

One of the forthcoming books which will appeal to the Christian public who are interested in missions in India is the *Life of Dr. J. G. Murdoch*, "the Literary Evangelist of India." It will be written by Mr. Henry Morris, himself an old Indian civilian, who is an active C.M.S. worker. The record of Dr. Murdoch's indefatigable labours in India in connection with the Christian Literature Society and the Religious Tract Society will form a valuable addition to our missionary literature.



A new book is announced for immediate publication by Dr. G. H. S. Walpole, Rector of Lambeth, entitled "*Personality and Power : the Secret of Real Influence.*" It will be a companion volume to "*Vital Religion,*" by the same author, and will be published by Mr. Elliot Stock.



Notices of Books.

BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL.

IRENIC THEOLOGY. By Charles Marsh Mead. London: *G. P. Putnam's Sons.* Price 6s.

This book is written by a well-known American theologian. The subtitle indicates the character of the work, "*A Study of some Antitheses in Religious Thought,*" and its main purpose is to illustrate the fact that "antithetic, and even apparently irreconcilable, religious conceptions are often to be regarded, not as mutually exclusive, but rather as needing to be combined." The subjects include "*Antitheses in Physical Science,*" "*Antitheses in Theistic Conceptions,*" "*The Antitheses of Divine Sovereignty and Human Freedom,*" "*The Problem of Original Sin,*" "*Regeneration,*" "*The Incarnation,*" and "*The Atonement.*" We read the first eight chapters with great interest and no little profit; but on coming to the last two chapters on the Atonement, we were surprised and sorry to find them wholly inadequate, and characterized by some special pleading and illogical reasoning from which the rest of the book is entirely free. The author will not admit that there is anything penal in the Atonement; but in order to arrive at this conclusion he has either to ignore, or to misinterpret, or to explain away some of the plainest passages of the New Testament. This book is the work of a strong, clear thinker, and his chapters on Theism and Christology are particularly good. While the volume may not prove quite so irenic as the author hopes, especially on the subject of Redemption, it cannot be read without genuine interest.

THE EPISTLES OF ST. PETER. By the Rev. J. H. Jowett. London: *Hodder and Stoughton.* Price 5s.

It is a great pleasure to recommend this volume to our readers. It comes from one of the freshest minds in Nonconformity, the Chairman of the Congregational Union for the present year, the able successor to R. W. Dale. Mr. Jowett's power of accurate exegesis and felicitous expression are second

only to those of Dr. Maclaren, while his deep spiritual experience gives another welcome feature to his writings. We have already made Mr. Jowett's acquaintance in his earlier books, and are glad to have this, which is at once the largest and most mature of his writings. To the clergy in particular this book may be commended as a striking and suggestive illustration of the way in which expository sermons can be provided for their people.

THE DAYS OF THE SON OF MAN. By George Watson Macalpine. London: *Henry Frowde*. Price 5s.

The purpose of this book is to show, as a result of a careful study of the Gospels, that "a considerable space in the narrative is occupied by the doings of a comparatively small number of days" (p. 2). Then the events are tabulated with their connected readings, and an endeavour is made to determine the relative space occupied in the record by the days which bulk most largely therein. Accompanying the volume are four charts, in which the events of the Gospel are "spaced out vertically in the proportion they occupy in the combined story." Then come discussions on the unity of the Gospels, and the relation of the Synoptics to the fourth Gospel. A special feature is the care with which the "connecting phrases" of the Gospels are tabulated and considered—that is, phrases indicative of time, place, and sequence. The book and the charts are a careful and scholarly piece of work, and are well worth the attention of students of the Gospels. Dr. Orr's advice to the author to publish the results of his studies was thoroughly justified.

A REASONABLE FAITH. By the Rev. Angus Mackay. London: *Hodder and Stoughton*. Price 1s.

The purpose of this little book is to reply to the violent attacks upon the Christian religion by an unbeliever who signs himself Saladin, who became better known to the world at large a year or so ago by the way in which he was solemnly quoted as a theological authority by none other than Haeckel. Beyond this, however, Saladin's writings have a fairly wide circulation in this country, and it was perhaps well that they should be noticed, even in spite of their crudities, ignorance, and irreverence. Taken as a whole, the book is decidedly useful as against Saladin, though its views of inspiration and the Old Testament are in our judgment distinctly inaccurate, and its doctrine of the Atonement inadequate. Apart from these, and generally a somewhat too concessive and apologetic spirit, the book will prove of service for its particular purpose. It is written clearly, with genuine sympathy and courtesy, and makes many telling points against the astonishing ignorance of Saladin.

