

In compiling the authoritative life of Pope Leo XIII. from hitherto unpublished documents, Mr. Marion Crawford is being assisted by Count Soderini and Professor Clementi. The work, which will, it appears, be a fairly large one, will probably be in four volumes, two of which will summarize the history of the Pontificate of Pius IX. Those who have read the documents are of opinion that the publication of them will materially change the general feeling with regard to the attitude of the last two Popes toward the unity of Italy. The publication of the first section of this important life is being looked forward to with a good deal of interest.



Sir George Williams' life will be written by that clever young *littérateur* Mr. J. Hodder Williams, who is a member of the firm of Messrs. Hodder and Stoughton, and a grand-nephew of the late Sir George. I am requested to say that Mr. Hodder Williams—who writes a good deal for the *British Weekly*—will be glad to receive any documents, letters, or personal recollections which may enhance the value of his work. Of course, any that may be sent him for that purpose will be most earnestly cared for and safely returned. Mr. Hodder Williams is to be found at 27, Paternoster Row, E.C.



Professor Flinders Petrie's new book is called "Researches in Sinai," which Mr. Murray is publishing. It is the first account of any detail concerning the Egyptian remains in Sinai, and is the outcome of arduous excavations, copying, and photographing. Professor Petrie's thoroughness is well known by this time.



Messrs. A. and C. Black recently issued a "Johannine Grammar," by Dr. Edwin A. Abbott. By alphabetical arrangement and full indices it claims to be a complete commentary on the grammar, style, and thought of the Fourth Gospel.



Cardinal Vaughan's biography is expected this coming spring. Mr. Snead Cox is the author. The work will be in two volumes.



## Notices of Books.

### BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL.

GOD'S IMAGE IN MAN. By James Orr, D.D. London: *Hodder and Stoughton*. Price 6s.

A NEW book by Professor Orr is sure of a hearty welcome and very earnest attention. Ever since his first book on "The Christian View of God and the World" many have learned to look eagerly for anything from his pen, and thus far they have never been disappointed in the character and quality of what he has written. His books are naturally not numerous, nor do they

appear in rapid succession, but they make up for all this in sterling value. The present work comes at an opportune time, and has a direct bearing on some of the greatest controversies of the moment. This will be evident from a consideration of the general contents. Chapter I. states the issues in the conflict between biblical and modern views of man and sin. Then follow chapters dealing with the Teaching of Scripture and Science on the Nature of Man, the Origin of Man, the Primitive Condition of Man, the Origin and Nature of Sin. The book closes with a discussion of the Biblical Doctrine of Man and Sin in its Relation to Redemption. It will at once be evident how important and timely are the issues here discussed. Dr. Orr clearly sees and states these issues. "No careful student can be unobservant of the fact that Christianity is met to-day, not by piecemeal attacks upon its doctrines or objections springing simply from moral dislike, but by a positively-conceived counterview of the world, claiming to rest on scientific grounds, ably constructed and defended, yet in its fundamental ideas striking at the roots of the Christian system" (p. 4). It is pointed out that on Haeckel's view of the world it is simply impossible to believe in God, or Sin, or Immortality. In addition, however, to Haeckel's extreme naturalistic monism, Dr. Orr points out that the theory of evolution in the form held by certain thinkers to-day is in effect equally subversive of Christianity "in depicting sin as a necessity of human development, in robbing it of its tragic character, and in rendering superfluous the reconciling work of Christ and renewal by the Spirit" (p. 22). If it be said that while the Apostolic doctrines of Christ—the Atonement, Regeneration, and Justification—fall to the ground, yet nevertheless Christ's Christianity abides, Dr. Orr shows that this is not Christianity as we have understood it, but "the Christianity of a Christ shorn of most of His actual claims and attributes" (p. 26). Each of these points is discussed with ample knowledge, keen reasoning, and loyal devotion to New Testament Christianity. The book is one of primary importance, and in it rationalistic views of Christianity are met with convincing force by one who cannot be put aside as an obscurantist, or charged with ignorance of the questions at issue. Dr. Orr is a man to be reckoned with, and in this his latest book he is seen at his best. We are particularly interested in his discussion of the story of the Fall, with special reference to the inadequate and really astonishing views of Mr. Tennant in his Hulsean Lectures. We had marked passage after passage for quotation, but space forbids. We can only refer our readers to a work which we have no hesitation in saying will prove one of the great books of the day. It is refreshing to see Apostolic Christianity so clearly and convincingly treated, and the authority and teaching of the Old and New Testaments maintained with such adequate learning, real insight, great argumentative force, and genuine spiritual earnestness. We urge upon all who are concerned with some of the most serious tendencies of the day to get this book and master it, and then recommend it to others. No more valuable piece of Christian apologetics has appeared for some time.

