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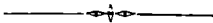
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Unpainted Pictures. By HUGH NICHOLAS BURGH. London: Elliot Stock. 1899.

Impressionist sketches in blank verse of pictures impressed upon the mental retina of a man who has not learned to paint on canvas, but who has a keen sense of natural beauty. An interesting experiment fairly justified by the result.



The Month.

THE Archbishop gave a characteristically manly address at a public meeting held in the Birmingham Town Hall in connection with the Worcester Diocesan Conference. Among other things, he challenged the popular notion that it was not necessary for a clergyman to be a learned man. He had known, he said, men who had neglected study, and who began by being effective preachers, but who ended by being failures, as they had exhausted their knowledge and experience. As an old schoolmaster, he said that what was wanted in a teacher was knowledge, accuracy, and, above everything else, freshness. No man could go on long teaching who had ceased to be a student. It is not, says the *Spectator* in a note on the subject, the conventional thing to say that a man can only keep his freshness of mind by study, but it is nevertheless absolutely true. Quite so. And one of the things that is causing anxiety now to wise Churchmen is the fact that so many of the recruits to the ranks of the ordained within our Church are men whose learning is superficial and inadequate. "There needeth a change" here, as well as in other directions.

War with the Transvaal has begun fiercely. Already two British victories have been chronicled; that of Glencoe was announced on Trafalgar day. Our hope is that England will rapidly secure the end in view—which is justice all round in the Transvaal—and that this war will not be prolonged unduly.

Darjeeling, the sanatorium of Bengal, has met with a grave disaster through the slipping away of the sides of the hills at various points, owing, no doubt, to the heavy rains. Nearly 400 people have perished, and vast damage has been done everywhere.

The Prison Commissioners pay a very warm tribute in their annual report, just published, to the work carried on throughout England and Wales by the Church Army Prison Missioners, and also to the work carried on by the Society's Labour Homes throughout the country in helping discharged prisoners. Eight-days' missions are conducted in the prisons by a special staff, while arrangements are in operation for at once receiving into the Society's Homes prisoners direct on their discharge.

The Local Government Board have just sent to the hon. chief secretary (the Rev. W. Carlisle) an official expression of their warmest goodwill in the mission work which is being carried on in the workhouses of England and Wales by the Church Army Workhouse Missioners. Three, four, and eight days' missions are being conducted by a special staff.

The Queen has graciously given the sum of £400 from her Privy Purse to the father of the young French fisherman who was killed while fishing in British waters by a shot from the gunboat *Leda*.

The Venerable J. M. Wilson, Archdeacon of Manchester, has been appointed Lady Margaret's Preacher at Cambridge.

THE CHURCH CONGRESS.

For the first time since Church Congresses were established has London been chosen for the meeting-place. The novelty of the experiment has been justified by the remarkable (financial) success of the Congress itself, which was held in the Albert Hall under the presidency of the Bishop of London. Everyone is full of praise for the Bishop's tact as a chairman. His presidential address, delivered on Tuesday afternoon, October 10, was an admirable and clever discourse, though how the Bishop could allow himself to describe the present "crisis" (as it is the fashion to call it) as "petty" it is hard to explain—doubly hard when we consider Lord Halifax's speech at the great E.C.U. meeting on October 9, and his outspoken words to the Congress itself on Thursday, October 12. These two speeches, and, above all, perhaps, the temper of the E.C.U. meeting itself, and its attitude to Canon Body's remarks, are so significant, that we do not think the word "crisis" at the present juncture is quite wide of the mark.

The mass meeting at the Albert Hall on the Wednesday evening during Congress week was not particularly noteworthy. The Archbishop, who looked as well as felt ill, spoke a few forceful words; Dean Farrar's speech was excellent in matter and tone, and courageous, too, in the face of an audience not over-partial towards the *wider Churchmanship* (as we should venture to term it); and Sir Edward Clarke made a manly and temperate speech, which was listened to with the respect it deserved. On Thursday morning Dr. Wace read a valuable paper, albeit somewhat too statistical to be followed easily. In the afternoon came off the "ritual" debate, though of course it is now abundantly clear to every sensible person that not *ritual* at all, but *doctrine*, is at stake. The Albert Hall was crowded in every part.

The President of the E.C.U., Viscount Halifax, received a perfect ovation both before and after reading his paper, which was (briefly) a eulogy of the thirteenth century, so far as English Churchmanship is concerned. The paper was in every way an able and interesting one, but wholly unconvincing in several important particulars. Unfortunately, when Prebendary Webb-Peploe was reading his paper—an exceedingly uncompromising one—the audience (or perhaps we ought to say a section of the audience) behaved with a discourtesy which brought down a rebuke from the chairman.

The various Congress meetings have been so fully described, and the papers so fully discussed in the press, that we do not propose to enter into details here. Our impression is that a good number of people took tickets because they are disposed to regard Congress week as a chance for a big ecclesiastical picnic, and that those who did attend the meetings religiously came away somewhat disappointed. There was a noticeable lack of enthusiasm in some of the meetings, yet many of the papers read were valuable and solid—perhaps a trifle too solid for the digestion of the multitude.

The Ecclesiastical Art Exhibition was very interesting indeed from a number of points of view, and the large space devoted to matters musical was quite a feature of the Congress generally. The special musical service in the Abbey was a source of unique enjoyment and instruction to those who were able to attend.

The chief Congress sermons were of course that of the Archbishop (at St. Paul's Cathedral), who made an earnest appeal for unity in the Church; and that of the Bishop of London at the close, who spoke of the ideal temper for the Christian minister.

A number of Evangelical clergy and laymen attending the Congress were invited by the Church Pastoral-Aid Society to breakfast at the Imperial Institute. Mr. John Henry Buxton presided, and after breakfast an informal meeting was held. Mr. Buxton welcomed the guests, and referred to the present condition of things in the Church as affording a great opportunity for the C.P.A.S.—“a Society which many are feeling they can safely help.” Their income of £60,000 was little enough as things were, but with the ever-increasing population it was altogether inadequate for the work before them. There was demand for great self-sacrifice on the part of Evangelical Churchmen for the C.P.A.S. Let them help the society to the best of their power, and God would give them His blessing.

THE PUBLISHING SEASON.

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 Dr. WACE. Professor H. C. G. MOULE, D.D.
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 With Introduction by the Lord BISHOP OF HEREFORD. W. Blackwood. Post 8vo. Price 7s. 6d. net.
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- Life and Letters of John Donne* (Dean of St. Paul's). Edited by EDMUND GOOSE, M.A. Heinemann. Two vols. Price 24s. net.
- Idealism and Theology.* By Rev. C. F. D'ARCY, B.D. (Donnellan Lectures). Hodder and Stoughton. Price 5s.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- SONNENSCHNEIDER.—*Phenomenology of the Spirit.* By HEGEL. Translated by J. B. BAILLIE.
- History of the Christian Church.* Vol. III. (1517-1648). By the late Dr. W. MOELLER. Translated by J. H. FREESE.
- BELL AND SONS.—*Corpus Poetarum Latinorum.* Part III. Edited by Dr. PORTGATE.
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