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inextricably associated with direct Christian influence and instruction, while it is well understood that our Church is opposed to the *opus operatum* theory of sacramental efficacy. We hope this resolution of the Conference will have very great weight in the country.

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## Notices of Books.

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*The Criticism of the Fourth Gospel.* By WILLIAM SANDAY, D.D.  
Oxford: The Clarendon Press.

A book by Dr. Sanday always raises great expectations, and these hitherto have never been disappointed. Nor are they likely to be with this work, for it is one of the very first order and importance. Those who possess or have read his earlier work on the Fourth Gospel will be particularly glad to have his latest views on the same profoundly important theme. This book represents eight lectures delivered in New York and Oxford in the autumn of last year. The first lecture surveys recent literature and reviews the situation in regard to the Fourth Gospel as it was just two years ago. The five different schools of critical thought are vividly and even fascinatingly brought before the reader, and the discussion will be of special service to those who through ignorance of German are not able to keep in touch with the various and varying theories of German criticism, and to understand their precise relations to one another. The second lecture treats of critical methods, and it is not too much to say that it is an education itself in the methods and errors of modern criticism. Its characterizations of German methods, its keen analysis, its unsparing yet always courteous criticism, are perfectly admirable. Dr. Sanday insists upon a firm footing on the ground of history as the only true way of solving the problem of the Fourth Gospel. Succeeding lectures discuss respectively "The Standpoint of the Author"; "The Pragmatism of the Gospel"; "The Character of the Narrative"; "The Doctrine of the Logos"; "The Christology of the Gospel"; and its "Early History." It is impossible for us to notice a number of points that arise out of these lectures. Suffice it to say that no one can afford to overlook this newest aid to the study of the great problems connected with St. John's Gospel. The book is full of delightful self-revelations and *obiter dicta*, while the author's conspicuous fairness, and possible over-anxiety to allow the very best to his opponents, are manifest on almost every page. The last lecture contains a suggestive and valuable "Epilogue on the Principles of Criticism," which should be studied by all who wish to know the lines and limits of true criticism, whether of the New or Old Testaments, for Dr. Sanday's words seem to be as applicable to modern Old Testament criticism as to the special subject of the Fourth Gospel.

*Complete Index to the Expositor's Bible.* By S. G. AYRES, B.D. With Preface by W. ROBERTSON NICOLL. London: Hodder and Stoughton. Price 7s. 6d.

Those who possess a complete set of the "Expositor's Bible" will be very grateful for this Index, which is indeed "complete" and exhaustive. Its value, moreover, is greatly enhanced by the inclusion of a General Preface by the editor, Dr. Robertson Nicoll, and two articles of Introduction to the Old and New Testaments by Professors Bennett and Adeney respectively. Dr. Nicoll's contribution consists mainly of a powerful plea for the Divine authority and inspiration of Holy Scripture; and we are especially thankful for his strong emphasis upon the well-known fact that, when Biblical criticism has done its utmost, and has given us the last results of critical analysis, there is still a problem. "Divide the Bible as you have it into innumerable shreds, painted differently. What then? You have not explained the living combination" (p. 11). Drs. Bennett and Adeney give clear and full information and guidance as to present-day thought on the Old and New Testaments; and though we are not able to accept their general position or endorse all their opinions, they have much to say that is of value to all students. This volume is indispensable to all possessors of the "Expositor's Bible."

*The Church's One Foundation.* By W. ROBERTSON NICOLL. London: Hodder and Stoughton. Price 6d.

We are glad to see this popular and cheap edition of a well-known work by the editor of the *British Weekly*. It deals in a characteristically able and fresh way with the great problems of present-day criticism as they affect the person of our Lord and the authority of the New Testament. We read these pages with interest and profit as they appeared originally in the *British Weekly*, and they have since done good service in book form. Now that they are available in this popular edition, they will have a largely extended sphere of usefulness, and do still greater service to the cause of truth. It goes without saying that Dr. Nicoll's work is thoroughly well-informed and, in the truest sense of that apparently inevitable term, "up-to-date." The delightful combination of scholarship and spiritual experience is just what is needed in a work of this kind.

*Footprints of the Apostles as traced by St. Luke in the Acts.* By HERBERT MORTIMER LUCKOCK, D.D. New Edition. London: Longmans, Green and Co. Price 5s.