OLD BELIEFS AND NEW KNOWLEDGE. By the Rev. C. L. Drawbridge. London: *Longmans, Green and Co.* Price 1s. 6d. net.

According to the preface, "the object of this book is to popularize the ever-growing conviction that there is no necessity for divorce between what we believe and what we know." On questions such as the relation of science to theology the author has much to say that is true, fresh, and useful, but on

inspiration and Old Testament criticism he is unsatisfactory and inadequate, holding erroneous and untenable positions. He writes with a bright, crisp style, though with a good deal of dogmatic assertion which often has to do duty for argument.

TITUS IN CRETE. By Rev. F. Bourdillon. London: *C. J. Thynne*. Price 1s. 6d. net.

A practical exposition of Titus ii. Homely, wise, and necessary. Young and old of both sexes, all sorts and conditions, will profit by these sane Scriptural counsels.

THE CULTURE OF THE SPIRITUAL LIFE. By the Rev. William Dickie, M.A., D.D. London: *Hodder and Stoughton*. Price 6s.

These studies in the teaching of the Apostle St. Paul are distinctly illuminating. The writer knows his subject, and writes with freshness and force. Among the subjects he discusses are Love, Affliction, Prayer, the Christian Temper, Christian Giving, Marriage and Celibacy, "Over-spirituality," the Ascetic Spirit, Legalism, and Intellectualism. He has something worth reading on all these subjects, and provides the preacher with suggestions for many a sermon. We regret that in his twenty-two chapters he has not found a place for the Second Coming of our Lord. This is a serious omission, in view of the ethical importance of the subject and the large place it occupies in Pauline theology.

THE ENTHUSIASM OF GOD. By Dinsdale T. Young. London: *Hodder and Stoughton*. Price 3s. 6d.

Happy are the people who listen to such a whole Gospel! Mr. Young has the happy gift of applying old truths to modern times without paring them down. He has a strong grasp of Evangelical truth and a telling style to enforce it. Short, pithy sentences, apt quotations, clear divisions with the fire running all through, make the sermons as intense to the reader as they must have been to the listener.

DEVOTIONAL.

THE POEMS OF JOHN HENRY NEWMAN. London: *John Lane*. Price 2s. and 2s. 6d.

Natural modesty or mental reservation led Newman to disclaim the title of poet. We are bound to disagree with him. He has the poet's soul and the poet's voice. Naturalness, dignity, and deep reading combine here. Scripture-taught English people will neither fail to discriminate nor to appreciate. The "Dream of Gerontius," his last and greatest poem, cannot appear here because the copyright is unexpired; otherwise this nice little edition is the completest hitherto published.

DIVINE CONSIDERATIONS. By John Valdeso. London: *John Lane*. Price 2s. and 2s. 6d.

The English translation is by Nicolas Ferrar. G. Herbert writes a prefatory epistle. "It is a book of Christian duties, Christian demonstrations, and truly Divine speculations." John Valdeso was a noble Spaniard, a Romanist, a courtier, a soldier of Christ. He died in 1540. In the midst of

Popery his eyes were opened to receive much Gospel truth. He has a great reverence for Christ, and gives many a pious rule for the ordering of life. We must set aside what offends in the meditations, and rejoice in his beauty of illustration and expression, as well as his evident knowledge of experimental religion. The edition is tasteful.

SELECTED POEMS OF THOMAS TRAHERNE, THOMAS VAUGHAN, AND JOHN NORRIS. By J. R. Tutin, Hull. Paper covers.

The Pembroke Booklets in this series form an excellent little anthology of the above poets. The work of minor poets such as these will surprise those who despise the product of two centuries ago. The writers each possess the genuine poetic soul, and glow with passionate religious emotion.

CLEAR WATERS. A little book of verses. By Frederick Langbridge. London: *Religious Tract Society*. Price 1s.

