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other countries besides his own. Probably his pictures are as well known in England as those of any other French artist, unless one excepts Meissonier. Millet's spirit was simple and austere, and he seemed to accept with a mournful resignation "the sense of tears in human things." From the same firm there is being published, in commemoration of the 300th birthday (July 15) of Rembrandt, a tercentenary edition of his works in ten fortnightly parts, at two shillings and sixpence net per part. In all there will be 70 plates, some in colour and some in photogravure, while M. Émile Michel, Member of the Institute of France, will contribute a study of Rembrandt. This work is also being issued in Paris, Berlin, and Amsterdam.



Mr. Angus Hamilton's book on "Afghanistan" should provide some attractive reading, seeing that it deals with the problem concerning Russian advances in that neighbourhood and the position of India. The political and economic aspects are fully discussed, and, while the chapters dealing with the military question will appeal to all students of Imperial politics, it is of interest to note that detailed information of the celebrated secret line down the Murghab Valley is presented for the first time to the public. The volume will contain sketches of the domestic life of the Ameer, and a description of the Oxus, its fords, trade, and the strategic value of the roads which approach it.



A new poem by the Poet Laureate, entitled "The Door of Humility," is in the press, and will be shortly published by Messrs. Macmillan.



Under the title "The New Religious Education Act: A Suggestion and a Plea," Rev. A. Ogle, of the Bangor Church Hostel, will publish a pamphlet immediately through Mr. Elliot Stock, in which the author proposes a *via media* for the consideration of Churchmen, which he believes would be acceptable by the House of Commons.



Notices of Books.

BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL.

THE LIFE AND TIMES OF JESUS THE MESSIAH. By Alfred Edersheim. London: Longmans, Green and Co. Price 8s. net.

WE are glad to welcome this new and cheap edition of a standard work. By the use of thin paper the original two volumes are here put into one volume, extending to over 1,400 pages, with the result that this truly valuable and scholarly book is now brought within the reach of many more students. Among all the Lives of our Lord produced during the last thirty years, Edersheim continues, and will continue, to hold a foremost place. If only for its Jewish background, it is indispensable to all serious students.

THE GARDEN OF NUTS. By the Rev. W. Robertson Nicoll. London: *Hodder and Stoughton*. Price 3s. 6d.

Readers of the *British Weekly* have long ceased to be surprised at the versatility of its editor. The latest instance of this is the present book of *Mystical Expositions*, with an essay on Christian Mysticism. The essay was delivered as a lecture at the Glasgow School of Theology in 1905, and the expositions have been reprinted from the *British Weekly*. The title is, of course, taken from Solomon's Song. Those who only know Dr. Nicoll as the strenuous leader of Passive Resistance will be surprised to find him in the guise of a mystic, but they will be amply repaid by reading these chapters. The essay forms an excellent introduction to the study of Christian mysticism, while the expositions are full of spiritual suggestiveness. A very significant admission is made as to the relation of Old Testament criticism to mysticism. Dr. Nicoll rightly says that it is impossible for the ordinary Christian mind to follow the intricate processes of criticism, and that therefore, "in speaking to the people, the preacher must take the Old Testament as it stands or leave it alone" (p. 63). It is surely impossible to have a more conclusive admission of the essential valuelessness of much modern Biblical criticism from the standpoint of spiritual life and experience. If the Old Testament cannot be preached according to the new view, the new view itself stands self-condemned. Dr. Nicoll curiously dedicates his book to John Mason Neale and Charles Haddon Spurgeon, to both of whom he expresses his indebtedness. This unusual combination is alone sufficient to create an interest in the book, which is full of precious thought and spiritual experience aptly and beautifully expressed.

OUR LORD'S RESURRECTION. By the Rev. W. Sparrow Simpson. Oxford Library of Practical Theology. London: *Longmans, Green and Co.* Price 5s.