A new edition of a work published a few years ago. It divides the Acts of the Apostles into sixty portions, intended for private study and instruction in church. The particular interest of this volume lies in the fact that it is an attempt on the part of a pronounced High Churchman to see in the record of the primitive Church all the characteristic features of what is generally called Catholicism. Dean Luckock says that one element of the value of the Book of the Acts is that "we find in its pages frequent reference to such essential features of Ecclesiastical Polity as . . . Apostolic Succession . . . the Daily Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

. . . Synodical Action" (Preface, p. ix); and he goes on to state that "it is the fact that we are able to trace all these back to the first age, which gives such tremendous importance to the book" (Preface, p. x). The Dean's success in discovering what he desires in the Book of the Acts will be variously judged according to the presuppositions of the reader. In our view he entirely fails to substantiate his general position. It is impossible not to feel doubtful about arguments which proceed almost entirely from assumption. Thus we read that, during the great forty days after the Resurrection, our Lord "doubtless explained how, in the exigency of fresh and increasing requirements, a subdivision of the ministerial office would become necessary" (p. 17). And Dr. Luckcock insists upon the principle that our Lord delegated to the Apostles a concentration of all ministerial functions for the time being, for, as he frankly admits, otherwise there is no answer to those who reject Apostolical Succession, and urge that the episcopate was raised by elevation from the presbyters (p. 17). An ecclesiastical system which is thus built on silence and on assumptions, of which there is absolutely no proof, surely stands self-condemned. Wherever Dr. Luckcock is concerned with non-controversial and purely spiritual and practical topics, he has much to say that is helpful and suggestive. Apart from his peculiar and extreme Anglican standpoint no one can read this book without spiritual profit.

*In the Secret of His Presence.* By the Rev. G. H. KNIGHT. London: Hodder and Stoughton. Price 3s. 6d.

A very valuable help to the inner life, easily read, earnestly written, and obviously needed. Conditions here laid down are the essence of personal and social revival. One of the freshest and most suggestive of modern devotional books.

*The Inner Chamber.* By Rev. Andrew Murray, D.D. London: Hodder and Stoughton. Price 1s. 6d.

The counsels of a master in Israel. There is length, breadth, depth, and height in these pages. Soul growth will follow their study and assimilation.

*The Eternal Life.* By HUGO MÜNSTERBERG. London: Archibald Constable and Co. Price 2s. 6d.

This monograph springs from the graveside of a valued friend. It is full of deep thoughts, often beautifully put. Strong emphasis is laid on our freedom of will, "our timeless will-life," and the "eternal now." For much we are grateful, but we are not solaced.

*Greatheart: Some Talks with Him.* By a Pilgrim. Macmillan and Co. Price 3s. net.

Greatheart is a thoughtful companion. We need alertness to keep step. He is a heartening companion. He teaches us to extract honey from the **sting** as well as from the comb. A continuous flood of light from God's word will make his counsels assume their true value.

*The Claims of the Common Life.* By MANDELL CREIGHTON. Longmans, Green and Co. Price 3s. 6d.

These sermons, preached in the College Chapel when the writer was Fellow and Tutor of Merton, 1871-1874, will have their special value for all beginning life at either of our great Universities. An intimate knowledge of Oxford life is wedded to great plainness of speech; at the same time the utterances are marked by considerable tact. Bishop Knox, of Manchester, remembers with gratitude some of the sermons. We could not wish them less ethical, but we think their application would have been more pointed had they been more Evangelical.

*Counsel for the Young.* By MANDELL CREIGHTON, D.D. Longmans, Green and Co. Edited by LOUISE CREIGHTON. Price 2s. 6d.

These extracts from letters to young people are most illuminating. They show the character of the man, his love, sympathy, and large-heartedness. He thinks there is more to learn of people by thinking about them and writing to them than even by seeing them. The letters are egotistical in the best sense, and spontaneously full of wise counsel. We come across many a sparkling and epigrammatic turn of sentence. The selection does credit to the editor.

*The Representative Men of the New Testament.* By GEORGE MATHESON, D.D. London: Hodder and Stoughton. Price 6s.

Another of Dr. Matheson's delightful volumes of character-sketches. The supreme virtue of this author is that he makes his readers think. His novel interpretations arrest attention and often provoke opposition. And yet further thought tends to bring the reader back to Dr. Matheson's standpoint, and to a conviction that after all the author may be right. The present volume is not a whit behind its predecessors in interest, fertility, suggestion, and even audacity, and no one can read it without receiving intellectual quickening and spiritual inspiration, which can do nothing but good. We rejoice that this venerable author, in his time of retirement, is putting forth such truly helpful works, and we pray that his bow may long abide in strength.

*The Church and the Times.* By REV. ROBERT FRANCIS COYLE, D.D. London: Hodder and Stoughton. Price 6s.

A volume of sermons by an American Presbyterian minister who has not hitherto been known in this country. They are the work of a strong, vigorous thinker, thoroughly Evangelical in teaching, intensely in earnest, and marked by genuine spirituality. The themes are by no means hackneyed, and are well worked out, aptly illustrated, and applied with great point and force. Altogether these are masculine sermons and well worthy of careful attention, especially by preachers.

*A Yankee in Pigmiland.* By W. E. GEIL. London: Hodder and Stoughton. Price 6s.

