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wholly destitute of "murders, stratagems and spoils," ends happily for all parties; and that the accomplished authoress kindly does us the unusual favour of a pleasant glimpse, during two or three terminating chapters, of the domestic happiness enjoyed by these two pairs (for there is a second) of married lovers.

Songs in the Twilight, by CANON BELL, mentioned in our last impression, we heartily recommend as an admirable New Year's Gift Book. It contains many sweet and soothing "songs," suggestive as well as deeply spiritual. From the *In Memoriam*, or expository elegiac verses, written by Dr. Bell on the death of Prebendary Wright, we take the following:—

His life, though brief, was not in vain ;
He lived to do some noble deeds,
He lived to sow some precious seeds
Which shall bear fruit in ripened grain.

Rich benedictions oft he had.
For kindly deeds, and thoughtful care,
And children's love, the poor man's prayer,
With blessings of the sick and sad.

God reckons not our life by days ;
Rather by all we live to do,
By hours redeemed for all things true,
Things just and worthy of all praise.

To doubt is sin—God reigns on high,
Above the sorrow and the strife,
Above this dark mysterious life,
And hears our helpless human cry.

To doubt is wrong—our God is Love,
Although His ways are hid from sight,
Although in vain we search for light,
And in the deep His footsteps move.

O Peace! The shadows soon shall pass,
And we the darkest ways shall trace,
The veil removed, and face to face
Shall see: not dimly through a glass.

Faith shall give place to clear-eyed sight,
And we, to fullest manhood grown,
Shall know all things as we are known,
And understand that all is right.

So doubts fall from us one by one,
We see the good in seeming ill,
We bow to God's most holy will
Content that His, not ours, be done.

Short Notices.

A Popular Commentary on the New Testament. Edited by P. SCHAFF, D.D., LL.D. In 4 vols. Vol. II. The Gospel of St. John and the Acts of the Apostles. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark. 1880.

A fair specimen of the style of the Introduction in this volume, to which we shall return—in the meantime heartily recommending it—we give a quotation from the Introduction to the Book of the Apostles:—

The "Acts" of the Apostles occupies a peculiar position among the books of the New Testament. It takes up the story of the early days of the faith of Jesus of Nazareth; but the story taken up by the "Acts," is necessarily a very different one from the simple Gospel narrative. The first dwelt on the work of the sinless Son of God. The second tells how his loving, but often faulty servants, carried on the work of their Master. But at once the question meets us, Why have we not the general sketch, which the title of the book would lead us to expect, of the acts of *all* the Apostles, instead of simply the acts of two—and one of the two a former enemy of the "twelve apostles" of the Lamb?

Why do the names of the Eleven meet us only once? Collectively they are certainly mentioned some twenty or more times. But, with the exception of St. Peter, the individual work of any one of them, save of St. John, is never recorded; and the acts of the beloved Apostle are only mentioned in three out of the twenty-eight chapters of the book, and in these said passages with scant detail.

Now the Holy Spirit must have had some definite purpose to effect, when He guided the writer of these Acts to make what, at first sight, seems a stray selection out of the more memorable events which followed the Passion and Resurrection of the Son of God, for the guidance and comfort of the mighty Church of the future.

What was, now, as far as we can see, the Divine purport of the Blessed Spirit who inspired Luke to write this sequel to the Gospel story? Bishop Wordsworth (Introduction to the Acts), very beautifully writes how "St. Luke has written one work, consisting of two parts; the former his Gospel, the latter the Acts of the Apostles. The connection of these two parts is marked by the commencement of the latter with a reference to the former, and by the inscription of both to one person. The latter opens thus:—'The former treatise'—*i. e.*, his Gospel, 'I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and to teach, until the day in which he was taken up.'"

Christianity Founded on Miracle. A Sermon preached at St. George's, Bloomsbury, on Sunday, October 10th, 1880. With Special Reference to a Letter recently addressed by the Rev. Stopford A. Brooke to the Congregation of Bedford Chapel, Bloomsbury. By the Rev. F. E. GOE, M.A., Rector of Bloomsbury. Pp. 23. Kimpton, 68, Great Russell Street.

