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Short Notices.

Leo XIII. at the Bar of History. By Dr. MCKIM. Pp. 132. Gibson Bros., Washington.

The learned writer discusses very temperately the various points raised by the Pope's Encyclical on Christian Unity. He traces the growth of the primacy anciently conceded to the Bishop of Rome; the development of the Papacy; the forged Isidorian Decretals; Irenæus's views on primacy; Cyprian's views on the equality of Bishops; the Greek witness to the independence of National Churches, and other kindred and important matters. To any not steeped in tradition it must be absolutely convincing.

Sunday Hours. Pp. 596. R.T.S.

This is a new serial, full of promise. The illustrations seem constantly to improve, and it is indeed highly successful in that respect. Biographies for boys; Sundays at various public schools and other places; suitable stories and agreeable sketches, make it a very pleasant collection.

Theological Literature in the Church of England. By Bishop DOWDEN. Pp. 212. S.P.C.K.

New York has a general theological seminary, and the Paddock Lectures were founded there in 1880. The Bishop of Edinburgh delivered them last year. He has given us a very interesting and comprehensive survey of theological literature in the Church of England from the Reformation until the beginning of the eighteenth century. The tone is perfectly impartial, and the analysis discriminating and accurate. It is a useful and trustworthy guide and handbook to the theological student.

Lives of the Saints. By the Rev. S. BARING-GOULD. Vol. II. Pp. 455. Price 5s. Nimmo.

This is a new edition in sixteen volumes. The present volume contains 174 biographies and 29 illustrations; some of them are very obscure people, but many of them are very interesting. Some of them belong only to the Roman Martyrology, but they all throw light on various periods of Church history and Church thought, and some interesting facts may be found for daily reading.

Social Transformations of the Victorian Age. J. H. S. ESCOTT. Pp. 450. Price 6s. Seeley and Co.

This admirable volume gives a comprehensive survey of the national growth during the sixty years' reign of the Queen, under thirty-one headings, and will be invaluable for all speeches and sermons on the subject. Such subjects are treated, as wealth, steam, plutocracy, India, social citizenship, parish government, county government, elementary education, graduated education, public schools, universities, the drama, House of Commons, royalty, army, navy, science, music, art, religion, medicine, and the like. These subjects are all treated with the fulness of information and impartiality of an accomplished reviewer.

A Sacerdotal Ministry. By the Rev. P. VALPY M. FILLEUL. Pp. 26. Price 2d. (12s. per 100). 18, Paternoster Row.

A careful explanation of the Reformation view of the Christian Ministry.

Twenty Years on the Saskatchewan. By Canon NEWTON. Pp. 184. Elliot Stock.

This is a narrative of the life and thoughts of a very earnest missionary in North-West Canada. The accounts of the country, its past and future, and the Indians, with all the problems which they present, make an inter-

esting chapter in missionary enterprise, and will no doubt be largely read in the increasing interest which is taken in missions. It will be a capital book for reading aloud at parish gatherings.

The Clergy List for 1897. Kelly and Co.

This volume contains an extraordinary improvement on previous editions in having a complete record of the official life of every clergyman. Last year the alphabetical list was over 495 pp.; this year, though printed in double columns, over 1,000. It adds greatly to the value of the book. In this list are also included the names of the clergy of Ireland, Scotland, and the Colonies. Again, the income of the benefices is given as near as possible at its present value.

The Ecclesiastical Commissioners have supplied the editors with varied and valuable information. The late appearance of the book is due to the enormous extra labour involved by these additions, but hereafter it will appear as usual in January.

The Authorised Form of the Jubilee Service. Messrs. Eyre and Spottiswoode have forwarded the only authorised form of this service. It is the Accession Service as altered by the Convocations of Canterbury and York (though not finally), with the addition of a special collect of thanksgiving by Archbishop Temple.

We have also received the following magazines: *Good Words, Sunday Magazine, The Leisure Hour, The Critical Review, The Anglican Church Magazine, The Church Missionary Intelligence, The Evangelical Churchman, The Church Sunday-School Magazine, The Fireside, Sunday at Home, The Girl's Own Paper, The Boy's Own Paper, Sunday Hours, The Church Worker, The Church Monthly, The Church Missionary Gleaner, Light in the Home, Awake, India's Women, The Cottager and Artisan, Friendly Greetings, Golden Sunbeams, Little Folks, Our Little Dots, The Child's Companion, Boys' and Girl's Companion, The Children's World, Daybreak, Day of Days, Dawn of Day, Home Words, Hand and Heart, and Church and People.*

The Month.

CLERICAL INCOMES.

THE managers of the Clergy Sustentation Fund for the diocese of St. Asaph have had the good fortune to secure the valuable aid of Mr. Gladstone as a speaker for the fund. Few subjects can now tempt the aged statesman to raise in a long speech what the Bishop of Rochester well styled "the greatest and most thrilling voice of our generation." It is worthy of note that "the scandal and the shame of clerical poverty," as Mr. Gladstone termed it, has incited him to such a speech as should carry the facts a very considerable distance and with great effect. By one striking illustration he showed the *raison d'être* of the whole matter. In 1812 wheat was selling at 20s. a bushel, whereas that is the price of a quarter, eight times as much, at the present time. The farmers, the landlords, and the rural clergy are the classes chiefly touched by this tremendous revolution of prices. Few farmers and fewer landlords depend solely on grain crops. But in the case of the clergy more than half of the total income from benefices in the Church of England is