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Two Kings of Uganda. Life by the shores of Victoria Nyanza. By ROBERT P. ASHE, M.A., F.R.G.S. With map and illustrations. Sampson Low, Marston, Searle, and Rivington.

THIS "account of a residence of six years in Eastern Equatorial Africa" is very well written, and will doubtless be widely read. From beginning to end the book is full of interest. The chapters on "Manners and Customs" have a value of their own.

The Voice from Patmos. Notes on the Book of the Revelation of St. John the Divine. By MARTHA BLAKENEY. Pp. 290. Nisbet and Co.

It is some time since our pages received a contribution from the Vicarage, Sheffield. Few dignitaries know as much about the working-classes, and the real work and needs of the Church in the great towns of the North, as Dr. Blakeney, who has laboured with such devotedness and success in Sheffield; and *THE CHURCHMAN* has been enriched on several occasions with practical papers by the honoured Vicar and Arch-deacon. Many of our readers will remember a paper on Bible Classes for young ladies, by Mrs. Blakeney, which appeared in a recent *CHURCHMAN*, and, as far as we know, is decidedly the best paper of the kind. The book before us, the preface of which bears date March, 1889, contains Notes prepared for Mrs. Blakeney's Bible Class, and printed at the request of the members. With these three characteristics, simplicity, suggestiveness, and spirituality, it is likely to prove exceedingly useful, and we heartily recommend it. It is printed in clear type.

Hymns and Meditations. By A. L. WARING. Pp. 194. Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.

This is a delightful little book. It has the old favourites and some new pieces. The author of that very helpful hymn—

Father, I know that all my life
Is portioned out for me,

is, in her own way, second to none.

We have received from the Religious Tract Society a very good edition of St. Patrick's writings, by Dr. C. H. Wright.

Among some new books received from the S.P.C.K. we may mention *Everyday Heroes*, stories of bravery; cheap and attractive; good as a prize-book; or for a parochial library.

In *Cornhill*, always bright and fresh, appear several interesting papers. *Murray's Magazine* is, as usual, informing as well as attractive.

The *Art Journal* is a capital number. The coloured picture alone is worth the money.

The *British Weekly Pulpit*, vol. i., contains many sermons by eminent Nonconformists (*British Weekly Office*).

We gladly invite attention once more to *Light for India* (Elliot Stock), the quarterly record of the Christian Vernacular Education Society for India. The July number contains a report of the annual meeting, Lord Northbrook in the chair.

July *Blackwood* contains Part IV. of the very interesting "Scenes from a Silent World," by a Prison Visitor. An article on the critical position of Europeans in Central Africa is well worth reading even now. As to the Zanzibar littoral, the writer heartily supports the advice given by Lord Salisbury in the House of Lords on the 28th of May, to the effect that the agents of the Universities Mission should withdraw for a brief space.

Those who have been disturbed by the writings of Professor Huxley and Mrs. Humphrey Ward in the *Nineteenth Century* and elsewhere will do well to read attentively the valuable paper by Professor Sanday in the July number of the *Contemporary Review* on "The Future of English Theology." Like everything which comes from his pen, it is both temperate in expression and solid in matter. While paying a high compliment to much that is praiseworthy in Mrs. Ward's March paper, he shows that her confidence in her position is altogether misplaced; because (1) some of her data are seriously incorrect, and (2) her conclusion would not follow from her data, even if they were correct. She is one more illustration of the familiar saying that "a little knowledge is a dangerous thing." Unfortunately she has the ear of a number of people who do not see the defects either in her knowledge or in her reasoning.

An admirable gift-book or prize is *To the Lions*, a pleasing and highly informing tale of the Early Christians, by Professor Church, (Seeley and Co.). The Professor's historical Tales are well known. This tasteful volume has sixteen illustrations.

The second number of *Church and People* is bright and full of interest. It shows signs of vigorous life, and will, we hope, do right good service for that most valuable Society, the G.P.A.

It is a pleasure to praise the first number of *Dignitaries of the Church* (Hatchards); an excellent design which will evidently be well carried out. The three "dignitaries" whose photographs are now before us, are the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishop of Truro, and Dean Gott.

The new *Quarterly Review*, while it has no article likely to be called "brilliant," has several papers which are interesting and rich. "Shakespeare and Venice" is very readable; so is "Duelling"; and we are much pleased with the paper on Virgil. "Old Age" will be a favourite with many. What the *Quarterly* finds to say on the American Commonwealth and its Lessons will be easily understood; it is a valuable paper.

* * * The promised paper on the Prosecution of the Bishop of Lincoln, a reply by Mr. Sydney Gedge, M.P., is unavoidably postponed.