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The S.P.C.K. have just issued the 1908 edition of their "Dictionary of the Church of England." It is the third edition and has many appendices, bringing the work up to the end of June last. This Society also has in the press the "Official Report of the Pan-Anglican Congress." It will be published shortly, and will contain the official report of the speeches and discussions at all the meetings and the various groups of papers. Altogether it is expected the work will make seven volumes, including an introductory volume, and will be published at 30s. net the set.



Dr. Peake, who is Dean of the Faculty of Theology in the Victoria University, Manchester, has a volume coming out in the early autumn dealing with popular objections and difficulties to revealed religion.



"A Century of Archæological Discoveries" is to come this autumn from the house of Murray. The author of this very important book is Professor A. Michaelis, of Strasburg, and it has been translated into English by Miss Bettina Kahnweiler, while Professor Gardner has written a preface, and, in the course of the same, says: "It is a work showing intimate knowledge, but it is no dry summary; rather a record of that writer, watching all with the greatest interest, learned as the scroll of excavation and research was gradually unrolled. This infusing of a personal element has made the book more interesting to the reader."



What should prove a readable volume is one which is appearing from the pen of Dr. C. H. H. Wright, through Messrs. Williams and Norgate, on "Light from Egyptian Papyri on Jewish History before Christ."



Mr. Andrew Melrose, publisher at 16, Pilgrim Street, informs us that he is about to admit as partner Mr. Ronald Spicer, son of Mr. George Spicer, of Enfield, and that the new firm will, after September 1, publish from premises at 3, York Street, Covent Garden. The newly-constituted house will develop publishing along broad and general lines, but the name of the firm will for the present remain unchanged. Mr. Ronald Spicer, who took an honours degree in Natural Science at Cambridge last year, is at present learning his business with Messrs. Chapman and Hall.



## Notices of Books.

ST. PAUL'S EPISTLES TO THE THESSALONIANS. By the Rev. George Milligan, D.D. London: *Macmillan and Co., Ltd.* Price 12s.

It is well known that Bishops Lightfoot and Westcott and Dr. Hort planned to write between them a Commentary on the New Testament. It is, alas! equally well known that the project was never completed. Bishop Lightfoot's priceless volumes on St. Paul show what we lost by his appointment to Durham. What would not the Church give for a Commentary by him on Romans? Bishop Westcott's share we all know. Of Dr. Hort's part only the merest fragments are available, precious though they are.

But other men are entering upon the task, and we value highly what Drs. Swete, Sanday, Plummer, and the Dean of Westminster have provided for us. The present volume is another contribution to the complete modern Commentary on the New Testament which we all need. Dr. Milligan comes to his task fully equipped by scholarship and spirituality, and, whether we judge by the outward appearance or, still more, by the substance, we almost fancy we are handling one of Westcott's great Commentaries. Higher praise we could not give. The work proceeds on "orthodox" lines, and consists of an Introduction, Text, Notes, and Additional Notes. A special feature is the extent to which the papyri have been utilized for the elucidation of the Greek text. Like the works of the great Cambridge scholars, it is a fine example of close, patient, scholarly exegesis, which will train the student while it provides him with the latest information. Among the special points to which we naturally turn in any Commentary on these Epistles is the *crux* in 2 Thess. ii. Dr. Milligan interprets it of the Roman power, and very summarily dismisses the view that there is any reference to the Holy Spirit in "that which letteth." He has presumably not thought it worth while to consider the futurist or predictive view of the passage, though there is probably more in that interpretation than the historical views of modern scholars would be prepared to admit. The book will at once take its place as our leading English Commentary on the Thessalonians, and students will really require nothing more for their work, though if they can also place beside it Findlay in the Cambridge Greek Testament and Denney in the Expositor's Bible, they will be trebly equipped for their task.

