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numerous illustrations in colour and black and white, arranged with notes and additional drawings, and an essay on the use of plants in decorated design.



Two new books announced by Mr. Stock are: "A Treasury of Thoughts on Prayer derived from Famous Men of the Past Nineteen Centuries," by Henry T. Wroth, and "Clubs and Club-Work," by the Rev. C. W. Steffins, dealing with clubs for lads and men, and giving practical hints as to their formation and conduct, with suggested rules and a full bibliographical list of books on the subject.



Messrs. Longmans are bringing out "Rules and Instructions for a Devotional Life," by Robert Leighton, Archbishop of Glasgow, edited by the Rev. James Dinwoodie, with a prefatory note by the Right Rev. H. C. G. Moule, D.D., Bishop of Durham.



From Professor Deissmann comes a volume concerning the language, literature, and religious history of the Early Christian Church, entitled "Light from Anatolia." The Rev. D. Macmillan, D.D., gives us a work on "The Aberdeen Doctors." "The Thousand and One Churches" of the Kara Dagh, the "Black Mountain," near Iconium, have aroused considerable interest in recent years. A new book is appearing which is the outcome of a careful examination of the whole site, and which resulted in the discovery of many unknown monuments, together with important Hittite inscriptions. Professor Sir W. M. Ramsay describes the history of society and religion during seven successive centuries in the "Black Mountain," and Miss Gertrude L. Bell describes the churches and monasteries. Messrs. Hodder and Stoughton are the publishers of "The Thousand and One Churches," and also the other two books mentioned in this paragraph.



Notices of Books.

A NEW HISTORY OF METHODISM. By W. J. Townsend, D.D., H. B. Workman, D.Litt., and George Eayrs, F.R.H.S. Two volumes. London: *Hodder and Stoughton*. Price 30s.

These two handsome volumes worthily sustain the claim of the title and preface. They provide us with a history of Methodism which utilizes "the results of recent studies upon the origins of the Methodist Churches, manifests the sense of their oneness which all feel increasingly, and sets forth world-wide Methodism as a branch of the Church Catholic with its own notes and an essential unity underlying its several forms in many lands" (p. v). In view of the articles on Christian Reunion which have been appearing in our columns, the work will be read with special interest, and in particular we would commend to our readers the Introductory Essay by Dr. Workman on "The Place of Methodism in the Life and Thought of the Christian Church."

It is a distinct contribution to ecclesiastical history and to present-day problems, and will enable those who are not Methodists to see what Methodism really means. We can do no more than mention in barest outline the substance of this great and truly "monumental" work. There are no less than twenty-four contributors. Book I. deals with "The Foundations of Methodism" in seven chapters, by six different writers. Book II. treats of "British Wesleyan Methodism," in two chapters. Book III. discusses "British Branches of Methodism," in two chapters. These make up the first volume. Book IV. gives an account of "Methodism Beyond the Seas," including Ireland, the Continent, America, Australasia, and Africa. Book V. is the record of "Methodist Foreign Missionary Enterprise," in two chapters, dealing with British and American Societies, and the second volume closes with Book VI. on "Methodism To-day," in which the fundamental unity and the prospects of reunion are considered. There are five appendices and a large number of valuable plates and other illustrations. It is the barest truth to say that these volumes will prove a mine of wealth for the historian, and an indispensable work of reference for all who wish to study one of the greatest movements of the Christian Church. The Methodist Church claims to have the largest number of adherents of any one community in Protestant Christendom, and there is no serious reason to doubt the truth of this contention. The ability and scholarship of the writers and the intense spiritual interest of their story make the book of outstanding value and importance. We do not profess to review it; this is quite beyond our power. But we are exceedingly glad to have it, to call attention to it, and to urge upon all Churchmen the importance of a careful study of it.

NINETEENTH-CENTURY TEACHERS AND OTHER ESSAYS. By Julia Wedgwood. London: *Hodder and Stoughton*. Price 10s. 6d. net.

A collection of essays published at different times and in different periodicals, mostly in the *Contemporary Review* and the *Spectator*. "They represent the thoughts and convictions of about thirty years—convictions illustrated by varying circumstances and experiences, but themselves unchanged except so far as time has deepened and expanded them" (p. v). Their publication is due to one whom we are glad to welcome and congratulate as Sir Robertson Nicoll, whose judgment, as Miss Wedgwood says, is assuredly worthy of confidence. The authoress tells us that these essays "began in the twilight of one orthodoxy, they follow another from its dawn to its noon, and somewhat beyond it," and for this reason "they ought to afford a picture of that movement by which the English mind has passed in all ultimate convictions from an attitude of contented or indifferent acquiescence to one of denial, and then again through a stage of doubt to a readiness to receive new truths allied with that which has been rejected." They are mainly concerned with what may be called the Broad Church School. Starting from Coleridge, they proceed to Maurice, Erskine, Kingsley, Stanley, Hutton, and Carlyle, and then deal with George Eliot, Ruskin, Tolstoi, and others. It is evident from the great majority of the subjects treated on which side Miss Wedgwood's sympathies lie. The omissions are decidedly significant, and perhaps the greatest lack is that of a representative

Evangelical, to say nothing of the omission of a representative of a very different school like Newman. Were there no nineteenth-century teachers among the Evangelicals, whether of England or Scotland? Would not Simeon, or Chalmers, or John Cairns have been worthy of a place in this collection? As a contribution to nineteenth-century religious thought connected with Broad Churchism, the book will prove useful and suggestive, and the reader will not take up any of these essays without finding enough food for thought and incentives to study. The very lack of distinctive Evangelical teaching revealed in the subjects of the essays will only serve to show still more clearly the need of Evangelicalism at the heart of all true thought and life.

