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The Church of England Endeavourer—the official organ of the Church of England Union of Christian Endeavour—will henceforth be published by Mr. Robert Scott. Arrangements have been made for an immediate enlargement of the magazine, and it will in future contain, in addition to the ordinary Church of England news and articles on Christian Endeavour work, some notes on current topics, intelligence from the mission-field, and other items of interest to Christian workers generally. M. C.



Notices of Books.

A DICTIONARY OF CHRIST AND THE GOSPELS. Edited by James Hastings, D.D. Volume II. Labour—Zion. With Appendix and Indexes. Edinburgh: *T. and T. Clark*. Price 21s. net.

Those who have used Volume I., which was reviewed in these columns a year ago, have been eagerly waiting for this volume, and now that it has come they will not be disappointed. It is a worthy companion of the former one, and in spite of the hackneyed phrase we venture to say that it will be indispensable to preachers and teachers. It is, of course, impossible for us to review it; the most we can do is to call attention to some of the noteworthy articles. The work varies in quality and also in standpoint, ranging from the freest criticism to very definite conservatism. Nothing seems to have been overlooked, the smallest and least significant subject being included. There are a great many new names in the list of contributors to this volume, and not a little of the best of the work comes from comparatively unknown men. The editor's breadth of view is seen in the allocation of the subject of the Lord's Supper to two writers, a Presbyterian and a Ritualist. The article by the former is a splendid piece of work, with which we are in cordial agreement. The latter is by Mr. Darwell Stone, of Pusey House, whose book on the Holy Communion has led us to expect what we get here, a view of the Holy Communion scarcely distinguishable from that of Rome. The articles on the Synoptic Gospels are by the Rev. W. C. Allen on Matthew, by Bishop Maclean of Moray on Mark, and by the Rev. A. Wright on Luke. Two of the finest articles in this volume are on "Personality" and "Presence." They are written by one of the younger of the Congregational ministers, Mr. A. Norman Rowland, whose work generally is very fresh and first-rate. One of the most remarkable articles is on "Preaching Christ," by Professor Denney, and his conclusion is that it means preaching to Jesus "in the absolute significance for God and man which He had to His own consciousness and to the faith of the first witnesses, and to preach Him as exalted, and as having this absolute significance now and for ever." The article on "Propitiation" is by an American writer, Dr. Goodspeed, and is an able presentation of the Godward side of the Atonement. He points out that propitiation is something objective for us and not subjective in us. This is a very refreshing and satisfying article in these days of fear and shallowness

on the doctrine of the Atonement. Equally valuable on their subjects are three articles by Dr. Orr on "Ransom," "Reconciliation," and "Redemption." They are marked by all the writer's great scholarship, clear statement, and close adherence to the New Testament. No one who wishes to know what the sacrifice of Christ really means should fail to study the four articles now mentioned, together with the valuable discussion in Volume I. on the Atonement by Principal Simpson of Leeds. The subject of Regeneration is dealt with in a characteristically fresh and forceful way by Professor Denney. Mr. Sparrow Simpson very appropriately has allotted to him the "Resurrection," and Dean Bernard writes on "Revelation." The article on "The Trinity" is by Bishop D'Arcy of Ossory, and, like everything he writes, is very clear and suggestive. In an Appendix there are five articles dealing respectively with "Christ in the Early Church," "Christ in the Middle Ages," "Christ in Modern Thought," "Christ in Jewish Literature," "Christ in Mohammedan Literature." They will provide much material for study and use by all preachers. Last, but by no means least, the Appendix has a very valuable article on the "Apostle Paul" by Dr. Sanday. It is well known that the subject of St. Paul's relation to our Lord is coming up with great prominence in German theological circles to-day, and many writers consider that the main subject of controversy in the immediate future will be as to who was the real founder of Christianity, Jesus Christ or the Apostle Paul. Dr. Sanday has this important point in view throughout his article, and it will prove of real importance for preachers and teachers to be forewarned and forearmed by the authority of our great Oxford scholar. Our space is at an end, and we have given but a slight idea of the wealth of material in this volume for students and preachers. In spite of the (to us) regrettable differences of critical attitude taken up by the writers, it is a book that cannot fail to provide information and guidance to all who are called upon to work for Christ in the ministry. We can only repeat what we said when introducing the first volume: preaching and teaching which is fed on the materials provided in this book can never be thin and poor, but ought to be strong, attractive, and used of God.