We have lately been called to deplore the secession from our Church of one who is at once an accomplished man, an eloquent preacher, and an influential clergyman. But this circumstance alone would not have rendered it my duty to draw your attention to it, my brethren, in any pointed manner. My reason for doing so is, that the writer of the letter which causes such deep concern has officiated for the last four years in Bedford Chapel. Bedford Chapel is, as you know, situated in this parish. Henceforth it will be a centre for the propagation of Unitarian or Socinian opinions in this locality. I am aware that the clergyman in question has "not announced his intention of joining any body of Nonconformists." He is of course not bound to do so; and I can fully sympathize with the sentiment which prompts him to say, in his recently published address to his congregation: "It is not without a natural regret that I part from a communion in which I have served for more than twenty years, and from those old and dear associations which have been with me from my boyhood." It is not the less true, however, that the various sections of the Unitarian body will have the right to claim him as their own; though he may decline to range himself under their banner, he will fight their battle.

We have quoted the opening passage of this faithful and vigorous discourse. Mr. Goe proceeds to prove that the position taken up in Mr. Brooke's letter is altogether untenable. He shows:—

That not the Church alone, but Christianity itself is based upon miracle, as a house rests on its foundation; that so far from remaining intact when the miraculous element has been taken from it, Christianity expires, even as a man dies when you drain his life-blood; that the first preachers of Christianity rested their whole claim to be listened to on one grand miracle, that of the Resurrection, of which they proclaimed themselves the appointed witnesses; that the existence, institutions, and worship of the Church of Christ cannot be adequately accounted for, unless that one miracle occurred; and finally, that unless Jesus Christ is God, there may be seen blots upon his human character which obscure its glory, and render it unfit in some respects to be held up to the admiration and imitation of mankind.

The Churchman's Life of Wesley. By R. DENNY URLIN, of the Middle Temple, Barrister, F.S.S. Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge. 1880.

In this volume of "The Home Library" are brought forward many interesting particulars concerning John Wesley's relation to the Church. Much may be said, without doubt, in support of the statement that Wesley was a strong Churchman, from the beginning to the end; and it is probable that few Wesleyans of the present day are aware of the main facts of the case. Mr. Denny Uriin, whose "John Wesley's place in Church History" was published ten years ago, supplied documentary evidence of considerable importance, and the volume before us is an enlarged and revised edition of that work. It rather sharply criticises, not without justice, Dr. Rigg's book "On the Relations of Wesley and Methodism to the Church," but points out that in the third edition Dr. Rigg has omitted and modified. It also refers to an interesting tract, by an anonymous compiler, consisting solely of extracts from Wesley's writings, entitled "Pastoral Advice of the Rev. J. Wesley." From this tract we give three or four quotations:—

Charged the Methodists not to leave the Church (Nos. 3, 9, 31, 34, 47, 56), even though they thought their minister's life or doctrine was bad (Nos. 14, 19, 20).

Required the Society to attend church constantly, and to receive the Holy Communion there (Nos. 1, 5, 17, 25), and urged them to do so even if they did not esteem their minister (Nos. 14, 20, 45).

Would not let the Methodists hold their meetings in church-hours, as he considered that this would be a formal separation from the Church (Nos. 41, 43), showed how experience proved that the adoption of this course would not benefit the Society (No. 44), enforced his rule on this point strictly as he could (No. 49), and was careful to follow it himself (Nos. 34, 50).

When he was dying, and just before he "changed for death," expressed strongly his wish that no change should be made in the condition of affairs; and, in almost his last words, prayed for God's blessing on the Church (No. 57).

The Christian: In his Relation to the Church, the World, and the Family. A Course of Lectures, by DANIEL MOORE, M.A., Chaplain in Ordinary to the Queen, and Vicar of Holy Trinity, Paddington. Cassell, Petter and Galpin. Pp. 115.

We congratulate Mr. Moore on his appointment to one of the recently vacant prebendal stalls in St. Paul's Cathedral, a well-earned distinction to which he will do credit; and we have much pleasure in commending the excellence of this little volume. It consists of seven practical lectures, on as many happily-chosen texts of Scripture relating to the various aspects of a righteous and godly life. Mr. Moore enters somewhat minutely into details when he considers the Christian as a member of the Church, in society, in business, in married life, as a parent and a master, and as to all these relationships gives wise advice and exhortation, tending to promote the adorning of the doctrine of God our

Saviour. Mr. Moore's language is clear, his style methodical, and at times he can be earnestly persuasive. This course of thoughtful and well-timed sermons is well calculated to be useful.

The Heir of Kilfinnan. A Tale of the Shore and Ocean.
By W. H. G. KINGSTON.

Dick Cheveley: His Adventures and Misadventures. By W. H. G. KINGSTON. Sampson Low, Marston, Searle and Rivington.