**JEREMIAH: THE MAN AND HIS MESSAGE.** By J. R. Gillies. London: *Hodder and Stoughton*. Price 6s.

Another work on Jeremiah, coming closely after that by Dr. Driver which we reviewed in these columns not long ago. After a general introduction the book is taken section by section, a commentary and a new translation being provided, together with critical notes. The author acknowledges his debt to the German commentators, Duhm and Erbt, and their influence is seen in the freedom with which the text is treated. Four elements are recognized as making up the book, and the result is that the author regards it as "not so much a book, the product of a single mind, as a literature, the product of many minds and of many and divers ages." It will be seen that Mr. Gillies adopts a pretty pronounced critical position, and the freedom with which he criticizes and amends both text and author seems to us for the most part arbitrary and impossible. Thus, in dealing with the well-known passage of the Potter's wheel, he speaks of St. Paul in his speculative moods as "entangling himself in the meshes of a religious philosophy, of which one of his brother Apostles plaintively remarks that there are things in it hard to be understood." We question whether this is fair to either Apostle. The discussion of the New Covenant is better, because the doctrinal influence of the Westminster Confession is more in evidence. If used with care and constant reference to more conservative and safer authorities, students and clergymen will find it useful to consult this volume. Apart from the critical questions, there is much on the practical side that is well and aptly put.

LEADING IDEAS OF THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS. By the Rev. George Bailey. London: *Simphin, Marshall and Co., Ltd.* Dublin: *Hodges, Figgis and Co., Ltd.*

Half of this book is taken up with the subject of the title, and will be welcomed by all students of Hebrews, whether they agree with the author's conclusions or not. He takes his own line, and has not a little to say for his interpretations. Certainly no one will consult it as he studies the Epistle without obtaining food for thought and suggestions for interpretation. Among the other essays is one which argues in favour of applying the word "saint" to Jewish Christians only. Here the author is not so easy to follow, and yet there is a great deal more in his contention than might have been supposed. The characteristics of the First Epistle of St. Peter is the subject of another essay. Bible students should make a note of this book, because it goes out of the beaten track and sets the reader thinking along new lines. We should much like to see some more fruits of the author's careful scholarship.

MISSIONS TO HINDUS. By the Rev. Bishop Mylne. London: *Longmans, Green and Co., Ltd.* Price 3s. 6d. net.

The author describes this as "A Contribution to the Study of Missionary Methods." Part I. deals with caste, and discusses it in various aspects. Part II. is occupied with the methods required for meeting the problem. Bishop Mylne describes the two distinct types under which all missions fall—the "diffused" and the "concentrated" mission, or, in other words, the itinerating and the settled—and he expresses a strong partiality for the latter. He then illustrates these two types by the work of Xavier, Schwartz, Carey, and Duff, devoting one chapter to the last-named in connection with the work of educational missions. Part III. sums up the results, and describes what the author regards as the prospects of missionary work. The Bishop's ecclesiastical position is well known, and though it is not hidden in this book, it is not made unduly prominent. His treatment of Xavier is favourable to his personal character and unfavourable to the methods and results of his work. The treatment of Schwartz is generous and appreciative, though quite candid as to the weakness and lack of principles in his work. The account of Carey is entirely favourable, and it is particularly attractive to see the extreme Anglican praising the great Baptist. So also the reference to Duff is full of deep and yet discriminating appreciation. We are unable to follow the Bishop in his admiration for the Cowley-Wantage Mission work. The fruit of this work done by his permission and under his guidance has been only too plainly seen in the recent controversy of the Mission with Bishop Pym. In contrast with the S.P.G., the C.M.S. comes under the Bishop's disapproval for employing non-Christians in mission schools. His plain speaking is also seen in his treatment of educational missions, in which, however, we entirely agree with him. It will be seen from this how frank Dr. Mylne is. He knows his mind and speaks it, and this is always refreshing and useful, whether we agree or not. The book well deserves its sub-title, and should be used by all who are seriously interested in the study of missions.

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT. By the Rev. J. R. Cohu. London: *Sheffington and Son*. Price 3s. 6d.

The author deals only with that part of the Sermon on the Mount which is contained in St. Matthew (chap. v.), so that a great deal more material is necessary before the book can be true to its title. In addition, however, there are chapters on such critical subjects as Inspiration, and also as to whether our Gospels faithfully report Christ's sermon. While dealing with practical exposition, the author has much to say that is admirable in point and force; but on critical questions he is obviously not so much at home, and has not taken into account some of the most recent work on the Gospels. The discussion on Inspiration is quite unnecessary to the purpose of the book, and several points of great importance are not included in his view. We could easily spare these slight and often unsatisfactory chapters for more of the practical work which Mr. Cohu knows so well how to give. We should much like to know his authority for saying that to the Jew of Christ's day eating the flesh of the Messiah was a current phrase indicative of the pleasure, delight, and welcome with which they would acclaim the Messiah when He came.