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST: ITS LIFE AND WORK. By A. H. Charteris, D.D., LL.D. London: *Macmillan and Co., Ltd.* Price 6s.

This book represents the Baird Lectures of 1877, the earlier publication of which has been prevented by illness and other interruptions. The sub-title

clearly expresses the author's purpose: "An Attempt to trace the Work of the Church in some of its Departments from the Earliest Times to the Present Day." There are twelve chapters dealing with the following six subjects, two chapters to each: The Organization of the Church; Ministry of the Word; Care of the Poor; Organization of Women's Work; The Church and the Young; The Church as a Society. It will be seen that the treatment is very comprehensive, and perhaps the only fault of the book is that too much is attempted in 250 pages; but Professor Charteris has much to say that is fresh and valuable, as those who have used his "Canonicity" can readily understand. No one can consult these pages on the topics included without deriving distinct guidance and much helpful suggestion. Ample knowledge, full acquaintance with the best works on the subject, frankness and forcefulness of criticism, practical experience, and a clear style, combine to make this an exceedingly interesting book.

EXPOSITIONS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: ST. MATTHEW IX.—XVII. By Alexander Maclaren, D.D. London: *Hodder and Stoughton*. Price 7s. 6d.

We welcome another volume of Dr. Maclaren's collected works, and need only say of it that it is marked by equally delightful characteristics with those possessed by former volumes. Whether the author has to discuss a text or a longer passage, there is the same remarkable insight into the meaning of Holy Scripture and the same felicity in analyzing and stating its message. There is no more valuable guidance to preachers and teachers than can be found in this volume.

STUDIES IN BIBLICAL LAW. By Harold M. Wiener. London: *David Nutt*.

In this volume we have several conclusions of the Higher Criticism traversed by a Jewish barrister-at-law, who brings to his task a trained mind and a reverent spirit. Our readers will already have had an introduction to the author in an article in the December CHURCHMAN. Mr. Wiener takes up some of the characteristic positions maintained by the authors of the *Hexateuch* and by Canon Driver, and subjects them to a thorough examination. In the simplest and quietest way, though with a very firm grasp of the subject, the author shows the impossibilities, and in some cases the real absurdities, of certain contentions of modern criticism; and in our judgment he clearly convicts the writers above referred to of sacrificing reality and common-sense to matters of philological theory. We have often felt that the men best fitted to deal with the questions raised by modern criticism of the Old Testament would be Jews of orthodox belief and intellectual equipment, since they could treat the subject, as it were, from within on purely historical grounds and as believers in and users of a Divine revelation to Israel. A further advantage in their case is that the question would be considered apart from the special questions involved in our Lord's relation to the Old Testament, which, while absolutely convincing and final for most Christians, is frequently objected to by Higher Critics as begging the question. It is therefore extremely useful to see the critics dealt with on their own ground by a learned and reverently-minded son of Israel. We recommend this volume to the careful attention of our readers, for it is worthy of it, and will show the

untenableness of the critical position. As Mr. Weiner truly says in reference to arguments from language and style, "the real answer to all such arguments is the maxim of the law of evidence, *testimonia ponderanda non numeranda sunt*" (p. 45). We are glad to know that we may expect further work in the same direction from the author of this book. He will be rendering the Jewish and Christian Churches essential service.

#### LITERARY, BIOGRAPHICAL, AND DEVOTIONAL.

MEMORIES OF LIFE AT OXFORD AND ELSEWHERE. By Frederick Meyrick. London: *John Murray*. Price 10s.

We have read Canon Meyrick's reminiscences with unfeigned interest and with almost entire assent to his comments and opinions of men and things. The interest of the volume is great and is maintained throughout. The author was in touch with many of the great men and striking events of the last fifty years, especially those connected with Oxford; and this fact gives the book a real value, for we have many a sidelight thrown on recent Church history and ecclesiastical affairs. The pictures of men, especially of great Oxford names, are very fascinating, and there is many a story that will do duty at dinner-tables and in common rooms. Canon Meyrick's connection with the old Catholic movement and the movement for Reform in Italy and Spain naturally comes in for special attention, while his definite attitude and valuable work in opposition to the modern Ritualistic movement is strikingly in evidence. We are glad to call attention to this interesting volume of reminiscences by one of the most honoured and valued among English clergymen. His recent death is a distinct loss to our Church.