Not the least welcome feature of this book is that, unlike others in the same series, it can be read with agreement, pleasure, and profit by all who profess and call themselves Christians. It is concerned with the great central verity of Christianity, the Resurrection, and in the course of its twelve chapters deals effectively with the subject. Its tone is at once reverent and candid, its marshalling and examining of the evidence clear and cogent, while its emphasis on the doctrinal aspects of the theme is strong and aspiring. The discussion is carried on in full view of modern objections, and no point of importance dealt with by present criticism seems to have been overlooked. Altogether the book is a very satisfying restatement of the Christian position in regard to the Resurrection of Christ, and will well repay the careful attention that its subject and treatment merit.

BIOGRAPHICAL.

THE PROPHET OF THE POOR. By T. F. G. Coates. London: *Hodder and Stoughton*. Price 6s.

We have immensely enjoyed the perusal of this life-story of "General" Booth. The thoughtfulness, calmness, thoroughness, and sympathy of the biographer win us to the task. The rise and progress of the Salvation Army,

so knit with the life and evolution of the "General," are well detailed. As we read we cannot fail to note—(1) The Spirit of God is in no sense fettered by conventional methods. (2) The proclamation of the need of personal salvation is closely connected with a programme of social reform. (3) Hard work and holiness are sure to succeed. The hero of the story is indeed a prophet full of burning zeal and lofty self-sacrifice. He is also a "General" meeting a hostile array of evil with all the discipline, method, and bravery of a Christian commander.

WILSON CARLILE. By Edgar Rowan. London: *Hodder and Stoughton*.
Price 3s. 6d.

"This little essay of hero-worship" extends to 487 pages, but the printing is good and the space liberal. It gives an excellent account of Prebendary Carlile from childhood to Church Army. We are startled at his rebuffs and inspired by his optimism. Church Congresses started to hiss, but they have stayed to cheer. "Disaster is upon us," said Mr. Carlile at Weymouth; "what shall we do? All men speak well of us, we are becoming fashionable." To produce such results as these, business capacity, indomitable perseverance, incessant good temper, continuous self-effacement, love to God and love to man, have been at work. The Church Army of to-day is the outcome of a personality transfigured by the Holy Ghost. Besides the story of the work there are suggestions relating to the unemployed question, of peculiar interest at the present time. Mr. Carlile is fortunate in his biographer. He is breezy and apt, with an eye for a good story and the selection of best material. He is as informal as his master, and holds our interest all the way.

DEVOTIONAL.

THE BETTER WAY. By Charles Wagner. London: *Pitman and Sons*.
Price 1s.

The writer's ambition is to scatter crumbs that will nourish the soul. He would fain teach us the way of love that stoops to rise. He would lead us into a larger room, cheer us when we faint, comfort us when we grieve, give us smaller views of self and greater views of God. At seasons of trial, when the cloud hangs black, he would point us to the silver lining and bid us trust and not be afraid. His charm, tenderness, reverence, and training in the school of suffering aid him in fulfilling his purpose.

THE UPRIGHT LIFE. By Charles Wagner. London: *Pitman and Sons*.
Price 3s. 6d.

This companion to the "Simple Life" is a righteous protest against the intolerance of the age. He sifts the nations, the religious bodies, the various classes of society, political parties, and even men of science. He submits there is an astonishing lack of fair play on all hands. We are not just to each other. We are not listening to the voice of some doctrinaire. The writer is the true mystic, blending vision and action into one. He does not tinker with the unsoundness of humanity, he applies a whole gospel to individual, social, and international defects. Uprightness and justice can only flourish in an atmosphere pervaded by Christ. Charm of style wedded to noble thought make this volume stimulating as a sea-breeze.

GENERAL.

TALES FROM JUNGLE, CITY, AND VILLAGE. By Lucy I. Tonge. London: R.T.S. Price 1s. 6d.

The children will like these stories, and Sunday-school teachers will find many illustrations that arrest attention, and can be used in the missionary interest.

ST. SAVIOUR'S, SOUTHWARK, COLLEGIATE CHURCH AND CATHEDRAL, 1897-1905. London: *Longmans, Green and Co.* Price 1s. net.

This book is mainly a reprint from the *Guardian*. The reopening in 1897 after the rebuilding of the nave, and the constitution of the cathedral in 1905, are thus embodied in a permanently useful record.