THE ORIGINS OF CHRISTIANITY. By the late Charles Bigg. Edited by T. B. Strong, D.D. Oxford: *Clarendon Press*. Price 12s. 6d. net.

Those who have read and enjoyed the former works of the late Regius Professor of Ecclesiastical History at Oxford will be ready to give a hearty welcome to this, his last work. To use the words of Dr. Strong's preface, "It is a summary account of the history and thought of the Church up to the point at which the persecuting edicts were withdrawn for the last time." And so we have here "the results of many years of reading," and "the impression which his own independent study of the ancient writers has left upon his mind." There is an almost continual freshness of outlook in all that Dr. Bigg wrote, and, what is still better, an endeavour to penetrate beneath the surface to the underlying principles and forces at work. In the course of thirty-seven chapters the ground of the first three centuries is covered, and the student is enabled to see the main outline of the story, the leading personages, and the growth and development of the Church. True to the main position of his Bampton Lectures, he again shows his partiality for the teachers and theology of Alexandria, and he endeavours to find points of affinity between Pagan philosophy and Christian religion. It is quite impossible to review the book adequately; we must perforce content ourselves with calling the notice of our readers to it as one which deserves to be consulted and studied on all the leading questions of the Church History of the first three centuries. Dr. Bigg's earlier books, including his valuable Commentary on St. Peter's Epistles, have made us his debtor, and we lay a wreath of gratitude on the tomb of one whom Dr. Strong has truly described as "a learned and devout scholar, who with all his interests in the precursors of Christianity had grasped the fundamental importance to the Church and to mankind of the teaching of the Cross."

THE CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE OF GOD. International Theological Library. By W. N. Clarke, D.D. Edinburgh: *T. and T. Clark*. Price 10s. 6d.

The main purpose of this book is "to set forth the Christian doctrine of God for the present day: not the doctrine of the past, or of the future, but the thought of God that we may now entertain if we follow the leading of Jesus Christ the revealer." Dr. Clarke has sought to make the spirit of our Lord's teaching determinative of the view of the doctrine of God here presented. After an introductory study of the sources, we are introduced at once to the character of God. The author refuses to consider the existence

until he has dealt with the character of God as revealed in Christ. He believes the common practice of first establishing God's existence is contrary to the Christian idea, since the Christian doctrine of God "does not begin with proof: it begins with the announcement that is made by Christian faith in pursuance of the Christian revelation" (p. 56). So we have, first, a section on the Divine character leading on to the subject of personality with the attributes of goodness, love, holiness, and wisdom. The second division of the book then deals with "God and men," and in the course of eight chapters or sections we are shown what is to be understood by God as Creator, Father, Sovereign, Moral Governor, Providence, Saviour, Trinity, and God, in human life. The third section discusses "God and the Universe," and in twelve sections are stated the various aspects of God's relation to the universe, starting from Monotheism and ending with Omnipotence. A fourth section at the end deals with the evidence for the existence of God, in which the rational and spiritual grounds are stated and objections considered. Dr. Clarke's method is valuable if only as a change from the usual treatment of this great subject. On doctrinal grounds we do not feel satisfied that the author has given the full Scripture teaching at every point. His view of the Trinity does not appear adequate, while his Christology is certainly not quite that of the Creeds. His doctrine of the Fatherhood of God is, after the modern fashion, grounded on creation, as meaning originally a natural relationship. This is a view for which no valid Scripture evidence can be adduced. Like most writers, Dr. Clarke makes full use of the parable of the Prodigal Son, but it is precarious to base a metaphysical relationship on symbolical teaching. It is also manifestly illogical to say that the parable shows that "conscious Fatherhood is not necessarily accompanied by conscious sonship, or worthy Fatherhood by worthy sonship" (p. 156). The terms "Father" and "Son" are strictly correlative in whatever use they are found. If, therefore, God is our Father by creation, we are His sons by creation, and if God is in some unique sense our Father by redemption, it is only by redemption that we can become His sons. Notwithstanding our differences on important doctrinal matters with Dr. Clarke, we welcome the book as a noteworthy addition to our theological works, and to the series of which it forms a part. Although it deals with the profoundest subjects of human thought, it is remarkably free from technicalities and abstractions, and there is not, as far as we have been able to discover, a single footnote of reference. We think that more might have been made of the Scripture evidence in the way of argument, but, judged by its own limits, the book is an exceedingly clear, fresh, and suggestive treatment. All the qualities which made Dr. Clarke's former book, "Outlines of Christian Theology," so popular and welcome are found again here. Its freshness of thought, clearness of expression, fulness of knowledge, and glow of spiritual earnestness, make this a very attractive volume. To have made so abstruse a subject interesting is a great feat. The volume will at once take its place as an important contribution to present-day theology.

STUDIES IN THE RESURRECTION. By the Rev. C. H. Robinson. London: Longmans, Green and Co. Price 3s. 6d. net.

A revised and enlarged edition of a book recently published and noticed in these columns. It has an additional chapter on "The Body of Christ in

the Holy Communion." It also contains a few corrections as the results of criticisms passed on the references in the earlier edition to the nature of our Lord's Resurrection Body. As to the latter point, we are still unable to see that the author adequately meets the evidence of the New Testament, to the effect that there was essential continuity even although there was a difference between the Body buried and the Body raised. As to the former point, the doctrine on the Holy Communion is most unsatisfactory from the standpoint of the New Testament. The topic was wholly unnecessary in a book of this kind, and its presence will go far to prevent those who prefer to adhere closely to the Scripture doctrine of the Lord's Supper from giving the value they deserve to the main arguments here adduced on behalf of the Resurrection. It is surprising that so clear a thinker cannot see that his view of "the Body of Christ in the Holy Communion" is quite alien from the simplicity of the New Testament.