THE ANALYZED OLD TESTAMENT. Vol. I., Genesis to Esther; Vol. II., Job to Malachi; Vol. III., Matthew to Revelation. By the Rev. G. Campbell Morgan, D.D. London: *Hodder and Stoughton*. Price 3s. 6d. each.

This series of three volumes consists of an outline of each book in the form of a diagram, followed by a lecture elaborating the outline and indicating the general contents and teaching. They represent the substance of what Dr. Campbell Morgan has given at his now well-known and largely-attended Bible Class at Westminster Chapel. With great truth and force he urges the importance of the study of the Bible as it is, instead of books about it. He has himself read these books of the Bible over and over again until their general idea and drift have been seen and felt. He is right in not claiming finality for his analyses, for here and there they certainly do not seem in accord with the true structure of the book, and, in addition, they betray the author's too great partiality for "apt alliteration's artful aid." But it is the method of the work, and not the particular results that is important, and in this Dr. Campbell Morgan's books will be of the greatest possible value. They will afford just the help required by clergymen and teachers in their work, and we hope the publication will result in a great revival of Bible study in all the Churches. We question whether anything that Dr. Campbell Morgan has done will prove of such real value and far-reaching influence.

SERMONS IN SYNTAX. By the Rev. John Adams. Edinburgh: *T. and T. Clark*. Price 4s. 6d. net.

We reviewed some time ago the author's former book on "Sermons in Accents," in which he endeavoured to show how valuable to preachers and students is a careful consideration of the study of Hebrew accentuation. In the present work he does the same with Hebrew syntax, and, as he very rightly says, if readers have profited in any way from the homiletical hints

provided in his former book, they may be assured that in the sphere of Hebrew grammar there is a far more fruitful and suggestive field. In the course of a careful account of Hebrew tenses and moods the writer provides some very interesting and suggestive expository outlines, and he expresses the opinion that "so rich and varied is this practical side of Hebrew syntax that they who deal with the minutæ of the text will never lack sermons." This is essentially a book for preachers and students, especially for those who may be tempted to give up their study of Hebrew. It will show them the wealth of fruitful suggestion found in a careful study of the Old Testament. We should like to see this book in the hands of all our clergy and theological students. It would soon have its effect on their sermons, and, indeed, on their entire study of the Bible.

THE WESTMINSTER NEW TESTAMENT. Edited by the Rev. A. E. Garvie, D.D. Vol. I., St. John's Gospel. By the Rev. H. W. Clark. Vol. II., The Acts of the Apostles. By Professor H. T. Andrews. Vol. III., The Gospel of St. Matthew. By the Rev. David Smith, D.D. London: *Andrew Melrose*. Price, cloth, 2s. net; leather, 3s. net per vol.

Another series of Handbooks to the New Testament. Coming so soon after the Century Bible, it would almost seem as though there were no room for it, but in the opinion of the promoters this series will make a place for itself. It is intended chiefly for teachers, lay-preachers, and others engaged in Christian work, and their needs are kept particularly in view. The editor, Dr. Garvie, says that, "while the standpoint adopted is that of modern critical scholarship, only the generally accepted results, and not the vagaries of individual critics, are being presented, and in such a fashion as to avoid unnecessarily giving offence or causing any difficulty to the reverent Bible student." How far this purpose is carried out will be seen from a careful examination of these first three volumes.

Dr. David Smith's general position is already known from his life of Christ, "In the Days of His Flesh." His main theory of the origin of the Gospels is that of Oral Tradition, and he concludes that the first Gospel is not by Matthew, but by a disciple of that Apostle, though he does not give any satisfactory reason for the persistent tradition which associates the first Gospel with the Apostle Matthew. His well-known view of demoniacal possession again comes out, in which he regards it as only an intensified form of lunacy. His interpretation of the coin in the fish's mouth as a playful suggestion of our Lord to Peter to go back to his fishing, seems to us almost ludicrous in its weakness and disregard of the facts of the situation.

