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2,236,755 Bibles were issued, of which only 940,367 were printed at the Bible House, the rest being printed by the society on mission presses in China, Japan, Siam, and Turkey. The increase over the previous year was 405,659 volumes.



Notices of Books.

THE DOOR OF HUMILITY. By Alfred Austin, P.L. London: *Macmillan and Co.* 1906. Price 4s. 6d.

There is much that is attractive in this poem, or rather collection of poems linked together by a common purpose. The story the poems enshrine is slight enough. A man, searching after religious truth, falls in love with a girl who is herself deeply religious. Though admitting her own love, she refuses to accept him; and, accordingly, he goes abroad in the hope that he may find, in time, some solution of his doubts. While abroad he gets a letter summoning him back to see her before she dies. He hurries home—too late. She has left a letter for him, in which she beseeches him to come, through the door of humility, to a saving knowledge of God. Such, in barest outline, is the “story,” which throughout is conceived in a lyrical, not a narrative, vein. Though at times irritatingly reminiscent of *In Memoriam*, the poems have a value: they are distinguished by purity of thought and grace of diction. The “great note” is obviously lacking, as it is lacking in all Mr. Austin’s work. But we do not feel disposed to criticise it harshly on this account. Nowadays we are thankful for a beautiful lesson told in simple, and at times beautiful, verse. The following stanzas give a fair idea of the quality of the poems as a whole:

“We lead the blind by voice and hand,
And not by light they cannot see;
We are not framed to understand
The How and Why of such as He;

But natured only to rejoice
At every sound or sign of hope,
And, guided by the still small voice,
In patience thro’ the darkness grope;

Until our finer sense expands,
And we exchange for holier sight
The earthly help of voice and hand,
And in His light behold the light.”

THE CHRISTIAN FAITH: Personally given in a System of Doctrine. By A. O. Curtis. London: *Hodder and Stoughton.* Price 10s. 6d. net. 1906.

This volume is a very arresting contribution to the study of dogmatic theology. Professor Curtis (an American theologian) writes, it seems, from the point of view of a modified Calvinism, a Calvinism which integrates the

thought of the service of fear and the sovereignty of God, with the complimentary doctrines of true personal freedom and the freedom of love. If it should be objected that such an attempt is likely in the present day to prove abortive, we can but urge the sceptically minded to examine the book for himself. It is evidently the outcome of long study and careful and systematized thinking. He has crowded his basal ideas into one clear-cut phrase: "the rim of destiny is by God's decree, but the personal centre of destiny is by man's choice." The student who patiently makes his way through this massive work—and let him not be deterred from doing so because at times Professor Curtis, in his desire for compression, has not always made his meaning as lucid as might be; nor yet because a certain irritation may well be felt at the employment of such words as *ictic*, *indicant*, *finical*—will have gathered, as a result of his study, many a germ-thought, many an illuminating idea; and will carry away with him the feeling that he has been studying in the company of a man who has deeply pondered the great tap-root doctrines which influence the whole superstructure of Christian theology. Easy the book is not; but it will, in the best sense, repay attention. It is curious to note that, apparently, throughout the Professor's volume no reference is made by name to Hegel, with whose theology, despite many superficial antagonisms, "The Christian Faith" is often in radical sympathy. This is, of course, always on the assumption—which we believe to be a true one—that Hegel was, in ultimates, a Christian. To Ritschl's view that Christ was divine only in the sense that He has the "value" of God in the Christian experience, Professor Curtis professes no adherence. Obviously, that view involves an agnostic Christology. No; we need a Christology that can explain the full Christian experience of redemption. On this side of his work Professor Curtis offers much valuable assistance to the searcher after reality.

THE REFORMATION. By George Park Fisher, D.D. London: *Hodder and Stoughton*. Price 10s. 6d. net.

A new and revised edition of a book which has been known for several years as a standard work on the Reformation. It is a great convenience to have the entire story in one volume, and told in such a scholarly and reliable way. For intelligent and educated readers there is no other work which will enable them so easily to become acquainted with the origin, nature, principal facts and characters of the Reformation period, as well as with the great underlying principles which actuated the movement. Dr. Fisher truly explains that he has written in no polemical spirit, either in championship of Protestantism or opposition to Rome. At the same time, while he has endeavoured to maintain the position of an impartial historian, he is not indifferent to the profound significance of one of the greatest movements of human thought and life. We hope this new edition of a valuable work will have a renewed and still wider career of usefulness. It is impossible to know too much of the great period in question, and now with this work in one volume, and the larger work recently published by Professor Lindsay, students and readers are indeed well equipped.