LONGFELLOW. The Red Letter Library. London: *Blackie and Son, Ltd.* Price 2s. 6d. net.

MONTAIGNE'S ESSAYS. The Red Letter Library. London: *Blackie and Son, Ltd.* Price 2s. 6d. net.

We give a warm welcome to two more volumes of this charming and exceedingly attractive series. The paper, typography, and binding, with a full and scholarly introduction, combine to make this edition of real value. The introduction to Longfellow is by the Bishop of Ripon, and to Montaigne by Mr. Charles Whibley. The books are a delight to handle and a joy to read.

THE CRUCIAN YEAR. By George Wells. London: *Henry Frowde*. Price 2s. 6d. net.

A devotional poem for every day of the year. The author has a distinct poetic gift, and many of the pieces will prove a real help to devotion. The spirit of earnestness and worship is manifest on every page, though we fear the author has attempted a task beyond his powers in giving a really good poem for every day of the year. Many of the lines in the longer verses only scan with great difficulty. We are afraid, too, that the title will not prove a help to the circulation of the book, for very few will know of Luther's words, "All true Christians are Crucians." The book is printed and got up with all the taste for which the Oxford University Press is famous.

WINGS AND SPURS. Arranged by L. H. M. Soulsby. London: *Longmans, Green and Co.* Price 1s. net.

A collection of quotations for every day in the year, originally put together for private use, and now published by request. Among the authors included are Browning, Carlyle, Emerson, Keble, Law, Ruskin, and Tennyson, with other scarcely less important names. The quotations are very telling and pointed, and we warmly recommend this book to the notice of our readers.

WHAT IT IS TO BE A CHRISTIAN. By J. R. Miller, D.D. London: *Hodder and Stoughton.* Price 1s.

A very attractive little volume, and marked by all the author's clearness and sympathy of statement. It is just the book for young people, especially before Confirmation.

### PAROCHIAL AND HOMILETIC.

PRINCIPLES OF PARISH WORK. By the Rev. Clement F. Rogers. London: *Longmans, Green and Co.* Price 5s. net.

This book can hardly be said to carry out the promise of its title, for there are many principles of parish work not dealt with in it. It is concerned mainly with the machinery of parish work. It has nothing to say about evangelistic effort, and is almost entirely confined to questions of moral and spiritual education and training. We should have liked a far greater emphasis on the spiritual side, for the author's method of treatment tends to give to what he says an air of remoteness from the spiritual realities of a clergyman's life. The writer is a man of pronounced views, some of which are wise, some otherwise. His criticism on Sunday-schools strikes us as distinctly unfair, and if it is based upon personal experience we can only say that it must have been a very unfortunate one. Many of his counsels are suggestive, while others are perfectly impracticable. For instance, he is in favour of voluntary choirs choosing their own music, and he puts forth the curious idea that in crowded districts it might be better to abandon the attempt to establish the custom of bedside prayer for children, and try to substitute a morning and evening visit to the open church (p. 230). All that he says on the need of the best possible business methods in Church work is admirable, though his plans are often so elaborate that nearly every clergyman would require a private secretary or some other paid official to deal with the business and financial side of things. On the question of house to house visitation the author has some very trenchant criticisms, and there is a great deal of truth in his contentions. The book as a whole is unequal, but it is evidently from a man of fresh and vigorous mind who does not hesitate to speak frankly what he thinks. No clergyman could read it without obtaining new ideas and suggestions, even though he is unable to carry out the author's advice.

SERMONS FOR THE PEOPLE. By Various Contributors. London: *S.P.C.K.* Price 1s.

The second volume of the new series dealing with the Sundays and Holy Days from Epiphany to Quinquagesima. Although entitled "Sermons for the People," it is thought that the book will be found helpful to the younger

clergy in suggesting lines of treatment. The character of the teaching given is naturally very diverse, coming from preachers from Father Adderley to Dr. Gee, and from the Bishop of Burnley to Archdeacon Hutchings.

#### ANNUAL VOLUMES.

**NISBET'S CHURCH DIRECTORY AND ALMANACK.** London: *J. Nisbet and Co., Ltd.* Price 2s. net.

A new edition of this now well-known and valuable directory. It contains over 700 pages of clear type, and how it is produced for the money almost passes comprehension. We have had former editions in constant use without finding them wanting. This exceedingly cheap and useful publication will prove a boon to those who cannot obtain the larger directories, and the publishers are doing the Church a real service by issuing it.