The editor's selection of Mr. Clark for St. John's Gospel is a happy one. Few books have proved more suggestive in recent years than the two which are credited to him on the title-page. He argues effectively for the Johannine authorship, though we think he yields far too much in saying that it is possible "that he may have put in a given discourse thoughts and phrases which really belonged to another." We have a much higher opinion of the power of the author of the Gospel than this. Apart from the particular critical views, the comments strike us as terse and helpful.

The next volume on Acts is by one of the Professors in the Congregational New College at Hampstead. The Lukan authorship is, of course, accepted, and there is a good statement of the purpose and theology of the book. Here, again, we are sorry to see concessions to the modern spirit, as, for example, when we are told that "Luke gives himself completely away by his anachronism with regard to Theudas." This is a pure assumption, as is also the case with the alleged inaccuracy of Stephen. It is wholly gratuitous to assume without the clearest proof that Stephen did not know the history of his people as well as modern writers.

It will be seen that in our judgment the standpoint of this Commentary does not fulfil the claim of the editor, for it certainly presents its critical views in a way that cannot help causing difficulty to many in the particular classes of readers for whom the series is specially intended. In view of the critical standpoint adopted, and of the fact that the series is for teachers and lay-preachers, there might surely have been some reference to the main grounds of authority on which we accept these books. They form part of a volume which we dignify by the name of the Word of God, and Sunday-school teachers and other Christian workers will naturally want to know how to reconcile this position of Divine authority with the charges of historical inaccuracy which are so freely made in these volumes. The get-up of the books is particularly neat and attractive. They are delightful to handle, and the type is clear and good. The text provided is that of the Authorized Version, and this is certainly less confusing and much more convenient than the method of the Century Bible, which gives both Authorized Version and Revised Version. We should like something still better, in the form of the valuable Interlinear text of the two versions. We cannot help feeling sorry for the choice of the name of the "Westminster" New Testament, in view of the now well-known "Westminster Commentaries" which are being issued on the entire Bible. Some other name would have prevented confusion.

THE GRAMMAR OF PHILOSOPHY: A STUDY OF SCIENTIFIC METHOD. By David Graham. Edinburgh: *T. and T. Clark*. Price 7s. 6d.

This curious and exasperating book is supposed to be a study of scientific method. In point of fact it is not very methodical, and not very scientific. Why the author should style his book a "Grammar of Philosophy," we do not gather; for, despite all his reading—and this has been really considerable—Mr. Graham does not appear to us to have a very clear or true idea of what Philosophy actually is. The book, written in a rather rollicking vein at times, may be described (briefly) as one long panegyric of "Common Sense." As a champion of common sense, Mr. Graham does battle with all sorts and conditions of men and thinkers; and at times he deals shrewd blows. There are many *obiter dicta* of the writer which we cordially endorse, and many of the criticisms we can heartily approve; they are often acute and sometimes wise. But the book, as a whole, is somewhat of a failure; its title is a misnomer, for one thing; and its general attitude inclined to be captious and perverse, for another. Its style and method occasionally remind us of a book published some sixteen years ago ("The Greenleeks Papers").

THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF NATIONAL CHURCHES. By the Rev. J. H. B. Masterman, M.A. Cambridge: *University Press*, 1908. Price 2s. 6d.

This book contains the "Hulsean Lectures" for 1907-08. These lectures caused a good deal of attention when originally delivered. They are scholarly, clever, and thoughtful. They are not deep. One ought not to expect much depth in a book of this kind. Enough, if these pages recall men to consider afresh the verdict of history on certain prevalent ideas, both social and ecclesiastical. And this they assuredly do. The book, if read carefully alongside of Peile's "Bampton Lectures," should prove of real service to Churchmen.

THEOGNOSTUS, PIERIUS, AND PETER. By the Rev. L. B. Radford, M.A. Cambridge: *University Press*. 1908. Price 2s. 6d.

Brief as this book is, it represents an unusual amount of scholarly study in a field of criticism not much worked. The book is, to describe it briefly, a study in the early history of Origenism and Anti-Origenism. The three Alexandrian teachers whose influence on contemporary human thought is here set out will be *incogniti viri* to most of us; all the more reason, therefore, have we to thank Mr. Radford for his very able and conscientious monograph.

ISLAM: A CHALLENGE TO THE FAITH. By S. M. Zwemer, Ph.D. New York: *Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions*. Price 5s.