A PASSIVE RESISTER OF THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY. London: *Elliot Stock*. Price 6d. net.

This selection from the diary of John Evelyn establishes the melancholy commonplace that intolerance has been the monopoly of no religious body.

EDUCATION RATES AND RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION. By John Wordsworth, D.D. London: *Longmans, Green and Co.* Price 6d.

This paper, read by the Bishop of Salisbury, is thoughtful, temperate, and on the whole convincing. Strong emphasis is laid on parental rights.

LESSONS FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT, AND LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF OUR LORD. London: *S.P.C.K.*

These illustrated children's books well serve their purpose.

PORTFOLIO OF ENGLISH CATHEDRALS. No. 14, Newcastle-on-Tyne. No. 15, Worcester. London: *S.P.C.K.* Price 1s. net, each.

These two numbers fully maintain the high standard set in previous numbers, the photographic reproductions being exceedingly clear and the historical and architectural notes well done.

PERIODICALS.

The University Review. The February number includes articles on "The Education of Teachers," by Principal Childs, and on "Scottish University Reform," by Dr. Morgan. The news from various Universities at home and abroad is a special feature of interest.

The Optimist. A new aspirant with an interesting title. It hails from Manchester, and according to its sub-title is "A Review dealing with Practical Theology, Literature, and Social Questions in a Christian Spirit." This is an admirable aim, which we hope will continue to be realized. The subjects of the first number deal mainly with social questions, including one on "The Study of Social Science," by Rev. W. E. Chadwick, and another on "Local Veto," by Canon Hicks. The magazine is published quarterly at 6d.

The Scrap-Book. There seems no limit to the ingenuity of our American brethren. This new magazine hails from the same house that published the well-known *Munsey's Magazine*, and consists of two hundred pages of reading matter of every possible variety. It includes the latest opinions of leading men of all sorts and subjects, special articles, and a large section devoted to fiction. Poetry, biography, and miscellaneous subjects

make up a remarkably varied and interesting number. The paper and print are, of course, not of the same quality as in the ordinary magazines of this price, but this is not to be expected when so much in quantity is given for the money.

Financial Review of Reviews. The February number includes special articles on "How the British Public Invests," "Japanese Industries and Foreign Investments," and "The Recovery and Progress of New Zealand," besides other articles and topics dealing mainly with financial matters. The *Review* consists of 240 pages, and is issued at 1s.

The Reader and Lay-Worker. This little publication is intended to circulate among Diocesan and Parochial Readers in the Church of England. It has some interesting articles and reviews, together with notes for sermons and for the teaching of the Catechism. There are also some useful reviews. The cost is 2d. per month.

PAMPHLETS.

A HANDBOOK TO THE COLONIAL CLERGY ACT. By a Colonial Priest. London: *Elliot Stock*. Price 1s.

A booklet intended chiefly for clergy ordained in the Colonies who desire to officiate in England. Incumbents of English parishes will also have in a handy form the information contained in this pamphlet.

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT IN MODERN LIGHT. By the Rev. W. H. H. Yarrington. London: *Elliot Stock*. Price 6d.

This is by an Australian clergyman, who gives a condensed statement of the result of recent discussions on this perennial subject.

WHO BUILT OUR SCHOOLS? By A Mother. London: *S.P.C.K.* Price 1d.

AN EXAMPLE FROM INDIA. By the Rev. Canon Christopher. London: *Elliot Stock*. Price 2d.

A deeply interesting account of the way in which the problem of Religious Education was solved in connection with the Martiniere School in Calcutta. The venerable author publishes it now as a contribution to the solution of our present problem. The pamphlet ought to be read both for its intrinsic interest and also for its direct and practical bearing on present-day controversy.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL THEOLOGY. By J. Foster Palmer and H. Byerley Thomson. London: *Falcon Printing Works*. Price 3d.

A plea for catechising in church according to the Rubric and Canon 59. We entirely dissent from the sweeping assertions made in criticism of the Sunday-school.

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. 14), The Dawn of Day, Girls' Own Paper, Golden Sunbeams, Orient and Occident, The Oxford Diocesan Magazine.