EARLY CHRISTIANITY. By S. B. Slack. Religions Ancient and Modern. London: *Archibald Constable and Co., Ltd.* Price 1s. net.

This is the last volume in the series of handbooks dealing with ancient and modern religions, and we are compelled to say that it is almost entirely untrustworthy as a picture of early Christianity. It accepts the most extreme forms of present-day German criticism on the New Testament, and draws its picture of Christianity in accordance therewith. On almost every page debatable positions are accepted as valid, and impossible positions regarded as true. We wonder whether the author has ever heard of Lightfoot and Sanday.

HOW GOD HAS SPOKEN. By John Wilson, D.D. Edinburgh: *T. and T. Clark.* Price 5s. net.

A careful consideration of "Divine revelation in nature, in man, in Hebrew history, and in Jesus Christ." Its theme is thus the unfolding and gradual process of Divine revelation in its successive stages and progressive unity, and is an endeavour to reply to the question, "How far is the character of God depicted in the Christian revelation commensurate with the grandeur of the material cosmos, as exhibited in the most recent results of science?" The term "revelation" is rightly used as inclusive both of creation and history, for of course "the creative agency of the immanent God pervades all history, while, on the other hand, creation does not exclude continuity of process." There are five parts, dealing respectively with God's revelation in nature, in man, in the Hebrew religion, by the Incarnation, and in the Atonement. The author cherishes the hope that his book may be found "a useful compendium of information, and that some earnest souls among the younger generation may receive helpful inspiration and guidance from its pages." We believe the hope will be abundantly realized by all careful readers and students of the book. We have read it with genuine interest and with almost entire approval. It gives in a clear, compendious, and convincing form the main arguments for Divine revelation. It would make an admirable textbook for thorough study, and provide valuable material for preaching and teaching. In these days of vagueness and hesitation about the fundamental question of Divine revelation, it is good to have such a definite and helpful guidance as here afforded.

PERMANENT ELEMENTS IN CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY. By the Rev. R. J. Wardell. London: *Robert Culley*. Price 2s. 6d.

The author describes his book as "nothing more than the substance of a Methodist preacher's message to his congregation during one winter of his ministry." The subjects are all "foundation principles of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and they are approximately arranged in the year which is usually followed in manuals of theology." There are twenty-six topics, covering the entire field of doctrine from the truth of the pre-Incarnate Word right on to the subjects connected with the Last Things. We are not prepared to regard the author's presentation of his themes as always adequate to the New Testament position or even to the fundamental tenets of John Wesley, but what we like is the freshness of treatment and the novel way in which old familiar truths are presented. Mr. Wardell seems to have gone out of his way to avoid the obvious, and he has succeeded beyond expectation. We commend the volume as a fine example to preachers of how to present what is well known with freshness and charm.

OLD BELIEFS AND MODERN BELIEVERS. By Rev. P. A. Ellis. London: *Andrew Melrose*. Price 3s. 6d. net.

We have the greatest sympathy with every endeavour to commend old truths to new minds, for, as the author says, there is much disquiet in the religious life of to-day, and many earnest hearts are constantly troubled by the profound changes that are taking place in Christian beliefs. He therefore sets himself to discuss the essential truths of Christianity, and at the same time to show that they are not necessarily identified with the modes of comprehending them in any particular generation. After expressing his opinion that our beliefs need revision, he discusses in turn Belief in God, the Fall, the Atonement, the Resurrection of the Body, Everlasting Punishment, Inspiration and Miracles, closing with a consideration of certain modern trials of faith. We wish, however, that we could speak as warmly of the substance as we can of the intention of the book. Like many modern apologists, the writer tends to destroy the essential in his removal of the circumstantial, and on such important topics as the Fall, the Atonement, the Resurrection of the Body, and Eternal Punishment, we cannot think that he is true to the fundamental New Testament position. Mr. Ellis accepts quite fully modern critical views of the Bible, especially of the Old Testament, and it is not, therefore, surprising that his view very seriously affects the true doctrine of the authority of Scripture. It is noteworthy, but not at all surprising, that when once the critical view of the Bible is accepted, it modifies almost every essential doctrine of our faith.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MARK. By the Rev. W. S. Green.
THESSALONIANS AND CORINTHIANS. By the Rev. Professor Mackintosh.
"The Westminster New Testament." London: *Andrew Melrose*. Price 2s. net cloth; 3s. net leather.

Two more volumes of this attractive series, which is intended especially for teachers, lay-preachers, and others engaged in Christian work. Each volume consists of an Introduction, the text of the Authorized Version, and exegetical notes on the verses. Convenient in size, clearly printed,

tastefully bound, these volumes admirably fulfil the purpose for which they are intended. At once scholarly and spiritual, they give all the explanation that ordinary readers are likely to need. We are not able to accept all the critical views here put forth, but the discussions are always reverent in statement, and made with due regard to the Divine purpose and message of the book. As we have remarked before, it seems a pity that the series is called "The Westminster New Testament," because of the confusion between this and the series known as the "Westminster Commentaries," a very different project.

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OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY. By Rev. F. E. Spencer. London: *Longmans, Green and Co.* Price 1s. net.