It is curious to reflect (and painful, as well as curious) that, despite the fact that more than 60,000,000 Moslems are subjects of the King of England—in *India alone*—there is no special "mission to Mohammedans," as there are Missions to the Jews. Yet Islam is the greatest of all anti-Christian religions, not by reason of its numbers, but by reason of its propagandist zeal. And we find to-day a world-wide movement at work, commonly called Pan-Islamism, which aims at consolidating Islamic missionary effort, and to make the religion of the Prophet once more a matter of universal importance. The importance of these and kindred questions is well shown in Dr. Zwemer's excellent handbook, which, in a brief space, marshals facts and discusses problems in a manner that leaves little to be desired. Its publication follows suitably close on the heels of the "Cairo Conference" of 1906, when missionaries from every Moslem land made such an appeal to the Churches of Christendom as should stir the hearts of every one to whom Jesus Christ himself is other than *magni nominis umbra*. The responsibility which rests on Great Britain in this matter is all but overwhelming. "The greatest Moslem power on earth:" these words very justly apply to our mighty Empire. Does that Empire, in its national character, really understand or vitally respond, to the vast charge God has seen fit to lay upon it? The reply must be—unhesitatingly—"No." Individual efforts there have been, and are; but, nationally, we have shirked the charge. Every serious student would do well to consider this book; every patriot-statesman would be the better for reflecting on the grave problems it suggests. Its attitude towards Islam is severe, but not (*ni fallimur*) unduly so. The whole religious problem of half Africa is involved in the attitude we, as Christians, take up as regards the swift and stealthy onslaught of Islam in the central Soudan.



The book is provided with some good bibliographies, showing the sources of its information ; and there are several illustrations, and a useful index.

**IN DEFENCE: A PLEA FOR THE FAITH.** By Sir Robert Anderson, K.C.B., LL.D. London: *Hodder and Stoughton*. Price 5s.

This vigorous polemic should be read by all those who have qualms as to the veracity of certain modern theories of science and religion. Sir Robert Anderson is apt, indeed, "to call a spade a spade," if not something still less polite ; but, after making due allowance for a certain amount of over-zealous language, we cannot but commend the writer's undoubted courage. He lays about him trenchantly ; and the men who accept rationalistic premisses while vainly endeavouring to avoid drawing rationalistic conclusions find short shrift at his hands. A frank unbeliever is more acceptable to him than the sitters on theological and doctrinal fences.

**THE EARLY ENGLISH COLONIES.** By the Rev. Sadler Phillips. London: *Elliot Stock*. Price 6s. net.

This volume is a summary of a lecture given by the Bishop of London, about a year since, at Richmond, in Virginia, to a large audience of Americans. As the aim of the lecture was to explain the interesting historic ties which exist between the American Episcopal Church and the old See of London, so the aim of the editor of this book is to illustrate, by means of various historical documents, the intimate connection of the work of the Bishops of London in the past with the founding of the English Colonies. Two main principles were insisted on by Dr. Ingram: (1) The Virginia settlements were made on a *religious* basis, and that basis the religion of the Church of England ; (2) it was from that same Church that the American Church sprang. The book is well-edited, in the main ; but the lack of an index is a very serious blemish.

**LETTERS FROM A MYSTIC OF THE PRESENT DAY.** By the Rev. R. W. Corbet, M.A. London: *Elliot Stock*. Price 2s. 6d.

A fourth "edition" (so called—but it appears to be merely a reprint of the second edition) of a charming and suggestive little book.

**CONFESSIO MEDICI.** London: *Macmillan and Co.* Price 2s. 6d.

This book—by a writer who does not give his name, save indirectly, as the author of "The Young People"—is written somewhat in the vein made familiar by Arthur Benson's books. "Somewhat"—but the differences are as numerous as the resemblances. We commend the book to our readers ; it has a flavour all its own, and the flavour is a good one. There is a kindliness of judgment and a keenness of insight displayed throughout the pages of this "Confession" which will endear the (unknown) writer to his readers.

**THE UNFINISHED TASK OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.** By J. L. Barton. New York: *Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions*. 1908. Price 2s. 6d.