THE HISTORY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH SINCE THE REFORMATION. By S. Cheetham, D.D. London: *Macmillan and Co., Ltd.* Price 10s. 6d.

It is well known that Archdeacon Hardwick wrote two valuable works dealing with the history of the Christian Church in the Middle Ages and during the Reformation. Soon after his death Archdeacon Cheetham formed the project of completing his work, with the result that he has given us two volumes, one dealing with the history of the first six centuries, which appeared several years ago, and the other the book now before us. It was a bold task to attempt an account of the modern period of Church history from the Reformation within 500 pages, but Dr. Cheetham has accomplished his task with signal success. The history of the Church in England and on the Continent, as well as the story of the Eastern Church, are passed in review, and although the scale is necessarily small, the work is written with constant reference to original authorities, and includes all the more important events and movements of the last three centuries. Dr. Cheetham writes with scrupulous fairness, though it is, of course, easy to note his own

personal preferences. The streams of thought during the seventeenth, eighteenth, and nineteenth centuries are succinctly and often vividly brought before us, and we are enabled to see the movements of the Church in the various countries at different times. We do not know of any book so convenient and valuable for ordinary readers and students. We congratulate the venerable author on the completion of this work, which will keep its place for some time to come as a book to be constantly referred to and used by all who would know what Church thought and life have been during the time since the sixteenth century.

THE CANON AND TEXT OF THE NEW TESTAMENT. By Caspar Rene Gregory. Edinburgh: *T. and T. Clark*. Price 12s.

The newest volume of "The International Theological Library," and one which has long been needed and expected. Of its 540 pages, 300 deal with the Canon and the rest with the Text. The history of the Canon is traced from the beginning to the age of Theodore of Mopsuestra, and then we are led through the history of the New Testament Text from papyrus and parchments to uncials and cursives, versions and Fathers, until we come to printed editions, and the consideration of the history of textual criticism. Two things stand out as the result of a reading of this volume. One is the extraordinary interest and freshness of the treatment. Dr. Gregory has invested a difficult subject with fascination by his bright and easy manner of writing. He moves over the field with perfect ease, and has at the same time the power of investing with real attractiveness a subject which in other hands might easily have proved dry and uninteresting. Of course, we have to suffer Americanisms, and not a few Germanisms, but we are quite ready to tolerate them because of the interest of the book. In the next place, the fullness of Dr. Gregory's knowledge is simply astonishing. He is a perfect master of the entire field, and nothing seems to have been overlooked. We are not prepared to say that his book will set aside Scrivener and Kenyon, but it will certainly be necessary to use it in all serious study of the Canon and Text. The one weakness we find is the absence of any idea that there were ruling principles in the formation of the Canon. According to Dr. Gregory, the Canon "simply grew," and there was "no general rule" which guided inclusion and omission. We cannot believe that there was anything so accidental in the formation of the New Testament Canon, especially in view of the constant suggestion of a Divine Rule of Faith which the early Church possessed in the Old Testament Canon. We believe that a New Testament Canon was inevitable from the first, and that the fundamental principles of selection were clear and definite. With all respect to Dr. Gregory's great learning, we consider there is much more to be said on this subject than he seems prepared to allow. Dr. Sanday's Bampton Lectures on Inspiration would worthily supplement the present work on this point, though even these do not contain everything that can and should be said. The early Church had a much clearer conception of what constituted a canonical book than we are taught here. This apart, however, the volume is a perfect mine of information on all questions of history, and as such will be welcomed and constantly used by all students.

PARAGUAY ON SHANNON. By F. Hugh O'Donnell. London: *P. S. King and Son*. Dublin: *Hodges, Figgis and Co., Ltd.* Price 6s.

