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to the list of authors there given a statement of their principal contributions to the Dictionary. These suggestions involve but slight alterations, but they would assuredly enhance the value of a work of which we may already truly say, It is indispensable. E. H. B.

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## Short Notices.

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*Good Words.* Annual Volume for 1899. Pp. 860. Price 7s. 6d. Isbister and Co.

A very exquisite volume. Neil Munro's story, "The Paymaster's Boy," is enough to establish its character, but the illustrations also are even better than ever. Sir Wyke Bayliss's series on Leighton, Millais, Burne-Jones, Watts, and Holman Hunt is of great value; and there are other papers, biographical, literary, scientific, topographical, archæological, etc., by Dr. Maclaren, William Canton, and many other welcome writers. The interest is sustained and varied throughout.

*The Sunday Magazine.* Annual Volume for 1899. Pp. 856. Price 7s. 6d. Isbister and Co.

This pleasant volume continues its attractive character. There are a number of bright and instructive stories and sketches, religious and practical papers by well-known and popular writers, biographies, Sunday evenings with the children, social and missionary topics, all on a high level of interest, information, and thought.

*The Fireside.* Annual Volume for 1899. Pp. 762. Price 7s. 6d. "Home Words" Office.

Among the contributors to this excellent volume are Bishop Bickersteth, Bishop Ridley, Bishop Vincent, Prebendary Harry Jones, Professor Moule, Rev. P. B. Power, and Agnes Giberne. "Chats about Authors and Books," "Heart Cheer for Home Sorrow," "Hildebrand and Henry," "Looking Back," "Present Day Topics," "Sunday Readings," and "The History of Common Things" are pleasant serials.

*Young England.* Annual Volume for 1899. Pp. 475. Price 5s. Sunday-School Union.

This popular volume contains two capital serial tales, "The Big-Horn Treasurer" and "A Northumbrian Rebel." There are also various papers on Cricket, on our Empire-builders (Rajah Brooke, Sir Stamford Raffles, Lord Cromer, Sir George Grey, Sir John Macdonald, Sir Harry Johnston, Sir William McGregor, and Sir John Thurston), on Natural History, Naval Stories, and the Sunday Hour. Boys will find it interesting throughout.

*The Church Monthly.* Annual Volume for 1899. Pp. 284. Price 2s. "Church Monthly" Office.

The *Church Monthly* is always welcome. The editor has some of the best writers in the Church of England as his contributors. The papers are bright and short. Among "Representative Churchmen" we have this year the Archbishop of Dublin, the Bishops of Bombay, Islington, Bangor, Calcutta, Osaka, and London, and the Dean of Norwich. There are papers on Bible Questions, Buried Truths, Homely Cookery, Home Nursing, Missionary Gleanings, Parish Churches, Puzzles, and "What Every Churchman Ought to Know."

*The Dawn of Day.* Annual Volume for 1899. Pp. 286. Price 2s. S.P.C.K.

This excellent parish magazine contains a great deal of useful information on Church topics, natural history, Biblical matters, and missionary work.

*The Church Worker.* Annual Volume for 1899. [Pp. 192. Church of England Sunday-School Institute.

The eighteenth volume of the *Church Worker* contains fifty-three Outline Lessons on the Parables and Miracles, Chats with Church Workers, Church Worker Preparation Class, Methods of Work, and Papers on Lay Work. It is full of useful hints and material.

*Home Words.* Annual Volume for 1899. Pp. 284. Price 2s. "Home Words" Office.

This is another cheap magazine, notable for beautiful illustration. The chief features are "Lent and its Lessons," "Nuts with Kernels," Portrait Sketches, "Outposts of the Church," Sunday-School Bible Questions, "The Story of England's Church," and a series of twenty-three devotional papers by different writers.

*Hand and Heart.* Annual Volume for 1899. Price 2s. "Home Words" Office.

*Hand and Heart* is a parish magazine conspicuous for good illustrations and wholesome reading. It has much agreeable information and devotional thought.

*The Child's Own Magazine.* Annual Volume for 1899. Pp. 192. Price 1s. Sunday-School Union.

The sixty-sixth annual volume has Fairy Stories, Easy Outlines for Young Artists, Picture Puzzles, Prize Awards, Verses, Sketches, and charming pictures.

*The Common Lot.* BY ADELINE SERGEANT. Pp. 224. Andrew Melrose and Co.

This is a well-drawn illustration of how foolishly ambitious aims in the work of life may be corrected and disciplined by trouble and misfortune, rightly taken, and how ordinary duties well done may be nobler than self-sought tasks which cause neglect of obvious obligations.

*The Lips of a Fool.* By PHOEBE ALLEN. Pp. 256. S.P.C.K.