**THE LONDON UNIVERSITY GUIDE.** London: *University Correspondence College.*

**MATRICULATION DIRECTORY.** London: *University Correspondence College.* Price 1s. net.

These two volumes, coming from the University Correspondence College, will prove of great service to those who are contemplating the London University Course. Clergy who require information about the new London Degrees in Divinity will find in them all necessary information.

#### PERIODICALS.

**The East and the West.** The January issue of this quarterly is full of good things, and it continues to be indispensable to all those who desire to keep themselves in touch with missionary problems. Among the more notable contributions are "Is India Thirsting for Religious Truth?" by Professor Rudra, of Lahore University; "Mass Movements in the Mission Field," by the Rev. W. H. Campbell, of the London Missionary Society; "The Pan-Anglican Congress of 1908," by Bishop Montgomery; and "Bushido in its Relation to Women," by Susan Ballard. Not the least interesting and suggestive is an article by the Editor on "Christian Missions and the Appreciation of Natural Beauty."

**The Expository Times.** Two articles stand out in the January number as worthy of very careful attention—"The Person of Our Lord," by Principal Oswald Dykes, which is a very clear and able discussion of the Christological problem. There is also an acute and powerful review of a recent book on "The Christian Doctrine of Salvation," in which Professor Orr contributes a penetrating criticism of some modern views on the Atonement. The Editor's "Notes of Recent Exposition" are as usual full of point and interest.

**The Church Missionary Intelligencer.** We congratulate the Editor on the changes and improvements in the January number, which make this magazine of much more general interest, and will insure an appeal to a wider constituency. Among the interesting articles provided, two seem to stand out from the rest. One is by the well-known missionary and scholar, Dr. Weitbrecht, on "The Needs of the Non-Christian World." The other is the fresh, forcible, and statesmanlike paper read at the Weymouth Con-

gress by Mr. Eugene Stock on "The Church of England and her Daughter Churches." Extracts from the journal of that heroic missionary, Rev. E. J. Peck, are also full of the deepest interest.

**The Church Standard.** This quarterly organ of the National Protestant Church Union is always welcome, telling, as it does, of the quiet but necessary and effective educational work of the Union, as well as affording guidance by means of its literary contents. One article is by that veteran scholar, Rev. N. Dimock, on "The Holy Communion and Vestments," and another on "The Development of the Confessional," by Miss Ames. A valuable review of Pollard's "Henry the Eighth," by Mr. J. T. Tomlinson, is another leading feature of this number.

#### PAMPHLETS.

**A DEFENCE OF THE ATHANASIAN CREED.** By Rev. A. N. Bates. Leicester: *Clarke and Satchell*. Price 1d.

A vigorous plea for the doctrine and present use of the Creed.

**PRAYERS IN SICKNESS.** Compiled by Bernard S. Lowe. Price 1d.

Very helpful for use under various circumstances and by different people in the time of sickness.

**THE GOLDEN ALTAR.** An Exposition of Hebrews xiii. 10, 11. By the Rev. James Burkitt. London: *Elliot Stock*. Price 3d.

A very clear and convincing treatment of a difficult text.

**THE CONDITIONS OF CHURCH LIFE IN THE FIRST SIX CENTURIES.** A Paper by Darwell Stone. With a Speech and a Sermon by William Edward Collins, D.D. *S.P.C.K.*

A contribution from the extreme Anglican point of view to the discussion raised by Dean Wace's appeal.

**THE PAN-ANGLICAN CONGRESS OF 1908.** Published under the authority of the Pan-Anglican Congress Committee. *S.P.C.K.*

Those who desire to know what is proposed in connection with this projected great assembly of Anglican Church people should consult this pamphlet.

**MARRIAGES IN ENGLAND ACCORDING TO THE RITES OF THE CHURCH.** By T. Hollins Arden, Deputy Registrar of the Diocese of Liverpool. *S.P.C.K.* Price 2d.

An exceedingly valuable and convenient summary of the Marriage Laws. Every clergyman should possess it.

#### RECEIVED:

*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, Grievances from Ireland (No. 12), The Dawn of Day, Girls' Own Paper, Golden Sunbeams, Deutero-Canonica (the quarterly paper of the International Society of the Apocrypha), Streams of Gladness.*