

for a century by the loss of its endowments, to rouse themselves. The danger is all the more real because of the widespread discontent prevalent within the Church. But Disestablishment is a counsel of despair, and if those who to-day are so lightly discussing its possible results would only consider in a little more detail what those results might be, they would hardly lend gratuitous aid to the forces of the Liberation Society.

Reviews.

HOMILETICAL AND DEVOTIONAL LITERATURE.

Unity in Christ and other Sermons. By J. ARMITAGE ROBINSON, D.D.
London: Macmillan and Co. Pp. 298.

CANON ARMITAGE ROBINSON'S volume contains twenty sermons, most of which were delivered at Westminster Abbey or at St. Margaret's. They were not written for publication, and they do not form a connected series. One idea, the unity of mankind in Christ, does, however, recur with sufficient frequency to give some coherence to the volume. For this reason there is an advantage in having at the close of the book Canon Armitage Robinson's sermon preached at the consecration of the Bishop of Exeter. For here he speaks of reunion definitely, and in a spirit of hope which, it must be owned, few seem able to reach. It is not clear by what means Canon Armitage Robinson thinks reunion may come, unless the self-government of the Church is to open a way. It is common talk with some Nonconformists that they would join the Church to-morrow if it were free from the State; but it is held with equal strength by others that the severance of the Church from the State would rather strengthen than impair the vigour of the great Nonconformist bodies. They are not, as Canon Armitage Robinson perceives, weaklings struggling for existence, but well-organized agencies, some of which, it is clear, are keeping pace with the population at least as well as the Church is. Are there any signs within them of a tendency to welcome absorption within the English Church? We fear not. But in any case, it is good to have the subject again brought soberly, gravely and charitably before us. These sermons are, we should add, in other ways practical, pointed, and marked by a clear consciousness of present-day needs.

Short Studies in Holiness. By JOHN W. DIGGLE, M.A. London: Hodder and Stoughton. Pp. 214.

Holiness is a subject upon which a good many devout Christian people have gone miserably astray. In revolt from much teaching which seems narrowly to border on a belief in sinless perfection, many persons have avoided the whole subject. It does not follow that they thought holiness the less necessary in the Christian man, but only that they refrained from looking carefully at its character. In the presence of a book like this one from the pen of Archdeacon Diggle, their avoidance of the subject is quite unpardonable. It is not, as he urges in his Introduction, a matter which the devout person can afford to regard with uncertainty or indifference. The Archdeacon's own view of the subject is clear, rational and stimulating. He bids us think of holiness not as the peculiar mark of the ascetic or secluded existence, but as the possible distinction also of the Christian man immersed in business and all the other demands of an active life. His encouragements and warnings

should be extremely useful, especially to those who may have been repelled by some types of literature dealing with this subject.

The Living Lord and the Opened Grave. By THOMAS A. GURNEY, M.A., LL.B. With a Preface by the Rev. HANDLEY C. G. MOULE, D.D. London: Hodder and Stoughton. Pp. 320.

It is a pleasure to come upon a volume of intelligent and readable sermons in which there is no attempt to whittle away the fact of the Resurrection. Mr. Gurney's exegesis is sober, and his applications are always practical. He has a healthy regard for the order of the Church's teaching, and his sermons are in distinct relation to the Eastertide services. He does not shirk any difficulties which arise in his path, but frankly and satisfactorily deals with them. Whilst essentially Scriptural sermons, they bear ample evidence to an acquaintance with the thought and feeling of the day. The volume is so good that we hope it will find many readers.

In Terrâ Pax: Sermons preached at St. Mark's, Marylebone Road. By MORRIS FULLER, B.D. London: Longmans and Co.

Mr. Morris Fuller's sermons are concerned with the primary sayings of our Lord during the great forty days. In those sayings there is, of course, the material for unending controversy. Mr. Fuller is not the man to evade such an opportunity. He opens with a highly contentious Preface, in which he trails his coat with great apparent gusto, and the sermons have all the character suggested by these preliminaries. In their sacramental and general teaching they represent the views of the uncompromising High Churchman.

The Biblical Illustrator: 1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther. By the Rev. JOSEPH S. EXELL. London: James Nisbet and Co., Ltd.

