOK OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FOR 1915. (*S.P.C.K.* 3s.) An indispensable work of reference, packed from cover to cover with facts and figures concerning the progress of the Church at home and abroad.

THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES, by A. Conan Doyle; **THE MONEY MARKET**, by E. F. Benson; and **THE OPEN QUESTION**, by Elizabeth Robins—three new volumes in T. Nelson and Sons' Sevenpenny Library Series. **THE STORY OF MY STRUGGLES: The Memoirs of Arminius Vambery**; and **THE CITY OF THE WORLD**, by Edwin Page—two new volumes in T. Nelson and Sons' Shilling Series.

THE CHILD AND THE NATION. By Grace M. Paton. (*Student Christian Movement*. 1s. net.)

VILLAGE INDUSTRIES: A NATIONAL OBLIGATION. By J. L. Green. With Introduction by the Right Hon. Jesse Collings, M.P. (*Rural World Publishing Co., Ltd.* 1s. 6d.)

BIOGRAPHICAL.

THE LIFE AND TEACHING OF WILLIAM HONYMAN GILLESPIE. By James Urquhart, F.S.A. (Scot.). (*T. and T. Clark*. 1s. net.) An interesting memoir, introducing a popular exposition of Mr. Gillespie's great work, "The Argument *a priori*," which, in Dr. Tulloch's view, claims to be ranked along with anything in British philosophical literature.

RECOLLECTIONS: The Reminiscences of the Busy Life of One who has Played the Varied Parts of Sailor, Author, and Lecturer. By Frank T. Bullen. (*Seeley, Service and Co., Ltd.* 10s. 6d. net.) A pleasant gossip volume full of incident and experience. The author died a few weeks after revising the proofs.

WAR LITERATURE.

IN HOC VINCE. The Story of a Red Cross Flag. By Florence L. Barclay. (*G. P. Putnam's Sons*. 1s. net.) A tastefully bound reprint of Mrs. Barclay's contribution to "King Albert's Book," together with a few sentences showing the symbolism of the story. These words are in the nature of a prophecy:

"The Calvary of self-sacrifice must ever mean a blood-stained cross. But Calvary leads to the triumph of Resurrection, to the glory of Ascension. Surely, from the Calvary of her suffering, Belgium shall rise again to a new and fuller life, and shall ascend to heights she has not reached before."

We hope this forecast may prove true.

IN HOC SIGNO. Hymns of War and Peace, with Tunes. (*S.P.C.K.* 6d. net.) The musical edition of a choice collection of hymns.

PAPERS FOR WAR-TIME. No. 23, "The Price of Blood," by Kenneth MacLennan; No. 24, "Biology and War," by J. Arthur Thomson, LL.D. (*Humphrey Milford*. 2d. each.)

QUARTERLIES.

THE HIBBERT JOURNAL (*Williams and Norgate*, 10s. per annum) has many articles bearing on the war. Professor Bergson writes on "Life and Matter at War"; L. P. Jacks on "The Tyranny of Mere Things"; Evelyn Underhill on "Problems of Conflict"; Professor Percy Gardner and the Rev. A. W. F. Blunt contribute "Two Studies of German 'Kultur'"; Count Keyserling writes on "The Meaning of the War," and M. W. Robieson on "German Socialist Theory and War." Among lighter articles may be named those by the Rev. Francis E. Clark, who explains "The Christian Endeavour Movement," and Captain Cecil Price, who writes on "The Boy Scouts."

THE INTERNATIONAL REVIEW OF MISSIONS (Henry Froude, 2s. 6d. net) has the following among other articles: "Black and White in South Africa" (Maurice S. Evans); "Christian Literature in the Mission-Field" (John H. Ritson); "Some Aspects of the Work of a Treasurer of a Foreign Mission Board" (Dwight H. Day); "The Vital Forces of Southern Buddhism in Relation to the Gospel.—II. In Burma" (W. C. B. Purser); "Missionary Intercession and the Crisis" (A. G. Hogg); "Self-Support in the Church in the Mission-Field" (Henry T. Hodgkin); and "The Negro Christian Student Conference" (Harlan P. Beach).

MONTHLY MAGAZINES.

THE BRITISH REVIEW (*Williams and Norgate*, 1s. net) has for its coloured supplement "The Gathering Storm," an unpublished water-colour by David Cox. The articles include "The Renascence of Serbia," by Mr. A. H. E. Taylor; "The Diary of a French Soldier," by M. Paul Pansy; "The Truce and the Welsh Church," by Mr. Ralph Snowden; "British Music and the War," by Mr. Herbert Antcliffe; and "The Martyrdom of Father Jean," by Mr. Cecil Roberts.

THE ENGLISH CHURCH REVIEW (*Longmans, Green and Co.*, 6d. net) has articles by M. L. Wayne on "Count Albert de Mun"; the Rev. C. E. Rolt on "The Fellowship of the Mystery"; and H. E. Tudor on "Spiritual Vision." The Editor, Dr. Sparrow Simpson, continues his studies on "The Protestant Conception of the Church," and contributes an article on "Lamennais." The Rev. R. W. Burnie concludes his papers on "Invocation of Saints in Early Practice."

THE CHURCH MISSIONARY REVIEW (*C.M.S. House*, 6d.) includes articles by the Rev. H. Sykes ("C.M.S. Palestine Mission, 1815-1915"); the Rev. C. D. Snell ("Non-Christian Religions of India"); the Rev. W. P. Buncombe ("Evangelistic Campaign in Japan"); and others.