We have read with great interest and profit this seventh volume of Anglican Church Handbooks edited by Dr. Griffith Thomas. The writer's aim, as he tells us in the preface, is "to read the history of Israel in the light of *credible* modern research." So, with a sobriety that is born of wide reading, with reverence, and with considerable attractiveness of style, he takes us through the Books of the Old Testament. He makes us realize, indeed, that "assimilation" rather than "reconstruction" must be our watchword. He reminds not only of the words of Ewald, "that Israel dared to find its earthly existence and honour only in religion," but significantly adds, "it also dared to fix every element of this true religion in the history of the past." This is the key to the whole position, and is a considerably neglected factor in modern thought. We think this volume will prove a wholesome corrective to many wild speculations and incoherencies, and we warmly commend its packed one hundred and twenty-five pages to all thoughtful readers.

THE ENGLISH CHURCH IN THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY. By Rev. C. Sydney Carter. London: *Longmans, Green and Co.* Price 1s. net.

We reach the eighth volume of these Anglican Church Handbooks. This period of the Church's life is not golden, but it is deeply significant. To understand the men and movements of the seventeenth century is to understand the true position of the Church of England. Contemporary evidence is necessary for modern digestion, and is here before us. We are sure the digestive process will produce sounder and healthier views in certain quarters. The whole book is written in a delightful spirit, and is conspicuous alike for ability and fairness. We venture to commend it to the Neo-Anglican, requesting an unbiassed perusal and deduction. The old-fashioned High Churchman and Evangelical will read to their profit. The Nonconformist may balance his point of view by a study of its pages. We are strongly of opinion that some such concise history of the period as this was needed, and the writer puts English Churchmen in his debt.

CHRISTIANITY IS CHRIST. By Rev. W. H. Griffith Thomas, D.D. London: *Longmans, Green and Co.* Price 1s. net.

The ninth volume of Anglican Church Handbooks. It presents various aspects of the evidence for the Person of Christ in the light of modern discussions.

IS DEATH THE END? By a well-known writer. London: *Griffiths*. Price 3s.

An attempt to put into plain language the evidence for conscious personality after death. While sympathizing with any attempt to stem the materialistic tendencies of our day, we are not convinced that the veil of the Unseen is really to be drawn aside, and the Secret revealed by the method of psychical research. Modern spiritism, in almost every manifestation, is a subtle foe of Christianity, as its forerunner, Gnosticism, was in the second and third centuries. Those who dabble in this sort of mysticism need to be on their guard, therefore, or delusion—*ἐνέργεια πλάνης*—will be the result.

DANTE AS AN ILLUSTRATOR OF SCRIPTURE. By the Rev. Sir J. C. Hawkins, Bart., S.P.C.K. Price 1s. 6d.

An admirable little book, which should appeal to every student of Scripture, as it certainly will to every student of Dante. It is really helpful to the inquiring reader, and would be still more so if the accomplished author had seen fit to equip his book with an index.

IS A WORLD-RELIGION POSSIBLE? By David Balsillie, M.A. London: *Griffiths*. Price 4s. net.

While there is much that is true and good in the critical part of this treatise (where the author is combating Haeckel, McTaggart, and the incompetent speculations of the so-called "New Theology"), we are sure that Mr. Balsillie is not likely to command the assent of orthodox Christians in his endeavour to rationalize the Gospel tradition. Christianity is a great deal more than a system of morality and of social ethics, though it is that, too; and no attempt to popularize Christ's teaching is likely to succeed, unless the great facts of sin, redemption, and justification by faith, are given their due place as the foundation truths of theology.

THE CHURCH PULPIT COMMENTARY. 2 vols. London: *J. Nisbet and Co.*, Price 7s. 6d. each vol.

These two volumes comprising Philipians to Hebrews and St. James to Revelation come up to the good standard already set.

HEATHENISM UNDER THE SEARCHLIGHT. By W. R. Hunt, F.R.G.S. London: *Morgan and Scott*. Price 3s. 6d.

China is awakening to her needs and possibilities. Is she to be awakened to the claim of Christ? The Rev. W. Durban, who writes an interesting foreword to the volume, says: "A Far-Eastern national Renaissance without the grace of God is an appalling contingency." If any who are suffering from what he calls the "ethnic superstition," which claims that heathen religions are suitable to their devotees, will submit themselves to this simple recital of facts, they will see that the gift of the Gospel is the greatest logic. China's numbers and influence are enormous; let reinforcements appear to conquer her for Christ. Everyone ought to read Mr. Hunt's book.

THE BLACK BISHOP. By Jesse Page, F.R.G.S. London: *Hodder and Stoughton*. Price 7s. 6d.

This is the life-story of the kidnapped slave who became a Bishop. It sets before us a life of devotion, wisdom, tact, and Christlike simplicity. The biographer tells his story in a very fascinating manner, and Dr. Stock, who writes an introduction, speaks of the Delta to-day being a monument to

Bishop Crowther's indomitable perseverance in a holy cause. The history of this pioneer Bishop should be well digested, and we hope it will find a large circle of readers. No enthusiast for missionary work could afford to leave it unread.

HANDBOOK TO TRUTH. By Rev. J. O. West, M.A. London: *Morgan and Scott*. Price 1s. 6d.

This most useful little book, mentioned before in these columns, possesses the added interest of a Preface by Mr. G. Nicholls, M.P. Would that all among the Labour Party thought as he does!

WHAT IS TRUTH? By L. B. London: *Elliot Stock*. Price 2s. 6d.

A little book full of earnest thoughts and good quotations, whether from Scripture or elsewhere. The writer is full of a practical love to God and man, and is as earnest in social work as in religion. To some thoughts we demur, but there is a note of reality running through all.

RUINED AND DESERTED CHURCHES. By L. E. Beedham. London: *Elliot Stock*. Price 5s.