These are stirring tales of adventure, related in Mr. Kingston's best style, and embellished with many spirited illustrations. Dick Cheveley's adventures will probably be found the most interesting. The hero, Dick, is the son of the parson of a smuggling parish, and having overheard some of the designs of the smugglers, he gives information against them. In revenge, he is seized and imprisoned in an old mill, from which he works his way out. He is then sent to a merchant's office in Liverpool, his family being afraid to let him reside in the village, as they receive a threatening letter. While in Liverpool he spent most of his time in roaming about the docks; and one day going on board a ship he becomes by an accident, shut up in the hold, and is a stowaway, *volens volens*. After many days spent in rat-catching and trying to get out, he is released, but ill-treated by the crew; he escapes in a boat, and lands on a reef; and after some time is sighted by a passing ship and taken home. *The Heir of Kilfinnan* is a smaller book; the hero is a fisher-boy, who, after going on a man-of-war, rising to the rank of post-captain, and experiencing many adventures, becomes an earl and marries his cousin, the former heiress to the Kilfinnan estates. Both volumes are got up exceedingly well.

Henry Martyn. By the Rev. CHARLES D. BELL, D.D. Pp. 190.
Hodder & Stoughton.

This recently-published book will supply a want. It gives a short sketch of Henry Martyn's life, not too short; it portrays his character; it is suggestive, fervent, judicious, in its comments. The task of selection in regard to correspondence, and other matters has been wisely done. As a whole, this biography of a saint and martyr merits praise. Canon Bell has given us a really good book, which we warmly recommend.

Discourses and Addresses on Leading Truths of Religion and Philosophy.
By the Rev. JAMES A. RIGG, D.D. Pp. 450. Wesleyan Conference Office. 1880.

The addresses in this volume are, first, "The Relations of Theism to Philosophy and Science;" second "Theism," (Christian Evidence Society, in 1878 and in 1871); third, "The Present Position of Christianity and the Christian Faith in this country," (Victoria Institute, in 1878, Lord Shaftesbury in the chair). There are also educational addresses. The discourses "Ecclesiastical and Doctrinal" have an especial interest because of their connection with the recent great change in the Wesleyan body. In the year 1878, Dr. Rigg was elected president of the Wesleyan Conference, assembled in Bradford. "At that Conference," writes Dr. Rigg, in his Preface to this interesting volume, "the new arrangements were brought into operation according to which laymen were directly united with ministers in one assembly for the transaction of such connective business, with the cognizance of the supreme authority of Methodism as does not belong to the distinct responsibility of the ministers of the connection in their collective capacity as the united pastorate of Methodism." We have watched this ministerial and lay

movement with much interest, and we shall be glad to quote from our Wesleyan friends after a time to show how it works.

The Christian Monthly and Family Treasury for 1880. T. Nelson and Sons.

The Magazine which was known probably to some of our readers as the "Family Treasury," has taken with a new title, in a new series, a lease of life likely to be long. "The Christian Monthly and Family Treasury," is a high-class magazine, and the doctrine is decidedly Evangelical. We gladly recommend this Annual.

Nobody's Lad. By L. KEITH. Shaw & Co., 48, Paternoster Row.

This story is worthy, we think, to rank with "Saturday's Bairn," "Froggy's Little Brother," and other useful books of the kind published by Messrs. Shaw. The story is touching and well told.

The Book of Bertram, Monk of Corbie, A.D. 840, on the Body and Blood of the Lord ("De corpore et sanguine Domini"). Done into English from the original Latin, with Notes and brief Introduction. By W. F. TAYLOR, D.D. London: Simpkin, Marshall & Co. 1880.

We recommend this little work as having a special interest and value at the present time. Canon Taylor has done his work with skill and judgment.

Greek Hero Stories. By B. G. NIEBUHR. Translated by B. HOPPIN. J. P. Shaw & Co. Pp. 120.

These "stories"—of the Argonauts, Hercules, Orestes, and the Heracleidæ—are well illustrated and adapted for children.

A Nest of Sparrows. By M. E. WINCHESTER. Seeley, Jackson & Halliday. Pp. 443.

The "Nest of Sparrows" is built in Liverpool, and contains three young birds. In relating the adventures of these two girls and a boy, and telling how they were rescued from the "slums," the author—whose name we have not seen before—has given us a capital story, which will greatly please youthful readers, whether boys or girls. Useful moral lessons, too, will be found, and the religious teaching is thoroughly sound and good. This is one of the very best books of the season.