- ANIMISM. By Edward Clodd. London: *Archibald Constable and Co., Ltd.* Price 1s. net.
- MAGIC AND FETISHISM. By Alfred C. Haddon. London: *Archibald Constable and Co., Ltd.* Price 1s. net.
- HINDUISM. By L. D. Barnett, M.A. London: *Archibald Constable and Co., Ltd.* Price 1s. net.
- THE RELIGION OF BABYLONIA AND ASSYRIA. By Theophilus G. Pinches, LL.D. London: *Archibald Constable and Co., Ltd.* Price 1s. net.
- CELTIC RELIGION. By Edward Anwyl, M.A. London: *Archibald Constable and Co., Ltd.* Price 1s. net.
- PANTHEISM. By J. Allanson Picton. London: *Archibald Constable and Co., Ltd.* Price 1s. net.
- THE RELIGION OF ANCIENT GREECE. By Jane Ellen Harrison. London: *Archibald Constable and Co., Ltd.* Price 1s. net.
- RELIGIONS OF ANCIENT CHINA. By Herbert A. Giles, M.A. London: *Archibald Constable and Co., Ltd.* Price 1s. net.

The idea of a series of handbooks on ancient and modern religions is a very good one, and on the whole it has been well carried out. These little volumes are full of information given by specialists, and for the most part with great clearness. The varying standpoints of the writers are, of course, obvious; but, as a rule, the consideration is kept strictly within the region of historical facts. Mr. Clodd's animus is only too evident. It is impossible for him to write on religious subjects without having his fling at Christianity. Mr. Picton, on "Pantheism," says all that can possibly be said for that very impossible position, but he, too, writes with a bias which ought to be absent from handbooks of this kind. It would be interesting to have a volume in this series dealing with Christianity as one of the religions that is at once ancient and modern.

- THE WORKS OF FLAVIUS JOSEPHUS. Translated by William Whiston. Edited by D. S. Margoliouth, D.Litt. London: *George Routledge and Sons, Ltd.* Price 5s. net.

A new edition of Whiston's "Josephus," edited by Professor Margoliouth of Oxford, who contributes an introduction and notes, in which an attempt has been made to summarize the results of recent research, and to give special attention to those passages in Josephus which have attracted most attention. The type is clear, the paper is good, and the binding strong, and this convenient form of Josephus' works will assuredly have a new lease of life through the scholarly labours of Dr. Margoliouth.

- A BOOK OF MEMORY. Compiled by Katherine Tynan. London: *Hodder and Stoughton.* Price 6s net.

This is a birthday book on quite a new plan, for it is intended to be a record of the days when beloved ones pass within the veil. Hence it is called "The Birthday Book of the Blessed Dead." Spaces are given on each day of the year for the names of the blessed dead, together with a text of Scripture, followed by quotations in poetry and prose. The compiler's name is a guarantee that the choice of selections would be made with true poetic feeling and taste, and the range of quotation is as catholic

as the choice is felicitous. The binding and paper are appropriate and attractive, and with the contents combine to make this a truly helpful and beautiful gift book for the sorrowing and bereaved.

LESSONS FROM LIFE, ANIMAL AND HUMAN. London: *Elliot Stock*.
Price 3s. 9d.

A new and cheap edition of a work which has already been well received. It is a collection of interesting facts concerning the nature and functions of man and animals, the facts being arranged so as to illustrate spiritual and moral truths. There is an introduction by the late Dr. Hugh Macmillan. Illustrations from natural history are always specially valuable to preachers and teachers, and this book in its cheaper form should have a still wider means of usefulness. The compiler's work has been well done, and whether for use in teaching or for general reading it ought to prove distinctly valuable.

THE GIVER AND HIS GIFTS. By E. W. Bullinger, D.D. London: *Eyre and Spottiswoode*. Price 2s. 6d.

The author has long been known as a Bible student who has a strong conviction that nothing in God's Word is without some meaning. The result is that in all his works, including his valuable Concordance on the New Testament, the closest attention is paid to the very words of Scripture, their forms, meaning, and occurrences. Whether we accept his results or not, he has the faculty of making his readers think and study for themselves; and this, in these days, should be counted to any author for righteousness. The book before us takes up all the passages where *πνεῦμα* is found in the New Testament, and we are introduced to its various uses and usages. The well known question of the force of the definite article with *πνεῦμα* is, of course, discussed fully, and every passage where the word occurs is commented on. Dr. Bullinger will not carry all his readers with him in every one of his interpretations, but he has undoubtedly given us a thoughtful, scholarly, and suggestive book, which no student of the Greek Testament can afford to overlook.