This book has an interest of its own, and is well worth perusal. The writer has preserved for us the history of some of the derelict parochial churches and wayside chapels. Excellent photographs and a good style make good reading full of old-world interest.

THE EPISTLE TO DIOGNETUS. By Rev. L. B. Radford. London: *S.P.C.K.* Price 1s. 6d.

Whoever the author of the Epistle is, we, at any rate, get an interesting sidelight on the New Testament and the life of the early Church. Mr. Radford is a trustworthy and well-equipped guide to the opinions and literature of the subject.

SPIRITUAL UNDERSTANDING. By Miss A. Campbell. London: *Morgan and Scott*. Price 1s.

This is a sevenfold study on "this faculty of the renewed heart in man." The writer takes us to and through the Word of God, and we are profited and enlightened.

THE GREATEST THEME IN THE WORLD. By Pastor F. E. Marsh. London: *Marshall Bros.* Price 3s.

The subject of the book is the Atonement of our Blessed Lord. The greatest theme is worthily dealt with, for we are confronted with Scripture from first to last. Here are outline lectures delivered to missionary students, and we think them fortunate in their teacher.

LIFE ABIDING. By W. H. Griffith Thomas. London: *Marshall Bros.* Price 1s.

Dr. Pierson is a great Christian psychologist, and his counsel will be found spiritual and practical. Mr. Hopkins speaks with authority and wisdom, and his clear, concise way of putting things is particularly valuable. The third book is on the subject of the Bible and prayer in relation to the Christian life.

FULL ALLEGIANCE. By Rev. G. H. Knight. London: *Marshall Bros.* Price 3s. 6d.

A book to read and pray over. It sounds a loud call to holiness and service. Full of helpful practical teaching.

AN OXFORD TUTOR. By C. E. H. Edwards. London: *Elliot Stock*. Price 1s. 6d.

A delightful bit of biography of the Rev. T. Short, B.D., who died in 1879. He was an old Oxford character, beloved and quaint, and one of Trinity's best-known Dons.

FROM AN EASY-CHAIR. By Sir E. Ray Lankester, K.C.B., F.R.S. London: *A. Constable and Co.* Price 1s.

The writer is a capital companion, and we are glad that these chats, which have appeared in the *Daily Telegraph*, are put into book form. The range of subjects is wide. Fevers, precious stones, fleas and suffragettes, giraffes and geologists, luminous owls and heredity, etc., come in for interesting and (be it said with bated breath) "dogmatic" treatment. Sir E. R. Lankester has a gift for putting scientific truth in a most popular fashion, and all he writes here is as interesting as it is suggestive.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME. By Rev. F. S. Webster, M.A. London: *R.T.S.* Price 1s.

Five useful chapters on the great subject and in view of the Eucharistic Congress of 1908. Those who value the teaching of God's Word on the subject of Holy Communion will do well to peruse these faithful chapters, full of spiritual truth, and free from all rancour.

WITH CHRIST TO GETHSEMANE. By Helen Thorp. London: *Elliot Stock*. Price 2s.

This is a book for special use during the forty days of Lent. It is full of helpful counsel and quotation. The Bishop of Rochester writes a commendatory Preface.

THE CHRISTIAN SOLDIER AND OTHER POEMS. By Sister Matilda. London: *Elliot Stock*. Price 1s.

These are full of music, and it is the music of the Gospel. They will be a comfort and inspiration to many.

A FRUITFUL MINISTRY. By C. J. Hammond. London: *C. J. Thynne*. Price 3s. 6d.

Archdeacon Madden writes a Preface to this memoir. He gives the threefold secret of Rev. R. H. Hammond's success: His consecration to Christ, his proclamation of Christ crucified, and his life of self-sacrifice. "There is a freshness and a fragrance in the story which stirs the heart to holy ambitions."

THE NEW TESTAMENT. Illustrated by W. Hole, R.S.A., R.E. London: *Eyre and Spottiswoode*. Price 2s. net.

As we should expect, the printing and get-up is excellent (cream and gilt). Twelve water-colour drawings are reproduced, and the volume illustrating the life of Jesus of Nazareth combines wonderful delicacy with cheapness.

GIFT BOOKS.

THE MEN OF THE MOUNTAIN. By S. R. Crockett. London: *Religious Tract Society*. Price 6s.

This story of the Franco-German War has for its hero a Genevan pastor, who proves a true helper to friend and foe alike. In quick succession adventure and romance claim the attention of the reader from start to finish. Two love-stories which end happily give charm to the book, and relieve the sombre and horrible side of war. Mr. Crockett puts so many figures on his canvas that the reader is apt to get a little confused, although marvelling at the powerful descriptions of historical events so realistically portrayed. The religious element is altogether admirable, and for that alone one is thankful in these days of a purely ethical atmosphere and of mere platitudes in much of present-day fiction.

LOVE THE INTRUDER. By Helen H. Watson. London: *Religious Tract Society*. Price 6s.

It is seldom that we meet with a novel so beautifully written and so absorbing in interest as this "Modern Romance." The characters live before our eyes, so vividly are the authoress's observations conveyed to her readers. We part with regret from the lovable and charming heroine, and close the book with a desire for "more." To those who desire to find a new gift-book in the form of an able, wholesome, high-toned novel this can be heartily recommended.

THE IDEAL CHRISTIAN HOME. A Book for All on the Threshold of Life's Duties. Compiled by Helen S. Dyer. London: *Morgan and Scott*. Price 3s. 6d. net.