THE PEAKS OF PROUD DESIRE. A little book of ballads. By Frederick Langbridge. London: *Religious Tract Society*. Price 1s.

Canon Langbridge is a true poet, and in these little volumes he is seen at his best. The verses are full of spiritual thought couched in poetic vein, while the ballads are admirable in the truth of their delineation of various well-known episodes in English history.

GENERAL.

IN SALISBURY SQUARE. By Irene H. Barnes. London: *C.M.S.* Price 2s. 6d.

This excellent book will serve to crystallize our thoughts of the beloved Church Missionary Society. Miss Barnes flings wide the doors of the great missionary house, takes us everywhere, and shows us everything. Departments open to us, personages greet us with a smile and cheerfully tell us all their secrets. We hope all will take up and read the story of this "privileged place." We feel sure love and interest will be deepened and God's purposes forwarded by a perusal of the pages. The illustrations are good.

THE WRITERS' AND ARTISTS' YEAR-BOOK, 1906. London: *Adam and Charles Black*. Price 1s. net.

An exceedingly useful directory for writers, artists, and photographers. It includes a list of journals, special attention being paid to all details of importance necessary for writers and artists to know.

BIOGRAPHICAL.

THE SCHOOL OF SUFFERING. The Life of Mary E. Moule. By her father, the Bishop of Durham. London: *S.P.C.K.* Price 1s. 6d.

This is not a book to be "reviewed," but rather to be read with holy thought, earnest prayer, and tender thankfulness. It is the brief record of a beautiful life, beautifully told by one whose pen has never been used to greater effect than in the present volume. Many Christian people, more particularly those who have loved and lost, will be grateful to the Bishop for lifting the veil of his home-life, and allowing others to share a little in his

joys and sorrows. This small book will bring comfort and inspiration to every earnest reader.

MEMORIALS OF THE REV. F. WHITFIELD. Edited by R. S. B. Whitfield. With Preface by Prebendary Webb-Peploe. London: *Chas. Thynne*. Price 2s. 6d. net.

The life and work of the writer of "There is a Name I love to hear" will be sure to interest and profit. As a man and an expository preacher of the Gospel, he was a great help to those who knew him. Sermons and notes are added, together with several of his hymns, and we are indebted to his daughter for this sketch of the life and character of her good father.

PERIODICALS.

The Twentieth Century Quarterly. London: Simpkin, Marshall and Co. 2s. 6d. net. This is a new aspirant for public favour, and its general position is evidently that of a loyal progressive Churchmanship, based on the Reformation Settlement. The editor has been able to gather round him an able and distinguished band of contributors. Professor Dowden leads the way with an article on "A New Poet," and then come two able articles on "The Education Question," by the Bishop of Sodor and Man and Mr. Philip Morrell, M.P. They advocate what seems to us to be the wisest and, indeed, the only possible policy for Churchmen. An article on the Labour Movement as "The New Power in Politics," by Mr. Snowden, M.P., is at once timely and forceful, while "Faith and Creed" is the subject of an able and suggestive article by one well known to our readers, the Bishop of Clogher. Other articles include such topics as "Religion in Germany," "The Unemployed Problem," "Army Reorganization," and "J. A. Froude," all of which are fresh, informing, and vigorously written. Not the least valuable is one by Rev. A. E. Simms on "Some Historians and the Reformation," in which Wakeman's, Pullan's, and Gairdner's histories are subjected to some acute and well-warranted criticisms. Reviews of books occupy forty-five pages of the number, and reveal marks of distinct capacity both as to knowledge and expression. Altogether the number is a strong one, and the new quarterly makes an excellent start. It fills, and fills worthily, a place hitherto unoccupied, and we wish for it a large circulation and a wide influence.

The Church Standard. London: Murray and Co. 2d. This quarterly of the National Protestant Church Union includes a strong and fresh article by Canon Girdlestone on "Old Testament Criticism," reviewing Dr. Orr's new book; also a paper by Rev. A. C. Downer on "Are there Circumstances in which Communion in One Kind is ever Lawful?" Editorial comments and a long list of arrangements show very clearly the extent and importance of the work of the National Protestant Church Union.

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. 15), The Dawn of Day, Girls' Own Paper, Golden Sunbeams, Orient and Occident, Open Doors.