A capital story for a Mothers' Meeting of the mischief done by exaggeration and untruthfulness; an unhappy marriage at last brought right by bitter experience.

*Stalky and Co.* By RUDYARD KIPLING. Pp. 272. Macmillan and Co.

The brilliant author has directed his genius to showing how unutterably mischievous boys can be at an army crammer's. There is a great

deal of fun and photographic minuteness in the book, but it is meant for a comedy, and not as a serious picture of school life. The reference to "Eric" and "St. Winifred's," though only in the mouths of the naughtiest of boys, is hardly worthy of Mr. Kipling.

*Wolf's Head.* By Rev. E. GILLIAT. Pp. 416. Price 5s. Seeley and Co.

Mr. Gilliat is an Assistant Master at Harrow School, and has given us a capital story of the times of the famous Robin Hood, Earl of Huntingdon, in the disturbed reign of King John.

*The Pillar of Fire.* By Rev. J. H. INGRAHAM. New edition. Pp. 495. Price 3s. 6d. Ward and Lock.

This is an able historical romance of the Israelitish bondage in Egypt and the days of Moses. The author has woven in a great amount of archæological research, and throws vivid light on that most interesting period.

*Tabitha's Weird Vision.* By FRANCES H. WOOD. Pp. 224. S.P.C.K.

Eighteen pleasant tales for Mothers' Meetings, which show a sympathetic appreciation of village life.

*Isaac Letterman's Daughter.* By the Author of "Earth's Many Voices." Pp. 157. S.P.C.K.

A wholesome story of old-fashioned village life, with interesting local colour.

*The Children's Plan.* By CATHERINE M. MCSORLEY. Pp. 160. S.P.C.K.

A suggestive tale of how some children of wealthy parents schemed to have a series of London children to stay at the cottage of an old woman in the village.

*Nancy's Portion.* By ANNETTE LYSTER. Pp. 160. S.P.C.K.

A well-written story of honest struggle.

*A Brave Girl.* By ALICE F. JACKSON. Pp. 127. S.P.C.K.

The time of the Indian Mutiny will always be a thrilling episode in British history. The writer has produced a true incident of those terrible days, and worked it up into an impressive story.

*Rosie's Friend.* By CATHERINE M. MCSORLEY. Pp. 127. S.P.C.K.

The tale of a troublesome girl improved by music and a wise organist.

*Jack Webster.* By REDNA SCOTT. Pp. 125. S.P.C.K.

The difficulties of a young man who struggled to live up to Christian principle. Manly and healthy in tone.

*The Misadventures of Imp.* By EDITH COWPER. Pp. 80. S.P.C.K.

A bright little tale for little girls of adventures among gipsies.

*Rainy Days, and How to Enjoy Them.* By M. J. HERBERT. Pp. 128. S.P.C.K.

A pleasant little family story with a moral of unselfishness and unity.

*Madcap Meg.* BY LADY DUNBOYNE. Pp. 94. S.P.C.K.

An account of misunderstandings cleared up through the discipline of trouble.

*The Little Lady.* By M. E. B. ISHERWOOD. Pp. 96. S.P.C.K.

A glimpse of intercourse between rich and poor; a lonely little child improved by Christian training.

*The Scarletts.* By E. LOGAN. Pp. 94. S.P.C.K.

A pretty little sketch of regimental children growing up together, with a happy ending.

*The Wonderful Talisman.* By E. B. MILLER. Pp. 80. S.P.C.K.

A charming little picture of children's village life in the Swiss or Tyrolese mountains.

*Malcolm Kirk.* By CHARLES M. SHELDON. Pp. 255. Price 1s. Sunday-School Union.

The last of the powerful stories which this truly suggestive writer composed for his congregation to illustrate Christian life.

*Richard Bruce.* By CHARLES M. SHELDON. Pp. 335. Price 1s. Sunday-School Union.

Another vivid story of how Christian principles, if truly acted on, will affect the life that now is.

*The Father's Hand.* By Rev. ADAM PHILIP. Pp. 297. Price 3s. 6d. Stockwell and Co.

Thirteen thoughtful and well-written chapters on the work of God in the soul, intended to comfort and strengthen Christian men and women in their daily work for Him.

*Who will Win?* By ZWINGLIUS JUNIOR. Pp. 379. Price 5s. Hodder and Stoughton.

A story in a dialogue form between Ritualists and Protestants, men and women, setting out in a very clear form the arguments on both sides, with a view to the victory of the principles of the Reformation.

*Can We Disarm?* By JOSEPH McCABE. Pp. 151. William Heinemann.

A valuable account of the military forces of Europe, with the political factors which keep them at high pressure, and some possible solutions.