A delightful book on the Christian home, its circle, its aims, and duties. Nothing could be better than the wide use of this attractive and daintily-got-up volume as a wedding-present. "Partners in Life," "The Sabbath in the Home," "The Stranger Within the Gates," are three valuable chapters out of a total of seventeen equally timely.

THE GIRL'S ENCYCLOPÆDIA. By A. B. Barnard. London: *The Pilgrim Press*. Price 3s. 6d. net.

Material of great practical value on many ordinary subjects and common-sense matters is presented in this book for girls. Travel, Reading, Health, Dress, Etiquette, Friends, Walking Tours, etc., are some of the subjects. A high tone is taken on various matters affecting the well-being of girls and young women.

INTO THE SUNSHINE. By Mrs. Harvey-Jellie. London: *Morgan and Scott*. Price 2s. 6d. net.

A series of stories are presented in this book dealing with the question of conversion and consecration in God's work. There are thirty-two well-told, sympathetic, and different stories of Christian service and blessed results. The book should be useful to Bible-Class teachers, district visitors, and leaders of Mothers' Meetings. It will lead the careful reader into a fuller sense of personal responsibility for the souls of others.

POMEGRANATE. The Story of a Chinese Schoolgirl. By Jennie Beckingsale. London: *Morgan and Scott*. Price 2s. 6d. net.

All who are interested in China and wish to possess a more intimate knowledge of the native life and of educational mission work should read this book. It is suitable for adults,

while children of school age will greatly appreciate it. As a Sunday book, also, it would delight the young folks.

US AND OUR DONKEY. By Amy Le Feuvre. London: *Religious Tract Society*. Price 2s.

A family of lively boys and girls and their doings form the subject of Miss Le Feuvre's new book. The donkey, as the title suggests, is an interesting and important part of the story. While there is much fun and frolic, the authoress never loses sight of everyday religion as the controlling power in the lives of the young. Without preaching and without any unnatural forcing the fragrance of true goodness always pervades the highly commendable stories of this gifted writer.

PUCK, M.P. By Irene H. Barnes. London: *Church Missionary Society*. Price 1s. 6d.

Boys who are interested in missionary work and also in the doings of Parliament will welcome this book. The Moslem Menace and the Allotment Garden experiment both receive attention at the hands of keen boys. Sir John Kennaway writes a preface, in which he points out that public opinion must first be created before any missionary problem can impress the House of Commons.

WHY AND WHAT AT THE BRITISH MUSEUM. By Lettice Bell. London: *Morgan and Scott*. Price 1s. 6d. net.

This little work supplies the answers to some of the numerous questions of the boys and girls with inquiring minds. After filling in the marginal spaces for texts, looking at, and perhaps attempting to copy, the admirable drawings, the young people will want to visit the British Museum. Miss Bell is to be heartily congratulated on this new book. She is proving one of our most valued helpers with books for children.

THE EMPIRE ANNUAL FOR GIRLS. London: *Religious Tract Society*. Price 3s. 6d.

In this volume will be found short stories by many favourite writers, such as Mrs. G. de Horne Vaizey, M. B. Maxwell, Lily Watson, and others. The Rev. F. S. Webster introduces this book by an exceedingly appropriate appeal to girls on the real "promise of life." In addition to the stories there are several interesting articles. "Nature Study for Girls," "Hobbies for Girls," "Hints on Reciting," and "A Canadian Girl," are some of the titles. As an acceptable Christmas present for girls in their teens this book should be in great demand. It cannot fail to please and interest the fortunate recipients.

THE EMPIRE ANNUAL FOR BOYS. Edited by Rev. A. R. Buckland. London: *Religious Tract Society*. Price 3s. 6d.

A most attractive volume for boys. It contains contributions from no less than forty-four different authors, covering quite a variety of subjects. Hints about cricket, Rugby and Association football, and hockey are given by well-known amateur players, and there is an abundance of tales of adventure in many parts of the world. The tone of the writing throughout is manly, and by such a story as the life of "Coley" Patteson, distinguished at Eton and Oxford, and dying as a missionary to the Melanesians, Christianity makes its appeal to the heroic element in a boy's character. The book would be an excellent Christmas present for any schoolboy.

DICK THE GIPSY. By M. E. Murray. London: *Sunday School Union*. Price 1s.

A capital little story for boys and girls.

ANIMAL STORY AND ADVENTURE. By F. Mundell. London: *Sunday School Union*. Price 2s.

Full of interest and attraction, well illustrated, and something the boys and girls will like.

SPARKS. By M. E. Ames. London: *C. Thynne*. Price 2s. 6d.

A well-told story, full of vividness and interest. Love's strength and love's sacrifice appear on many a page. Christian Science and extreme Ritualism come in due course for some severe dealing; and the triumph of a departed mother's prayers crowns the story. We wish it a good circulation, and commend it as an excellent gift-book.

SILAS MARNER AND SCENES OF CLERICAL LIFE. By George Eliot. London: *The Pilgrim Press*. Price 2s. 6d.

The book is well printed and illustrated; the price is cheap, and the covers tasteful.

A KING'S TREACHERY. By Albert Lee. London: *The Pilgrim Press*. Price 3s. 6d.

All incidents associated with the Massacre of St. Bartholomew will stir us. The writer has written a graphic story, with plenty of fighting and plotting in it, as well as the judicious mixture of love. It is a useful gift-book, and should secure a large clientele. Those who value the Word of God should read it.

ST. JUDE'S. By Ian Maclaren. London: *R.T.S.*

This popular edition is right welcome. All the writer's human delicacy and pathos are seen in these sketches of minister and flock.

HEROES OF OUR INDIAN EMPIRE. By H. Morris. London: *Christian Literature Society for India*. Price 2s. per volume.