THE BOOK OF RUTH. By the Rev. Armstrong Black, D.D. London: *Hodder and Stoughton*. Price 3s. 6d. net.

Another work on the perennially interesting subject of Ruth the Moabitess, and one, too, that is well worthy of a place in the numerous expositions of the Book. Dr. Armstrong Black wields a graceful and yet forceful pen, and the various scenes in the familiar story are vividly brought before us. The teaching is full of suggestion and charm, and studded with not a few apt quotations. The publishers have also done their part well, and the result is a book attractive to read and to handle. It ought to prove particularly useful to preachers and teachers, though it would make a helpful devotional book for anyone.

PREPARATION FOR THE CHRISTIAN MINISTRY. By Various Writers. London: *Student Christian Movement*. Price 2s. 6d. net.

A series of ten papers by various writers of different Churches, and intended to deal with preparation for the Christian ministry "in view of present-day conditions." Among the subjects discussed are "Conditions and

Problems," by the Rev. D. S. Cairns; "The Training of the Intellect," by Dean Bernard of Dublin; "Character," by Mr. Gresford Jones of Keswick; "The Care of the Inner Life," by Mr. R. E. Speer of Philadelphia; "Work in Great Cities," by Mr. Woollcombe of the Oxford House; "The Bible in its Relation to the Kingdom of God," by Dr. Garvie; "The Opportunity and the Preparation of the Preacher," by Dr. Paterson of Edinburgh. There are also essays on "Work Abroad" and "The Home Ministry and Foreign Missions." No candidate for the ministry could read these papers without deriving much intellectual guidance and spiritual profit. They rightly lay stress on the absolute necessity of spiritual life and personal character as the essential foundations of ministerial power. Mr. Speer's essay is perhaps the finest of all, though there are others almost equally valuable and suggestive. We should have welcomed at least two more papers, one on "The Message of the Ministry," and the other on "The Holy Spirit in Relation to the Ministry," for as it now stands the book tends to concentrate attention on the human conditions and requirements without dwelling with sufficient definiteness and prominence on the Divine aspects of ministry. This apart, the book deserves, and we hope it will obtain, wide circulation among theological students. It can do nothing but good to the ministers of the future.

PASTORAL WORK IN COUNTRY DISTRICTS. By V. S. S. Coles, M.A.
London: *Longmans, Green and Co.* Price 3s. 6d. net.

Six lectures delivered in the Divinity School, Cambridge, by the Principal of Pusey House. The book only very partially fulfils the promise of its title, for there is but little about work in country districts. The teaching is quite frankly that of the type associated with Pusey House, and readers will therefore know what to expect. Of its earnestness it is of course unnecessary to speak, but its type of Christianity does not strike the full New Testament chord. While there is much that will prove useful to discriminating readers, the book as a whole is decidedly disappointing, and does not compare favourably with other lectures of the same series. In particular, the teaching on Confession goes far beyond that laid down by the Church of England, and involves a systematic auricular confession, for which there is no place found in the Prayer-Book. Parochial work on such lines can never be spiritual, healthy, or helpful, and it is impossible not to regret that undergraduates should have had this view of clerical work put before them.

BIBLE CHRISTIANITY. By Herman Lundemann. Translated by M. A. Canney, M.A. London: *A. Owen and Co.* Price 2s.

This comes from the ranks of the very liberal thought of Switzerland, which means the evacuation from Christianity of anything distinctive of the Deity and Atonement of our Lord. We are not surprised that the translator in his preface insists upon the New Testament being criticised as well as the Old, and also the impossibility of supposing we can sacrifice the Old while conserving the New. This pronouncement may be commended to those critics who are imagining so vain a thing. The book itself is not accurately described, for it is neither Biblical nor Christianity, but is a purely subjective

interpretation of just as much of the New Testament as the author thinks well to accept. We are not surprised at the spiritual and moral powerlessness of a great deal of Continental Protestantism, if this book is a typical specimen of the teaching given.

THE FACT OF CHRIST. By the Rev. P. Carnegie Simpson. London: *Hodder and Stoughton*. Price 1s. net.

We welcome with all possible heartiness this cheap edition of one of the most valuable pieces of apologetic writing of recent years. This is just the book to put into the hands of thoughtful men and women, for it concentrates attention upon the Person and work of Christ as the pre-eminent and conclusive evidence of Christianity. Christian workers should make a point of circulating this book on every possible occasion.