My Father's House. By AGNES GIBERNE. Seeleys. Pp. 234.

We venture to predict that this charming book will be greatly appreciated. Miss Giberne's works are widely known, as they deserve to be. We quote a few words from the Preface:—

I have had thoughts, in writing, of various classes of readers. I have thought of the many who are grieving over the absence of beloved friends, dwelling in that other Land beyond the River; . . . I have thought of God's children generally, whether walking in shade or in sunshine; . . . I have thought also of those who have not yet taken stand as the servants of the Most High.

The Following of the Flowers: or, Musings in my Flower Garden. Marcus Ward & Co. Pp. 210.

In this tasteful book are many beautiful illustrations; and the "Musings" will be read with interest and pleasure. The "Language of Flowers" is fully treated of. We learn that a turnip is the Emblem of Charity.

Savonarola. By ELIZABETH WARREN. S. W. Partridge. Pp. 230.

Besides giving us an excellent biography of the martyred Florentine, this book portrays several interesting scenes of Italian History in the fifteenth century. Savonarola was born just thirty years before Luther; and the great German Reformer had a sincere respect for his

precursor. When on his way to the Diet at Worms, a priest presented to him a portrait of Savonarola; he kissed it, exclaiming, "That man was indeed a faithful servant of Jesus Christ." We can cordially recommend this volume.

Shakespeare's Morals. Edited by ARTHUR GILMAN, M.A.
J. F. Shaw & Co. Pp. 265.

An interesting volume, evincing much careful study of the works of the great dramatist.

The Fortunes of Hassan. Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.
Pp. 256.

This is the autobiography of a Turkish dog; very interesting. "Hassan," a pariah dog, was born in the village of Yeni-Kama, and witnessed many of the cruelties of the late Russo-Turkish war. After amusing adventures, he is made a pet of, and taken to England by an English Secretary of the Legation. The book is nicely written, and contains some pretty descriptions of Turkish scenery.

Beautiful upon the Mountains: Evening Readings for a Month.
By MARGARET STEWART SIMPSON. Nisbet & Co. Pp. 106.

A companion volume to "Steps Through the Stream," published last year by Mrs. Simpson, and noticed favourably in these columns. The present series of devout meditations, enriched as it is from the stores of an observant and highly cultivated mind, is fully equal to its predecessors. It is characterized by much beauty of thought and sweetness of expression. The "Mountains of the Bible," as may be expected, largely contribute to the numerous word pictures contained in this little book; but the stars of heaven, the flowers and fruits of earth, Scripture incidents and phrases, are all employed as texts for lessons of piety, faith, hope, and charity, by the author, whose evident desire it is to spread the knowledge of the Lord throughout the sphere of our own influence. It may interest some of our readers to be informed that Mrs. Simpson is the daughter of the lady to whose graceful pen we owe the pathetic narrative entitled "The Way Home"—Mrs. Barbour, of Bonskied, in Perthshire.

Stories of the East from Herodotus. By Rev. A. J. CHURCH, M.A.
Seeley, Jackson & Halliday. Pp. 299.

This book is at once instructive and entertaining. It contains stories of Cræsus, Cyrus, and Darius, told with rare simplicity and skill, and it is embellished by illustrations beautifully adapted from ancient frescoes and sculptures. Mr. Church deserves warm praise for his scholarly renderings of Herodotus, and, we may add, of Homer. This choice volume will be a welcome gift to any boy with a classical turn of mind. We last year commended his "Stories from the Greek Tragedians."

Before the Dawn. By EMMA LESLIE. The Religious Tract Society.
Pp. 240.

We can thoroughly commend this little tale—a story of the Reformation. It opens with the marriage-day of Richard II. with Anne of Bohemia. Chaucer, Wycliffe, Jerome of Prague, Oldcastle, Lord Cobham, and John Huss are introduced, and the scenes are laid in England and Bohemia.

The Lake Regions of Central Africa. By J. GEDDIE. T. Nelson & Son.
Pp. 275.

This is a really interesting book of travel and discovery. It is divided into three parts—"The Nile," "The Congo," and "The Zambesi," and the travels of Stanley, Livingstone, Speke, and other explorers, are related in concise and graphic form. There are several good illustrations. An excellent book for a school-prize, or a new year's present.

The Story of a Dewdrop. By J. R. MACDUFF, D.D. Marcus Ward & Co. Pp. 60.