Mr. Exell perseveres with extraordinary zeal. The volumes of "The Biblical Illustrator" already make a small library of themselves, but there are no signs of any want of industry or care in the preparation of its latest additions. In the volume before us a very wide selection of homiletical literature has been examined and analysed. The authors resorted to include Tillotson, Barrow, Bishop Potter, Dr. Parker, C. H. Spurgeon, W. F. Robertson, Dr. Talmage, Mr. W. L. Watkinson, Dr. Maclaren, and other distinguished preachers of the present and the past.

The Example of the Passion. By B. W. RANDOLPH. London: Longmans, Green and Co. Pp. 93.

This little volume contains short addresses delivered by Canon Randolph in St. Paul's Cathedral during Holy Week, 1897. They deal with Christ as our Example, and with the words from the Cross. They are simple, very direct, in the main free from controversial statements, and very rarely forced or fanciful in the interpretation of Holy Scripture. We can understand them being really helpful to hearers and readers.

Marriage Addresses and Marriage Hymns. By Various Authors. Edited by Rev. O. P. WARDELL-YERBURGH, M.A. London: Longmans, Green and Co. Pp. 215.

For those who do not like the short homily in the Marriage Office, this volume offers a selection of addresses from which every incumbent should be able to choose something agreeable to his views and to the needs of the occasion. The authors include the late Bishop Creighton, the Bishop of Rochester, the Bishop of Kensington, Dean Hole, Dean Lefroy, Canon Knox Little, and many other well-known clergy.

Fruitful or Fruitless: A Book of Quiet Meditations. By the late EDWARD HOARE, M.A. London: Religious Tract Society. Pp. 160.

The late Canon Hoare was so clear, sound and practical a teacher, that this collection of extracts from his sermons should find a welcome on all sides. The work of selection has been carefully done, and the volume is tastefully got up. It will make an excellent gift-book.

Morning Watchwords. By M. E. BRISCOE. London: Hazell, Watson and Viney.

On each page of this booklet is found a daily text, with an accompanying thought—two days to each page. It should not, of course, take the place of the "daily portion," such as those set by the Schoolboys' Scripture Union, but would prove a useful addition.

God's Forget-Me-Not. By Rev. A. A. COOPER, M.A. London: Elliot Stock.

These are addresses to children, twelve in number. They are sweet and attractive, and marked by deep spiritual feeling.

GENERAL LITERATURE.

Lady Wilmerding of Maison Rouge. By J. DUNCAN CRAIG, M.A., D.D. London: Elliot Stock. Price 6s.

This is a bright and entertaining story of the Riviera in the fifties. Stephen Coryngton, young, well-to-do, but somewhat delicate, meets, while strolling by the Mediterranean, with an adventure, which results in his making the acquaintance of Lady Wilmerding and her daughter. He becomes their guest, and discovers quickly that Maison Rouge is a house with a mystery. Some exciting experiences follow his discovery; but although the tale abounds with startling incidents ashore and afloat, it maintains a high moral tone. Dr. Craig has a graphic pen, and his descriptions of scenes with which he is well acquainted make a delightful setting for his story.

The Queen's Resolve. By CHARLES BULLOCK, B.D. London: Home Words Office. Pp. 278.

Mr. Bullock's popular and well-illustrated book about Queen Victoria and her family is now enlarged by a chapter on the King's accession. Its circulation already exceeds 270,000 copies, and there seems no reason why that total should not be doubled. It is a thoroughly interesting and attractive volume.

Hansina Hinz. From the German of H. G. SCHNEIDER. London: Religious Tract Society. Pp. 95.

This shilling volume offers us a stimulating story of a peasant girl's devotion to the missionary cause, and her work, under great hardships, in Greenland. It is the kind of book to read at missionary working-parties.

To the Lions. By the Rev. A. J. CHURCH. *The Two Swords.* By EMMA MARSHALL. *The Old Looking-glass.* By M. L. CHARLESWORTH. London: Seeley and Co.

These three popular stories are now issued in a new eighteen-penny series of gift-books. Clergy in search of school prizes or books for school and parish libraries should remember them. They are attractively got up.

As Angels see Us. By STANLEY HOPE. London: A. H. Stockwell and Co.

Sketches, cast in the form of an allegory, of different types of Christian character. There is much dainty fancy and wistful yearning in the little series of character drawings.