If this book had been by a Protestant it would either have been passed by unheeded, or else treated with contempt as rabid, but as it is by a Roman Catholic, and a Nationalist to boot, it is impossible to dismiss it so summarily. The meaning of the title is that as the province of Paraguay became celebrated in the eighteenth century for the absolutist system of government established by the Jesuits over the Indian tribes, so Ireland is now dominated by a political priesthood. There is, however, this great difference: the Jesuits are credited with promoting materially the prosperity of their followers, but in Ireland material ruin has accompanied clerical despotism. The political priesthood has depressed as well as demoralized. We must refer our readers to the book itself for the proof of these very serious statements. It is not necessary to be a Unionist and a Protestant to feel the immense amount of truth in the author's contentions. The book will take its place at once with the works of another well-known Roman Catholic authority who writes under the name of "Pat" (Mr. P. Kenny). It should be consulted by all who would know the secret of Ireland's woes and the way in which they may be removed. The author supports his contentions with a mass of authorities which cannot be questioned.

EXPOSITIONS OF SCRIPTURE. Volumes V. and VI. By the Rev. A. Maclaren. Vol. V.: 2 Kings viii., Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah. Vol. VI.: Esther, Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes. London: *Hodder and Stoughton*. Price 7s. 6d. each.

Dr. Maclaren's great work makes steady progress, and each volume, as it appears, is very welcome to all who love to have Scripture truly and effectually expounded. Dr. Maclaren's gifts as an expositor are too well known to need any introduction to our readers. It will suffice to say that we know of nothing to compare to his writings for a combination of the qualities best fitted to help the clergy and other Christian workers in their use of Holy Scripture. Here is food for mind and heart in rich abundance. No sermons or Bible-class expositions can possibly be poor if fed on Alexander Maclaren. He is one of the greatest gifts to the Church of the present generation.

HEBREWS. By the Bishop of Derry and Raphoe. Devotional Commentary. London: *Religious Tract Society*. Price 2s.

Dr. Chadwick's writings are always welcome, for they are sure to be marked by spirituality and insight, freshness and forcefulness of thought, and a charm of expression which invariably delights his readers. The present volume is more exclusively expository and less directly devotional than other volumes of this series, but the very variety will be of service to those who are familiar with the other volumes, and will enable readers to provide their own devotional applications. It is a useful contribution to the elucidation of an Epistle on which we cannot have too many commentaries, if they are as good as the present. As a companion to the Epistle to the Hebrews this little volume will take high rank.

HANDY ATLAS TO CHURCH AND EMPIRE. Edited by the Rev. G. H. S. Walpole, D.D., and the Rev. C. Barton. London: *Elliot Stock*. Price 1s. 6d. net.

This is a new popular atlas of missions in book form, comprising 120 maps, plates, and statistical tables, showing the advance of missions in all parts of the British Empire to the present day. It is a happy idea admirably carried out, and the book ought to be in the hands of all Churchmen. It will provide them with the opportunity of obtaining an intelligent knowledge of the Christian work that is being carried on within the Empire, and will lead to more intelligent prayer and effort in proportion as it is studied. The editors have done a truly valuable bit of work, and have made us all their debtors.

THE WINGS OF THE MORNING. By the Rev. G. H. Morrison, M.A. London: *Hodder and Stoughton*. Price 5s.

The author is to be envied for his gifts. Culture, insight, and originality are devoted to the highest ends. The Gospel thus proclaimed will not only secure an audience, but strengthen souls. The book contains thirty-one sermons, and not one of them fails to inspire us. Wings are better than weights, and the flight of the lonely soul to the only God is the true cure for the wounds of life.

THE ISLES AND THE GOSPEL. By the late Hugh Macmillan, D.D. London: *Macmillan and Co.* Price 4s. 6d.

The book contains ten Bible Studies, of which the first gives the title to the whole. There are miscellaneous papers also on "The Numerical Relations of Nature," "Sacred Fish," and "An Early Celtic College." It would be almost an impertinence to commend the works of this ardent spirit. A student by habit, a poet by nature, and a minister by call, his messages came to us with irresistible force. It is wonderful to discover the depths of a text like "The isles shall wait for His law," when Dr. Macmillan lets in the light.