This book purports to be a series of studies in the problem of the world's Evangelisation ; and, as such, they have been issued by the New York Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions. As far as we are able to judge, the book seems to be well put together, and the statistics trust-

worthy. It is certainly admirably fitted for the use of mission-study classes, and will, we trust, lead many students to gird themselves for the "unfinished task."

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE: THE FAITH AND THE FOUNDER. By the Rev. L. P. Powell. New York: *Putnam*. Price 5s. net.

This book—written by the Rector of St. John's Church, Northampton, Massachusetts—is of singular value, alike as a criticism and an interpretation of one of the most curious "aberrations" of the human intellect ever witnessed in modern times. Mr. Powell writes with quite first-hand knowledge, and writes with force and earnestness. His pages read well, which is no small gain, as the book is meant not for the student of psychology, but the mass of average people. That Mr. Powell formulates a very heavy indictment against "Christian Science" is clear; and we hope that the book will be widely, and wisely, read. In point of fact, the term "Christian Science" contains, within itself, its own refutation: first, it is in no sense "science" (that is, exact knowledge); second, it is not Christian. But its dupes are many; and every sensible exposition of this silly "heresy"—which exposition must inevitably involve its *exposure*—will be welcomed by sane people all the world over.

BIBLE WORK AND WARFARE. By the Rev. Frank Swainson. London: *Longmans, Green and Co.* Price 1s. net.

A cheap reissue of a valuable record of work among men. While it is called a Bible Class, Mr. Swainson's work really consists of a men's service fashioned on the model of Mr. Watts-Ditchfield's well-known service. Mr. Swainson has proved an apt pupil, and has added to his model his own personal gifts, with the result that at Sheffield he had the largest gathering for men in the world, while at Holloway he is equally successful, though necessarily with smaller scope the numbers are fewer. This is the very book for clergy and other workers among men. While the personal power of the author is a great asset, most of his suggestions can be adopted or adapted by other workers. What we specially like is the entire dependence upon the power of the Gospel, apart from extraneous helps, such as musical attractions, clubs, etc.

MEDITATIONS FOR THE CHURCH'S YEAR. By the Bishop of Durham. London: *H. R. Allenson*. Price 3s. 6d.

Dr. Moule puts the sons and daughters of the Church of England under a deep indebtedness. Most of the meditations have appeared before under the title "From Sunday to Sunday." The rearrangement to follow the order of the Church's year meets a definite need. So deep and spiritual a guide, such literary gifts as his, such insight born of prayer and meditation, bring the message of the Church with unsurpassed vividness and conviction.

WITH CHRIST IN PALESTINE. By A. T. Schofield, M.D. London: J. F. Shaw and Co. Price 1s.

These four addresses were given in 1905, and were suggested by a visit to the Holy Land. Many interesting things are told us about Bethlehem, Nazareth, Capernaum, and Jerusalem, and the practical and spiritual teaching is of the freshest and most helpful.

**THE MATRON.** London: *The Scientific Press, Ltd.* Price 2s. 6d.

The duties and responsibilities of the Matrons of Hospitals are here well set forth. The fruit of long experience is well gathered and presented, and principles of economy in institutions are added.

**THOUGHTS ABOUT GOD, MAN, EVIL.** By Rev. C. G. Ashwin, M.A. London: *Elliot Stock.* 2s. net.

The second edition of a work already noticed in these pages. These are distinctly suggestive, and likely to be a help to minds perplexed. There are six short essays, the last of which applies the argument on the atomic theory to Christianity. The writer does not seem clear on the substitutionary element of Christ's Atonement.

**GOLDEN THOUGHTS FROM THOREAU.** Edited by Dorothy Eastwood. London: *John Lane.* 1s.

Pupil of Emerson, Pantheist, pencil-maker, and founder of the cult of the simple life, there are many pearls in the philosophy of Thoreau. He is in many ways a great soul, and the selection made by an enthusiastic editor will give the proof. Though great, he is lonely, for he has little use for faith and prayer, though some for humility. The sovereignty of God and His Fatherhood have never gripped him, and he is strangely reticent about Christ.

**LITTLE SCHOLARS IN THE SCHOOL OF PAIN.** By Rose Bourdillon. London: *Elliot Stock.* 3s.

The Bishop of Bath and Wells writes a preface cordially recommending this book. It is intended for children in every class of life to whom has been given any pain or illness to bear. The book is simple, helpful, and Scriptural.