Mr. Geil is now well known in Great Britain as an effective mission-preacher and missionary advocate as well as the writer of several interest-

ing books. The present work describes a journey taken by him across Africa, from Mombasa to the Congo region, and it is certainly full of intense interest. The author describes various missions, such as those in Uganda and on the Congo, and also tells us his experiences of the Pigmies of the Forest. Here and there we could have wished the personal references modified or entirely omitted, but the book, as a whole, is full of freshness and power, and characterized by unique unconventionality on almost every page. Friends of foreign missions should have an eye on this useful repertory of up-to-date information. The photographs add considerably to the interest of the book.

*The Scientific Temper in Religion.* By Rev. P. N. WAGGETT, M.A. London: Longmans, Green and Co. Price 4s. 6d. net.

A series of addresses delivered in a London church two years ago; and truly admirable addresses they are, as well in tone and temper as in substance and strength. The first, which gives the title to the book, strikes the keynote of the whole, and is marked by a strong grasp of essential principles and a winsome reasonableness of presentation. Even though we may not follow the author at every point, the book is a model of what apologetics of this kind should be. Its thorough equipment on the scientific side is not the least important and valuable of its merits. Altogether it is a book to be studied carefully, especially by the clergy.

*The Blossom of Thorns.* By J. R. MILLER, D.D. London: Hodder and Stoughton. Price 3s. 6d.

We have learned to expect a book every autumn from Dr. Miller almost as certainly as the autumn itself, and each year he provides Christian people with some simple, fresh, and earnest teaching on the spiritual life. While he does not sound the great deeps of the soul, he deals with the average life in a very suggestive and inspiring way. His is a truly gracious spirit, which cannot but communicate itself to his readers. Dr. Miller's stores of new verses for apt quotation seem absolutely inexhaustible.

*The Small Coin of Love.* By J. R. MILLER, D.D. London: Hodder and Stoughton. Price 1s.

Dr. Miller's Christmas booklet deals in a characteristically helpful way with kindness as "the small coin of love." The illustrations are by Harold Copping, and the booklet makes an appropriate souvenir of the time when God's loving-kindness to men appeared.

*The Children's Morning Message.* By AMY LE FEUVRE. London: Hodder and Stoughton. Price 5s.

The author of "Probable Sons" appears here in a somewhat new guise, for this is a book of daily readings for children and young people. The charming outward appearance of the book is a fitting accompaniment of the messages within. Fathers and mothers, and mothers in particular, will hail with delight this real help to their teaching and influence. The portions are quite short, very spiritual, truly simple, and fragrant with the love of the Master. Our little people are to be envied the reading of such

a book, and even the grown-ups might do worse than use it. Those who want to know how to talk to children about religion would do well to consult this book.

*Private Prayers for Schoolboys.* By Rev. REGINALD FORD. London: Mowbray and Co.

These prayers are well suited to their purpose. They are short, Scriptural, and appropriate to the capacity and spiritual experience of boys. They may be warmly commended to the attention of parents and schoolmasters.

*The Royal Bijou Diary for 1906.* London: Eyre and Spottiswoode. Price 8s. 6d.

A dainty little diary with spaces for engagements day by day, and quotations from masterpieces of literature. There are two or three different editions; the one before us has an embossed silver front side and is bound in leather. It would make a very novel and acceptable gift for Christmas.

*Portfolio of English Cathedrals.* Vols. XI. and XII. London: Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge. Price 1s. net.

We welcome these two new numbers, and can only say again that the photographic reproductions are excellently done. They possess a clearness and sharpness which are very acceptable. The letterpress is brief, but sufficient, and altogether the portfolios will be a welcome addition to many a drawing-room table.

*Religious Genius.* By L. S. Hodder and Stoughton. Price 6s.

Genius in the realm of religion is an interesting suggestion. Tracing the word to its root, we get the idea of life. God's life in man's soul is religious genius. This genius should be normal, but few come into possession of their birthright. An interesting distinction is drawn between religion which is based on faith and what for want of a better name may be termed effort. The former are the people of religious genius, the latter of religious talent. It is good to belong to the latter, it is better to belong to the former. The religiously inspired are then put under examination and told their faults. The writer has something to teach them. He has also himself something to learn of the "work of faith," the energizing power of prayer, and the Spirit-filled life.

#### RECEIVED.

*Blackwood's Magazine, Our Little Dots, The Child's Companion, Church Missionary Intelligencer, Church Missionary Gleaner, Awake, The Round World, India's Witness, Canadian Churchman, India's Women and China's Daughters, The Bible in the World, Bible Society Gleanings, The Cottager and Artisan, Church and People, South American Missionary Magazine, The Sunday at Home, Protestant Observer, Church of England League Gazette, Open Doors, Grievances from Ireland (No. 10), The Journal of Theological Studies.*

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