*Fishers of Men.* By Rev. J. E. WATTS-DITCHFIELD. Pp. 148. "Home Words" Office.

Every parish clergyman, curate and incumbent, town and country, ought to possess himself of this book, and see what Mr. Ditchfield has done for men in London in two vast parishes, and how he has done it. It is a most hopeful movement, and the results are most encouraging. At the end of the book is a valuable appendix, giving lists of suggested subjects, hints for a Communicants' Union, Rules for Men's Clubs, etc.

*Poems.* By ERNEST HARTLEY COLERIDGE. London: John Lane. 1898.

"I sing unheeded, yet am I the son  
Of a poetic race."

So says Mr. Coleridge; but inasmuch as he has not been neglectful of the talent which is his by inheritance, he should not fear to be unheeded long. "Mine is a pale and imitative age," he says elsewhere in this book. It is also an age in which a very great number of men attain to quite a high standard as poets, and in which it is more difficult than at any other time to stand apart. Yet if graceful fancy, scholarly style, appreciation of the value of words, and delicate humour count for anything, Mr. Coleridge should be remembered long, if only by a few. This book is one to transfer to the bookcase most convenient to one's hand.

*Parson Dash.* By ERASMUS HOLIDAY. London: George Redway. 1899.

"A Rap at Ritualism in Hudibrastic Verse" is the sub-title of this book, and a vigorous, though not ill-natured, rap it is. There is some ingenuity and humour in the versification; e.g. :—

"This and the details all must wait,  
For suddenly goes creak the gate—  
The gate, had metre granted, which  
Should have been hyphened to a lych."

On the whole, this is an amusing, if not particularly brilliant, satire.

*A Dream of Paradise.* By ROBERT THOMSON. London: Elliot Stock. 1898.

In spite of the genuine piety which underlies every line of Mr. Thomson's poem, there is much that is something more than ineffective in this poem. We are not finding fault with the author for not being another Milton, but we regret to find his power of expression so inadequate to his self-imposed task. We perceive no evidence of inspiration in what is, nevertheless, a devout and conscientious piece of work. Occasionally we find a stanza to which we can give unhesitating approval, as, for example, the following:—

“What though their tribulation was so great!  
 Rough winds bear to the harbour's peaceful rest  
 The barque which else had met a dismal fate;  
 Spices, when crushed, their fragrance manifest;  
 Grapes yield their sweetness only when they're press'd;  
 The tree when pruned produces richer fruit;  
 'Tis when the rain has fall'n upon its breast  
 The flower reveals each loveliest attribute;  
 And strings unstretch'd oft steal the music from the lute.”

In the same direction we would quote a few lines from the preceding stanza, where the thought seems to us to be good:—

“Although they came with harsh and rumbling sound,  
 Their sufferings were God's own wagons, sent  
 Right to their very door, wherein were found  
 Treasures that far outweighed their souls' lament—  
 Blessings by Jesus bought, yea, gifts most excellent.”

*The Heavenly Bridegroom.* By ROBERT THOMSON. London: Elliot Stock. 1899.

We regret that to Mr. Thomson's later poem we have no praise to give. In our opinion, it compares unfavourably with the poem just noticed; and we do not think it nearly comes up to his own standard of merit.

*Naturalism and Agnosticism.* By JAMES WARD, ScD., LL.D. (Gifford Lectures, 1896-98). In 2 vols. London: A. and C. Black. 1899. Price 18s.

This is a masterly work—as masterly as its distinguished author's famous article on Psychology contributed to the ninth edition of the “*Encyclopædia Britannica*.” These two volumes are so closely packed with information that an adequate notice would far exceed our present limits. We hope, however, shortly to return to the book in order to do it some degree of justice.

What, briefly, is the underlying conception of these Gifford lectures? This—the idea that biology is bound ultimately to have resort to psychology for any just explanation of the unity of the organism. The claims of Mind are insisted upon with a clearness and force which have rarely been surpassed—the claims of Mind, that is, to be regarded as an integral portion of the phenomena to be explained. Dr. Ward insists upon our recognition of these claims because, in his view, it is only thus that a mere mechanical explanation of the world can be averted. In opposition to a prevailing mechanism in the scientific method of regarding things—in which science, overstepping its limits, is playing into the hands of a pseudo-philosophy—Dr. Ward finds in Reason the bond of coherence that ties together the indiscriminate flux of things—Reason, at once the source and satisfaction of man's moral nature and of his highest hopes. As an indictment of Agnosticism, Dr. Ward's volumes are effective indeed; and no student can rise from a perusal of them

without feeling that he has gained a deeper insight into the problem of problems—the place of thought in the cosmos. E. H. B.

*Aarbert.* By WILLIAM MARSHALL. London : Swan Sonnenschein. 1899.