**THE SUPERSENSUAL LIFE.** By Jacob Boehme. London: *H. N. Allenson.* 1s. net.

These two dialogues between disciple and master are translated by William Law. Mystic heights and depths of the soul are here, and the translation of Law enhances their deep value. It is one of a series of the "Heart and Life" booklets.

**A CALENDAR OF HOPE.** By Claudine Currey. London: *Longmans, Green and Co.* 1s.

The booklet is tasteful, and the thoughts full of good cheer. Each month has its tonic for mind and spirit.

**ROCK OR SAND.** By the Rev. J. Wakeford. London: *S.P.C.K.* Price 6d.

Short lectures in answer to the question "Is Christianity true or false?" The subjects are six, and include "The Being of God," "The Nature of Man," "Christ, God, and Man," "The Purpose of Miracles," "Truth of the Resurrection," "The Christian Religion." They are reprinted from the *Liverpool Courier*. They are manly, straightforward, and convincing.

**SOCIAL LIFE.** By Bishop Ridgeway. London: *Cassell and Co.* Price 1s. 6d.

We heartily commend this little volume of the "Christian Life Series." Starting from the individual and his right relation, the Dean deals with the Christian as a social being in the home, in society, as associated with the nation and the race. His words on Christian unity and the Christian Sunday are well worth pondering. There is a simplicity and directness about the book as well as instructiveness. The subject is opportune.

THE NEW CENTURY SUNDAY SCHOOL. Edited by Frank Johnson. London: *The Sunday School Union*. Price 1s. net.

This contains the Report of the Conference of the British and American Members of the International Lessons Committee, which was held in London last summer. It includes the consideration of such important subjects as the relation of Biblical scholarship to Sunday-school teaching, a consecutive Bible study, and use of the poetical and prophetic books, temperance lessons, advanced and primary courses, Sunday-schools and missions, with other subsidiary topics. No student of Sunday-school problems should be without this volume. Its keynote is the blending of the educational with the Evangelical, and in the combination of these two lies the hope of the Sunday-school.

MYTHOLOGIES OF ANCIENT MEXICO AND PERU. By Lewis Spence. Religions Ancient and Modern. London: *Archibald Constable and Co., Ltd.* Price 1s. net.

Another volume of this useful series. The writer in the preface notes the neglect into which the study of Mexican and Peruvian mythologies has fallen. This handbook will help to correct this neglect, and provide the student of comparative religion with some valuable information on a subject that is far too little known.

THE WORLD AND ITS GOD. By Philip Mauro. London: *Morgan and Scott, Ltd.* Price 1s.

A new and enlarged edition of a little work already noticed. It is characterized by much strong thinking and forcible arguments. The main contention is that the world is now under Satan, not God; and while we believe this to be true in general, we cannot, however, accept all the deductions from it by the author. The new chapters, which deal mainly with evolution, are particularly interesting in view of the changes now taking place among scientists themselves as to the Darwinian hypothesis.

### PAMPHLETS, PERIODICALS, AND REPRINTS.

THE CHURCH QUARTERLY REVIEW. July, 1908. London: *Spottiswoode and Co., Ltd.* Price 3s.

This is an excellent number—one of the best that we have had for some time. The first article, to which we make reference on another page, is on "The Lambeth Conference and the Union of the Churches." The Dean of Westminster writes in his own scholarly and interesting way on "Simon Langham, Abbot of Westminster." A charming article deals with "The Pleasant Land of France." The Rev. W. C. Bishop writes on "The Primitive Form of Consecration of the Holy Eucharist," and makes the important point that the words of our Lord in instituting the Lord's Supper are strictly words of administration, not consecration. The last article, "The Theology of the Keswick Convention," deals out both praise and blame, though the conclusion seems to be rather indefinite and inconsequent, making it difficult to know precisely how the writer regards the movement as a whole.

ADMINISTRATION OF CHARITY. By Arthur Paterson. London: *The City Council for Organization of Charity*. Price 1s.

Articles reprinted from the *Times*. The author shows how serious is the overlapping of charitable agencies and how deplorable are the results. He puts in an earnest and urgent plea for co-ordination and co-operation among charitable institutions. We hope much good will result from his appeal.