THE CHURCH PULPIT COMMENTARY. London: *J. Nisbet and Co.* Price 7s. 6d. per volume.

This is a great contribution to homiletical literature, dealing as it does with the whole Bible and specially from the Church of England point of view. Nearly 4,000 sermons are available here, the product of some of the Church's best scholars. There is also a wealth of notes and anecdotes. It claims to be a complete pulpit equipment for parochial clergymen, and it substantiates the claim. Special and liberal terms are given by the publishers to those who order early.

TABERNACLE TALKS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE. By Lettice Bell. London: *Morgan and Scott*. Price 1s. net.

The talks are as clear as the writer's name, the print is good, and so are the illustrations. They will be a tremendous help to the young. We venture to welcome the little book with the cordiality evinced by the Bishop of Durham in his letter which will be found at the beginning of the book.

IN THE BEGINNING AND THE ADAMIC EARTH. By William Kelly. New edition, revised. London: *T. Weston*.

This volume consists of papers which have already appeared in the Bible Treasury. The writer is well acquainted with scientific thought, but he

urges a simple and entire subjection to the written Word. He shows the inadequacy of mere science or mere philosophy apart from faith. The "days" of Gen. i. are, in his opinion, real days and not age-long periods. He carefully distinguishes between the earth as created originally and as prepared for the abode of man. The gap between vers. 1 and 2 will supply the tremendous periods of time demanded by geologists. The studies on the whole chapter (Gen. i. and Gen. ii. 1 to 3) are distinctly illuminating, and would prove a wholesome corrective to rash thought.

WALKING WITH GOD. By G. F. Trench, B.A. London: *Morgan and Scott*.
Price 1s. net.

This is a reprint of "Communion" added to "Walking with God," the latter of which is enriched by two years' experience of solitude and suffering yet lived in the "secret place." It is full of fervour and valued spiritual truth and experience.

GOOD WITHOUT GOD. By J. B. Hunt, B.D. London: *H. R. Allenson*.
Price 2s. 6d. net.

This is a thoughtful book. The writer has lived, he tells us, for years surrounded by very advanced civilization, but also where the supernatural has been ignored. His conclusion is that "modernism," when separated from the supernatural, tends not to "altruism," but selfishness. In a word, you cannot be good without God. "They who are within the fold practise virtue because they love God." They who are without, if they practise virtue, do so because other people love God. He describes his book as an experiment in natural theology, not in revealed religion. We thank him for a thought-stimulating book, and one which deals with an essentially modern problem.

THE COLLECTS. London: *R.T.S.*

Printed in clear type on a strong card and placed in a frame that stands up. We confess ourselves delighted with this idea. As the Sundays or Saints' Days come or go, to be confronted with our collects, and reminded of our needs and duties in their inimitable language, cannot fail to do us good. They can be silent witness in any room in the house.

PAMPHLETS AND PERIODICALS.

THE OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE REVIEW. Lent Term, 1908. London: *Archibald Constable and Co., Ltd.* Price 2s. 6d. net.

The opening article of this third number discusses the question of "Large v. Small Colleges in America," and gives for English readers a very informing account of University and College life in the United States. "The Value of Greek Accents," by S. E. Winbolt, is a plea for the rejection of the accentual system, except so far as certain accents are needed for pronunciation. What a joy this reform would bring to the hearts of all our boys! Two interesting articles discuss respectively "The Cambridge Man from the Oxford Standpoint" and "The Oxford Man from the Cambridge Standpoint." Mr. P. L. Bickley writes on "The Tendency of Modern Poetry," but takes far too materialistic a view of life to be true to human experience. Other articles are on "Universities and the Public Schools," by J. L. Stocks; "Oratory at the University," by Gervais Rentoul; and "Human Nature and the Historians," by Mr. G. K. Chesterton. Whilst there is no article of outstanding importance, the number as a whole is of undoubted interest to Oxford and Cambridge men.

HUMAN NATURE A REVELATION OF THE DIVINE. By C. H. Robinson. London: *Longmans, Green and Co.* Price 6d. net.