It was not until we came to the last page of this book that we were quite satisfied of the serious purpose of the author. By what he terms "a Blessing prayed for and wafted after," we are, however, convinced of his earnestness :

"Although of Thee unworthy be this poem,  
And though less worth its author than itself have,  
Lord God! Thy blessing he beseeches for it."

We confess that the spirit here displayed disarms us, and so we dismiss this book, only recording our regret that the infinite pains evidently bestowed upon it by the author were not devoted to some more profitable pursuit. His own satisfaction will, we fear, be his sole reward in the present instance.

*Chenna and his Friends.* By EDWIN LEWIS. London : Religious Tract Society.

This was written by the author, a missionary in India, shortly before he died, and is now issued as a memorial of him. Besides serving this purpose, it will prove a welcome addition to a missionary association library.

*The History of Protestantism.* By the Rev. J. A. WYLIE, LL.D. Vol. I. Cassell and Co. Pp. 624.

This is a very attractive and much-needed work. In a popular style, and aided by 550 illustrations, it presents in a continuous narrative, aspects of ecclesiastical history which are sometimes too much obscured by accounts of the formation of doctrines and institutions, the decisions of Councils, and the lives and writings of eminent Churchmen. The first book gives a fair account of the declension of the Church in the fourth century ; to carry conviction there should have been more detail. The narrative here centres round the development of the Papacy, the rise of the Waldenses, the Paulicians, the Albigenses, and Abelard. The second deals with Wycliffe, and the third with Huss. The fourth gives a very needful account of Christendom at the beginning of the sixteenth century, a subject about which many misapprehensions prevail. The fifth and sixth books are about Luther, the seventh about the Lollards in England, the eighth deals with Switzerland and Zwingli, and the last takes the German Reformation to the Confession of Augsburg in 1530. It is greatly to be hoped that this work, vivid in style and popular in treatment, will be read with attention by all who are interested in present controversies in the Church of England. To many, unfortunately, the history of Protestantism is a sealed book.

*Twelve Years in a Monastery.* By JOSEPH McCABE. Smith, Elder and Co. Price 7s. 6d. Pp. 290.

The writer was formerly a Professor in Franciscan colleges. He struggled long with doubts as to the truth of the characteristic doctrines of his Church, but finally felt compelled to leave. The book gives a very vivid and impartial account of his experiences : vocation, novitiate, studentship, priesthood, confessional, the University of Louvain, Roman ministry in London, the Roman clergy of London, ministers in the country, monasticism in general, and the Church of Rome as seen from within. It is written without harshness, and is, of course, of great interest. English Churchmen cannot help being struck with the com-

pleteness, and the philosophical and literary character, within certain limits, of the training of the Roman clergy. There are certain details in the book which make it more suited to the reading of men than of young women. The whole account of the seminary system is a valuable contribution to ecclesiastical literature.

*Rambles with Nature Students.* By MRS. BRIGHTWEN, F.E.S. R. T. S. Pp. 223.

This charming work, written by a Fellow of the Entomological Society, and illustrated profusely by Theo. Carreras, is intended to be a companion for country walks at all times of the year. Many people who live in the country, and who have no opportunity for sporting exercise, complain of the dulness of constitutional walks along roads and lanes. With such a help as this, the tediousness could no longer be felt. The divisions of the book are according to the twelve months of the year, and details are given, after the plan of White's "Natural History of Selborne," of the interesting and fascinating things which may be seen in animate and inanimate Nature at these different times and seasons. The authoress is a keen observer, an experienced naturalist, and has a pleasant style.

*Oliver Cromwell, the Hero of Puritan England.* By HORACE G. GROSER. Sunday-School Union, 57, Ludgate Hill. Price 1s. Pp. 139.

This is one of the "Splendid Lives" Series. The title will explain the point of view. The chief events of the Protector's momentous life are sketched with vigour, interest, and ability. The panegyric is perhaps too indiscriminating to make a perfect picture, but the space is brief and the incidents many and memorable. The triumph and subsequent fall of Puritanism is a phenomenon in English history which should always be in the mind both of politician and ecclesiastic. It should never be forgotten that ability, common-sense, and success, made tolerable, and even popular, in Cromwell, acts of tyranny which far surpassed anything attempted by Charles I. At the present time, when the memory of the great military autocrat of England is being revived, and a statue erected to his honour in the precincts of the Houses of Parliament, this popular account of his achievements will be specially acceptable.

*The Queen of the Home,* by LUCY H. YATES (the Religious Tract Society), is an entirely admirable little sermon, the text of which is Proverbs xxxi. 10-31. Every page of this small volume contains sentences pregnant with practical wisdom, and the book has our cordial commendation.