This particular volume covers from A.D. 1761 to 1827. The stories of these great men, nine in number, are told with a sympathy and vividness which keep the attention. English rule in India is a conspicuous subject, and these pages tell what Englishmen, who have loved India, have done for the people. Let them be widely known.

BROKEN SNARES. By E. S. Karney. London: *R. Scott*. Price 1s. 6d.

The Bishop of Durham writes a Preface to this useful little book, which deals with difficulties and problems in missionary work. Hard Questions form the subject of Part I, and Healthful Words, Part II. The Bishop says: "The perusal of the book has been a cheer and assistance to myself."

PERIODICALS, REPRINTS, AND PAMPHLETS.

THE BIBLIOTHECA SACRA. October, 1909. Oberlin: *Bibliotheca Sacra Company*. London: *Charles Higham*. Price 75 cents.

The first of eight articles is on "John Bunyan," and gives an interesting account of that Christian genius. The Rev. D. G. Whitley writes helpfully on "The Scientific Foundations of Belief in God," calling attention to a number of books recently published in France on this greatest of all subjects. Our valued contributor, Mr. H. M. Wiener, discusses "The First Three Chapters of Wellhausen's Prolegomena" with his accustomed acuteness, and the number is worth possessing for this long and able article alone. Other contributions include "Epic and Lyric Poetry," by Professor James Lindsay, and two articles dealing with Calvinism. The reviews, though not numerous, are, as usual, clear and informing. The first, on Dr. Eerdman's "Old Testament Studies," is written by Mr. Wiener.

THE CHURCH QUARTERLY REVIEW. October, 1909. London: *Spottiswoode and Co., Ltd.* Price 3s.

Eight articles constitute a distinctly good number. The first, on which we comment on another page, discusses the proposals of the Lambeth Conference with reference to the Moravian Church, and is written by a leading scholar of the Moravian Church in America, Professor Schwarze. Dr. Jevons reviews several recent books under the general title of "The History and Psychology of Religion." Mr. Scott-Moncrieff, of the British Museum, writes on "Gnosticism and Early Christianity in Egypt." Other articles are: "The Problem of Morals in France"; "George Tyrrell"; "The Poor Law Commission: the Minority Report," by the Warden of New College; and "Bishop Wilkinson," by Canon Body. Some of the short notices strike us as unusually belated, dealing with books published more than a year ago.

THE JOURNAL OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES. October, 1909. London: *Henry Frowde*. Price 3s. 6d. net.

Mr. C. H. Turner continues his valuable articles on "Historical Introduction to the Textual Criticism of the New Testament," this time dealing with the languages of the Early Church. Mr. J. H. A. Hart discusses "Philo and the Catholic Judaism of the First Century." There are the usual technical sections for scholars and a very good portion of reviews. This quarterly well maintains its important position in the theological world.

THE HOMILETIC REVIEW. November, 1909. London and New York: *Funk and Wagnalls Company*. Price 1s.

The most important articles this month are: "The Christ of To-Day," by Dr. T. C. Hall; "The Bible and Modern Research: Loss and Gain," by Dr. J. Agar Beet; and "The Doctrine of the Atonement," by the Rev. W. E. Cullwick. Dr. Beet favours the idea of gain in connection with points that appeal to us as implied loss. In the section dealing with sermons are discourses by Dean Wace, Dr. Watkinson, and others. There are the usual sections treating of purely pastoral work which make this review of interest and value to all clergymen, even though, like ourselves, they may not be able to accept its general critical position.

EVERYBODY'S STORY MAGAZINE. November, 1909. London: R.T.S. Price 4½d.

A new venture on the part of the R.T.S. to provide a magazine of short stories. Various well-known authors are included among the contributors, and the contents are as varied as the writers. It will be a great thing if the R.T.S. is able by means of thoroughly good fiction to supplant some of the magazines of fiction of a very different kind which are unfortunately so widely circulated to-day. We understand that so great has been the demand for this first number that the publishers have had twice to increase the order to the printers. We shall watch with interest for succeeding numbers.

THE MINISTER'S POCKET DIARY AND CLERICAL VADE-MECUM. 1910. London: *Hodder and Stoughton*. Price 2s. net.

One of the completest aids to method in ministerial life. In addition to the usual diary and calendar, there are sections for practically everything connected with parochial work. We are glad to welcome and recommend once again this most useful help to a clergyman's work.

LONDON UNIVERSITY GUIDE. 1910. London: *University Correspondence College*. Price 1s.

The University Correspondence College continues to provide valuable and complete information for all who are seeking degrees in the London University.

ASTRONOMY FOR AMATEURS. By C. Flammarion. THE LIFE OF DEAN STANLEY. By R. E. Protheroe. THE LIFE OF LORD DUFFERIN. By Sir Alfred Lyall. Nelson's Shilling Library. VALERIE UPTON. By Anne D. Sedgwick. THE AMERICAN. By Henry James. THE FIRST MEN IN THE MOON. By H. G. Wells. Nelson's Sevenpenny Library. SELECTED ESSAYS OF RALPH WALDO EMERSON. LAVENGRO. By George Borrow. Nelson's Sixpenny Classics. London: *Thomas Nelson and Sons*.

The most recent additions to these three series. Nothing could be more attractive or useful than these results of Messrs. Nelson's enterprise. The three in the Shilling Library are particularly valuable, and this series altogether is proving exceptionally attractive. The Sevenpenny Series is also providing us with a good deal of striking fiction, while the Sixpenny Classics speak for themselves, because they *are* classics.

SOCIAL RECLAMATION. By Malcolm Spencer. London: *Student Christian Movement*. Price 1s. net.