There can hardly be a more tasteful Christmas gift-book for a child than this. It is printed in brown ink on one side of the page only; each page has a border round it, and there are four exquisite illustrations. The tale is not unworthy of its very choice artistic setting.

Children's Daily Bread. The Religious Tract Society. Pp. 188.

This volume, which contains a picture, a text, and a verse for every day of the year, can be cordially recommended.

The Story of Jesus for Little Children. By Mrs. G. E. MORTON. Hatchards. Pp. 298.

Mrs. Morton relates in simple unaffected language, well adapted for children, "the wonderful story of our Redeemer's Life on Earth." There are several pleasing illustrations. We heartily recommend this attractive volume.

In *Cassell's Family Magazine Annual* for 1880 (Cassell, Petter, and Galpin), a handsome volume, appear several interesting and useful articles. "Our Foundation Schools" is a good series. At the end of each monthly number, under the heading "The Gatherer," are several short notes on social and scientific subjects. "Papers on Health by a Family Doctor" are sensible and suggestive.

Messrs Thomas Nelson & Sons have sent us several attractive and really useful gift books. *Working in the Shade* (180 pages) is a simply written story, true to its motto, "lowly sowing brings glorious reaping." The author, the Rev. T. P. WILSON, M.A., Vicar of Pavenham, has written *True to his Colours*, and other good religious stories.—A story by the Rev. E. N. HOARE, M.A., Rector of Acrise, *Roe Carson's Enemy* (pp. 150), tells of a struggle for self-conquest. Roe Carson's "enemy" was his passionate temper; and he learned that there are some actions in our life which can never be effaced.—*Animals and Birds of the Bible* is a good cheap picture-book for young children.—*Frank Powderhorn* (pp. 230) is a stirring, healthy tale for boys; it relates adventures in South America. A capital book, it is well illustrated.—We can hardly accord too much praise to the *Stories from Shakespeare*; the many illustrations are exceedingly choice, while the great dramatist's works are paraphrased in simple and touching words, well suited for young readers. The volume with gilt edges, is got up with great taste.

Messrs. Wells Gardner have sent us the annual volume of *Sunday*. It contains stories, short tales, poetry, &c., for children, while the coloured illustrations are simply perfect.—*Dogged Jack*, a story of a boy given to stubborn ways, has some touching passages. Well illustrated in colours, the book will be acceptable to any boy or girl.

From the Religious Tract Society we have received *Letters to my Children from the Holy Land*, by Mr. H. A. HARPER. The "Letters" are exceedingly good, richly illustrated—pen-and-ink sketches, engraved—printed in suitable type, and having a handsome cover. The volume deserves warm praise.—*The Golden Grasshopper*, by W. H. G. KINGSTON, is a story of the time of Gresham, the builder of the Royal Exchange. It is, as are all Mr. Kingston's works, full of adventure, spirited and well-told. The volume (350 pp.) gilt edged, has a tasteful cover.—*Heart Lessons, Addresses for Mothers' Meetings*, and *Widow Clarke's Home*, a simple story, in large type, can be recommended as thoroughly good and sound. The annual volume of *Friendly Greetings* is well illustrated, and contains many interesting tales and instructive papers. We are much pleased

with this new magazine; it deserves a large circulation.—*My Own Picture Book* is a real prize for little folks.

From Messrs. Marcus Ward and Co. we have received *Caught in a Trap* and *The Broken Balsam*. The former relates how an English clergyman and two daughters, going to the South of France for change in 1802, were imprisoned by order of Napoleon when the war between France and England again broke out. The father dies, and the sisters being joined by their brother, a midddy who has escaped from a French prison, succeed after many adventures in reaching England. The latter book depicts the consequences arising from an act of deceit. Both stories are pleasantly written, and *The Broken Balsam* is prettily illustrated.

From Messrs. J. E. Hawkins (36, Baker Street, W.) we have received several packets of cards, tastefully engraved, with appropriate texts and verses: the packets "Rays of Truth," "Goodness and Mercy," and "Precious Things," may be especially recommended.—From Mr. Elliot Stock we have received eight packets of Christmas and New Year Verses, Cards, Book-markers, &c. The "Folding Cards" are very choice; "The Alpine Packet" has verses by the late Miss F. R. Havergal on each card. The packets can be recommended as cheap and tasteful.—From Messrs. Nelson we have received two packets of twelve cards each—"Song Birds" and "Beautiful Birds"—exceedingly well printed in oil colours. The former packet contains British, the latter tropical, birds.