A popular cheap edition of a book that was first issued some years ago. It advocates the modern critical position with reference to the Old Testament, and takes for granted as

ascertained results many things that are still as uncertain as ever. The author does not appear to have ever considered the position of a man like Dr. Orr. In our judgment, this book, so far from being, as the author puts it, "an argument for the inspiration of the Old Testament," is an argument of an entirely opposite character. The Old Testament for which he pleads is *not* the Old Testament of our Lord and His Apostles.

ORIGINES EUCHARISTICÆ. By A. E. Alston and Z. H. Turton. London: *Wells Gardner, Darton and Co., Ltd.* Price 1s.

The object of this little book is to trace the development of the Eucharistic liturgy from the New Testament through the elaborated rituals of the Church down to the present day. It is compiled from documents bearing upon the subject which have been made available in recent years. It will prove distinctly useful to all students of liturgical questions.

THE SIMPLE PSALTER AND CANTICLES. By the Rev. H. K. Hudson. London: *Henry Frowde.* Price 9d. net.

This edition will, of course, only appeal to those who use plain-song.

THE INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF APOCRYPHA. April, 1908. London: *International Society of the Apocrypha.* Price 6d. net.

This quarterly journal, issued in the interests of a fuller knowledge of the Old Testament Apocrypha, contains several articles of interest. The most generally useful is by the Bishop of Barrow-in-Furness on "The Use of the Apocrypha in the New Testament." The Rev. G. H. Box discusses "Some Characteristics of Apocalyptic Literature and its Writers." There are other smaller articles and reviews of books.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PENNY MANUALS: NO. 1. THE HOLY COMMUNION. By Bishop J. C. Ryle. No. 2. I DO; OR, THE GOOD CONFESSION. By the Rev. A. Kennion. No. 3. DO YOU BELIEVE? By the Rev. R. C. Butt. No. 4. RITUAL IN THE LIGHT OF GOD'S WORD. By the Rev. George Everard. London: *Charles J. Thynne.*

Reprints in cheap form and suitable for general circulation.

A SHORT HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION OF BOW CHURCH, CHEAPSIDE. By the Rev. A. W. Hutton. London: *Elliot Stock.* Price 1s.

A short but very interesting account of this historic church from its foundation, by the present rector. There are many new and interesting illustrations of the interior of the church and crypt. Many will be glad to read the story of this well-known City centre.

AN EXAMINATION OF THE BISHOPS' REPORT ON VESTMENTS. By J. T. Tomlinson. London: *Robert Scott.* Price 1s. net.

Mr. Tomlinson submits the Bishops' Report to a very searching examination, and has no difficulty in showing that they have overlooked the main facts relating to the Elizabethan settlement, and while professing to furnish "new light," have largely misunderstood and misrepresented many of the writers whom they quote. No consideration of this important subject must overlook Mr. Tomlinson's searching and, to our mind, convincing pamphlet.

We have received from the *Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge* the following additional Pan-Anglican papers which have been published since our last number. They are intended for consideration at the forthcoming Pan-Anglican Congress.

THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION: IN RELATION TO ITS PARTS. I. THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION: IN ITSELF. RELIGION AND THE PRESS. CHURCH WORK AMONG THE JEWS IN CHRISTENDOM. CHURCH WORK AS AFFECTED BY RACE PROBLEMS. POLITICAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF MISSIONARY WORK: I. POLITICAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF MISSIONARY WORK. II. THE CRITICAL STUDY OF THE BIBLE.

The variety of subjects and authors makes these papers of particular interest and value, though we are exceedingly sorry to observe that the subject of "The Critical Study of the Bible" has been given entirely into the hands of one school of critics so far as the Old Testament is concerned. At least we might have had the conservative view represented by one paper. We should also be very sorry to think that Professor Burkitt's paper on "How to Teach the Bible" in any way represented the full extent of our practical use of Holy Scripture. It is one thing to lecture on critical subjects, and quite another to use the Bible for practical destruction. Qualification for doing the former evidently does not necessarily carry with it the qualification for the latter.