A companion volume to one noticed a few months ago, "Social Degradation." In this the author endeavours to show the various forces now at work to relieve or remove the degradation sketched in the former book. There are six well-written chapters with two useful appendices. We are glad that the Student Movement is taking its part in the cause of Social Reform. Such books as these two by Mr. Spencer will do untold service in making the members of our University, for whom the handbooks are specially intended, realize something of the huge tasks that lie before them when they enter upon life after their University career.

ENGLISH CHURCH MANUALS: No. 16. CONFESSION ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE AND THE PRAYER-BOOK. By the Rev. Canon Denton Thompson. No. 17. PRINCIPLES OF THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER. By the Right Rev. T. W. Drury. No. 18. CONSCIENCE. London: *Longmans, Green and Co.* Price 1d. each.

We give a hearty welcome to these three new numbers of this very valuable series. Each subject is of real importance. Canon Denton Thompson treats of Confession in an able and convincing way, and his booklet should be circulated widely by clergy everywhere as a safeguard against error. Bishop Drury's manual is written with all the knowledge and balance which we associate with him, and it will be of real service towards a better understanding of our Prayer-Book. Mr. Jackson's manual on "Conscience" is truly admirable for its clear, able treatment of a difficult subject. No one who would know the truth about conscience should overlook this telling treatment. Clergy and lay-workers should make a special note of these manuals, and circulate them widely.

HIS BIRTHDAY. A Christmas Sketch. By Amy Le Feuvre. London: R.T.S. Price 1s. net.

A charming booklet, most attractively got up, written in the authoress's best style, full of good things pointedly put. It ought to be in great demand at Christmas.

THE FOUR LAST THINGS. By the Rev. J. H. Greaves. London: *The Church Monthly Office*. Price 1s. net.

Four sermons on "Death," "Judgment," "Hell," "Heaven." Thoughtful, spiritual, and faithful; useful for general circulation.

THE POPULAR USE OF THE ATHANASIAN CREED. By J. W. Legg. London: *Longmans, Green and Co.* Price 1s. net.

An endeavour to show that the Church of England is not alone in using the Creed publicly and in mixed congregations. It contains some useful information which will be welcomed by historical scholars, but it does not in any way remove the most serious objections to the popular use of the Creed.

A LYTTON TREASURY. Manchester: *Albert Broadbent.* Price 3d. RUBÁIYÁT OF OMAR KHAYYÁM. Rendered into English Verse by Edward Fitzgerald. Manchester: *Albert Broadbent.* Price 1d.

The former is a selection from the poems of the Earl of Lytton. The latter is Fitzgerald's well-known version. Both are daintily and conveniently produced.

BIBLE STORIES FOR YOUNG READERS: No. 17. THE STORY OF SAUL. No. 18. THE STORY OF DAVID THE SHEPHERD. No. 19. THE STORY OF DAVID THE EXILE. London: *James Henderson and Sons, Ltd.* Price 1d. each.

Clearly and well told. The weak points are the illustrations.

POPULAR GUIDE TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE BILL, 1909. As passed through the House of Commons. By a Barrister-at-Law. Third edition. Revised and enlarged. London: *H. E. Morgan.* Price 3d.

A useful compendium of information.

SACRED CAROLS, ANCIENT AND MODERN, WITH MUSICAL ILLUSTRATIONS. By the Rev John Julian, D.D. London: *S.P.C.K.* Price 6d.

The substance of a lecture by the well-known Editor of Murray's "Dictionary of Hymnology." A very interesting account of carols, which, with the musical illustrations, should find a ready sale.

THE CHEYNE COLLECTION OF CANTICLE SETTINGS: No. 1. TE DEUM LAUDAMUS. By Martin Shaw. London: *Henry Frowde.* Price 4d. net.

The first number of a collection of Canticle settings, being an attempt to supply music which shall not seem inappropriate to the solemnity of the Church services. It is thought that the musical treatment of the Canticles has been less worthy than that of Anthems, and it is in order to meet the dearth of suitable settings that this effort has been made.

THE REFORMATION SETTLEMENT. By J. T. Tomlinson. London: *National Church League.* Price 3d.

Reprinted from that valuable collection of essays, "Church and Faith," which is now unfortunately out of print. We are particularly glad to welcome this able, informing, and convincing treatment of one of the most important topics of present-day interest. The pamphlet should be widely circulated among thoughtful people, for Canon MacColl and others have only too easily led many astray as to what took place at the Reformation. Mr. Tomlinson speaks with the authority which comes from a minute and thorough knowledge.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PENNY MANUALS: No. 17. PRIEST OR PRESBYTER. By the Rev. Andrew Given. London: *C. J. Thyne.* Price 1d.

A telling treatment of the terms "priest" and "presbyter," with special reference to Prayer-Book Revision. It is full of facts which, as the sub-title rightly says, all Churchmen should know.

THE CHURCH MILITANT. By L. Rentoul. London: *R. J. James.* Ireland: *Davison and M'Cormack.* Price 3d. net.

A pamphlet on the drink question, addressed to students of the Belfast Presbyterian College, in which some very serious charges are made against the College in connection with certain Divinity Scholarships founded by a firm of Dublin distillers. Full of useful facts for temperance speakers, quite apart from the particular purpose of the pamphlet.

We have already called attention to the stamps and booklets for Sunday-schools issued by the Rev. W. H. Berry, 20, Brooks Hall Road, Ipswich. A new edition of the Sunday-school booklets has just been issued, commencing with Advent Sunday, which will be a great convenience for Church-people. This is an admirable plan for increasing Sunday-school attendance.