We have received from the Sunday School Institute, the volume for 1880 of the *Sunday Scholar's Companion*, a charming book for young folks, with pleasant tales, and a bright cover.

From Messrs. Hodder & Stoughton we have received a tasteful edition, antique, of Fuller's *Good Thoughts for Bad Times*.

Messrs. Hodder and Stoughton publish *The Minister's Pocket Diary*.

From the Religious Tract Society we have received the annuals of *Sunday at Home* and *Leisure Hour*. In the former are some instructive papers by the Dean of Chester, "Horæ Petrinæ;" the Rev. Paxton Hood writes on "The Pulpit, Ancient and Modern;" there are several really good serial stories, and some interesting biographies. *Leisure Hour* is quite up to its usual high standard; in it also are some short biographies. The Rev. T. S. Millington's story is an especially good one, entitled "Nine-Tenths of the Law." There are some very amusing papers on Scottish characteristics. We quote an example: "A London tourist met a young woman going to the kirk, and, as she was going barefoot, 'My girl,' said he, 'is it customary for all the people in these parts to go barefoot?' 'Partly they do,' said the girl, 'and partly they mind their own business.'" Jules Verne's last story, "The Tribulations of a Chinaman," is also published in the *Leisure Hour*. For Parish and Lending Libraries these two volumes are on every ground among the very best.

We have received several samples of very choice coloured Christmas and New Year Cards of various sizes from Messrs. Eyre and Spottiswoode (Great New Street, Fetter Lane, E.C.), and our only difficulty is how worthily to notice them in a brief space. For novelty of design and really artistic finish they are not likely to be surpassed. The Aquarium series, Flowers, Figures, and Folding Series are wonderfully pretty; but all are tasteful.—Of Cards sent by Messrs. Marcus Ward and Co. (67, Chandos St.) we must say much the same. On some Musical Cards appear verses by Miss Havergal. The dogs' heads are capital.

Mr. Elliot Stock is publishing *The New Encyclopædia of Illustrative Anecdote*. It contains a vast collection of authentic anecdotes on a wide range of subjects, classified and arranged for ready reference, and designed for ministers, teachers, and the family circle. The first number seems to us full of promise. It is cheap and well got up.

We have received from Messrs. W. Hunt & Co. (12, Paternoster Row), too late for notice in our present impression, a copy of *The City*, a sermon preached by the Lord Bishop of LIVERPOOL before the University of Oxford on November 14. Would to God such sermons were oftener heard in our beloved Universities! We also earnestly recommend *First of All: a Thought for 1881*, by Bishop Ryle.

THE MONTH.

AFTER five days' argument in the Queen's Bench, before Lord Coleridge, Mr. Justice Field, and Mr. Justice Manisty, the Judges unanimously decided that Mr. Dale's many objections to the various steps in the proceedings taken against him are one and all ill-founded. Mr. Dale is once more in prison for wilful and obstinate contempt of the orders of the Ecclesiastical Court. Mr. Justice Manisty concluded his remarks by saying:—

I cannot help expressing an earnest hope that this case may be the last of its kind, and that clergymen, whose duty it is to practise obedience to the law, will consider whether, instead of thus persisting in disregarding the law, they ought not, as clergymen and good citizens, to make a conscience rather of resigning their benefices and becoming Nonconformists if they cannot comply with the law. I regret to see that a wide-spread spirit of resistance to the law appears to exist, and to be sadly on the increase. And it behoves not only the Judges, but the clergy, as ministers of religion and as good subjects, to do their utmost to uphold the law, and enforce obedience to it, as the basis and foundation of all the rights which we enjoy.

The application of Mr. Enraght was on the same day similarly dismissed.

A judicious and straightforward course is being pursued by Bishop Ryle with regard to Ritualistic illegalities. After several letters to an Incumbent, his Lordship (we quote the published correspondence) thus concludes:—

I decline to license another curate for you, unless you will undertake in writing to do nothing in your services which, after trial, has been declared illegal by recent decisions of Judicial Courts for the settlement of Ecclesiastical Questions. If you had promptly complied with my reasonable wishes, expressed at our interview, things might not have come to this pass.

The condition of Ireland waxes worse and worse. The Government, however, have decided to wait till Parliament opens before applying for coercive measures.

In wishing our readers a happy New Year, we are pleased to be able to state that the circulation of *THE CHURCHMAN* has yet further increased. The times are critical. We are glad to know that our efforts to make the new magazine a worthy representative of the Evangelical body are appreciated.