THE ART OF TEACHING. By the late Sir Joshua Fitch. London: *The Sunday School Union*. Price 6d. net, paper covers; 1s. net, cloth.

A new edition of lectures delivered forty years ago by one of the greatest educationists of modern times. We could wish that this admirable little manual were in the hands not only of all Sunday-school teachers, but also of all junior clergymen. It would vastly improve their work among children, and, indeed, all their teaching.

ST. FRANCIS AND HIS FRIENDS.—AGATHOS, AND OTHER SUNDAY STORIES. By Samuel Wilberforce.—THE IMITATION OF CHRIST. By Thomas à Kempis.—THE INTERLINEAR PSALMS. Price 1s. 6d. net each. London: *Cambridge University Press*.

Very charming and dainty editions of works that have become classics in their way. They are a delight to handle and a pleasure to read, and all who are on the look-out for gifts should bear these beautiful little volumes in mind. We are especially interested to see that the Psalms are now available in separate form from the Interlinear Bible. This is by far the easiest and most helpful version for obtaining an immediate acquaintance of the differences between the Authorised Version and the Revised Version.

THE JOURNAL OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES. July, 1908. London: *Henry Frowde*. Price 3s. 6d. net.

The first article is by the Rev. H. J. Lawlor, D.D., on "The Heresy of the Phrygians," and discusses afresh the important subject of Montanism. Dr. Lawlor argues very forcibly against the view that Montanism was homogeneous, and distinguishes with great probability of truth between Phrygian and African Montanism. There is less material in the present number for the general student and more of a technical character for the specialist, though there are, of course, some very useful reviews. Mr. Brooke of Cambridge deals severely with Gregory's "Canon of the New Testament." We are glad to notice some slight acknowledgment of error on the part of the reviewer of Gwatkin's "Gifford Lectures" in a former number which struck us as eminently unfair in certain essential particulars.

THE JOURNAL OF THE GYPSY LORE SOCIETY. July, 1908. Liverpool: *The Gypsy Lore Society*, 6, Hope Place.

The first number of a new volume containing a great variety of articles which may be commended to those who take an interest in gipsy life and ways.

THE HISTORICAL CHARACTER OF ST. JOHN'S GOSPEL. By J. Armitage Robinson, D.D. London: *Longmans, Green, and Co.* Price 6d. net, paper; 1s. net, cloth.

The substance of three lectures given in Westminster Abbey. Marked by all the eminent author's scholarship, ability, and forcefulness of expression. A small but valuable contribution to the historicity of the Fourth Gospel.

ST. PAUL'S ILLUSTRATIONS CLASSIFIED AND EXPLAINED. By the Rev. R. Resker. Bible Class Primers. Edinburgh: *T. and T. Clark*. London: *Simphin, Marshall, Hamilton, Kent, and Co., Ltd.* Price 6d. paper; 8d. cloth.

The author, who is well known to our readers, is one of our most valued writers on all things connected with Sunday-schools and with teaching generally. He has here performed a useful service for clergy and teachers in arranging and explaining the illustrations of St. Paul. No one could have believed that there were so many illustrations in the Apostle's writings without seeing them as they are here set out before us in these well-written and interesting pages.

A FORM OF SERVICE FOR USE IN CHILDREN'S CHURCHES, MISSION SERVICES, AND AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE GENERALLY. Compiled from the Book of Common Prayer. Croydon: *Roffey and Clark*. Price 1d. paper; 3d. cloth.

This is drawn almost entirely from the Book of Common Prayer, and is authorized for use in quite a number of dioceses. It will be found useful in connection with children's work, though we think a further selection of Psalms would have been an improvement. The Form of Service issued by the Church of England Sunday-school Institute is an illustration of what we mean.

QUOSQUE? WHEREUNTO ARE WE DRIFTING? Edited by the Rev. A. M. W. Christopher and J. C. Sharpe. Oxford: *James Parker and Co.* London: *Simphin, Marshall, Hamilton, Kent, and Co., Ltd.* Price 1s. net.

A remarkable collection of extracts from leading Bishops and clergy during the last fifty years, intended to prove the disloyalty of the extreme section of the Church of England, and to unite all those who are loyal to the Reformation. It is admirably adapted to fulfil its purpose, and should be circulated widely by all who love Reformation principles.