HOW THE CHURCH BEGAN. By Rev. R. B. Rackham, M.A. London: *Longmans, Green and Co.* Price 1s. net; cloth, 1s. 6d. net.

A simple and succinct account of the founding of the Church in the Acts of the Apostles. We do not endorse the writer's views *in toto*, and feel he needs wider views of what the Church really is.

THE NEW STATE OF MATTER. An address by Professor H. Pellat. Translated by E. McClure, M.A. *S.P.C.K.*

To honour science is to respect its limitations. We have in this interesting lecture a clear summary of the processes leading to the new views on the constitution of matter. We hear the cry of a Haeckel and a Spencer in the distance, and learn they have received a mortal blow.

A HANDBOOK FOR AFTER-MEETINGS. By Rev. G. T. Shettle. *S.P.C.K.*

We are pleased to welcome such a book as this, and to see that the whole Church is rousing to the need of preaching decision for Christ. The outline addresses are useful and simple, the counsel excellent. As far as it goes, it goes right.

THE CHURCH AND THE ADVERSARY. By a Layman. London: *Elliot Stock*. Price 3s. 6d.

The above is the result of twenty-seven years' note-taking. It is a history of Satan's attempt to ruin individuals, the Churches, and the Jew. The Roman Catholic Church has a large chapter devoted to it, and the indictment is as strong as it is true. Newman said: "Either the Church of Rome is the house of God or the house of Satan." Manning, in effect, said the same. The writer has no difficulty in showing that Scripture and history unite to sweep away all signs that the external Roman Church is the house of God on earth. The Church of England has her turn. She is subjected to a criticism in many ways wholesome, but not always quite fair. His remarks on curates and the political opinions of the average clergyman leave something to be desired. We are in cordial agreement with him in his views on Romanizing clergy, but feel his views on Disestablishment are a matter of opinion. We think it a pity he gives away the word "priest" to the Sacerdotalists. The word is a contraction of "Presbyter," and the Sacerdotal sense is the imported, not the primary one. To say there are no

Bishops in the New Testament is to say too much. We should have also liked a greater reticence on his part with regard to the universalist trend of his opinions. At the same time, we recognise the book as valuable, and sounding a needed note of warning. It is packed with facts worth reading more than once, and is the work of a firm believer in the Word of God. It is a pity the type is so close and that there is no index.

ANCIENT TYRE AND MODERN ENGLAND. By Philo-Anglicanus. London: *Elliot Stock*. Price 7s. 6d.

Ezekiel's prophecies form the basis of an interesting analogy drawn between ancient Tyre and England, "Tyre of the West." Colonial expansion, commercial enterprise, and naval supremacy form a threefold link between the old and new nation. Physically, geographically, and spiritually, the parallels between the two are striking. The book is seasonable in a material age when the "wielding of trade's master-key" is thought *summum bonum* of a nation's life. The writer's object is to awaken his countrymen to such sins and dangers as ruined Tyre and menace England. In the course of his pages he has much to say of historical and antiquarian interest. There are several good illustrations and four capital maps.

THE GOSPEL OF LIFE. By Charles Wagner. London: *Hodder and Stoughton*. Price 3s. 6d.

The writer's pen is prolific. He gives us here a few sermons chosen at random. They are in his own beautiful style, and are, he says, an application of the Gospel to the life of man. "Never is sorrow more holy, activity more touching, evil more ugly, than when a ray of the Gospel chances to fall on them." This student of human nature can put his finger on the weakness of the age, can use the lash or apply the ointment. He speaks with authority, but he impresses us with an over-emphasis on the human side. We should much like to know what part the Atonement of our Blessed Lord plays in the Gospel he proclaims.

COMFORTING WORDS FOR WIDOWS. Compiled by M. G. and edited by J. S. London: *Elliot Stock*. Price 5s.

The compiler has suffered and found consolation. She has gathered balm for bruised and broken hearts. She has felt and known "that for wounds like these Christ is the only cure." Her selection from authors has been truly catholic. As suffering and sorrow are not limited to creeds or nationalities, so where a message has been delivered that will comfort against sorrow, it has been placed under its appropriate heading irrespective of Church or sect.

HUMILITY: A DEVOTIONAL TREATISE. By Rev. Jesse Brett, L.Th. London: *Longmans, Green and Co.* Price 2s. net.

This devotional treatise is the work of an earnest and thoughtful man. He dwells on the nature of humility, the will's surrender, submission, meekness, the security of the humble, their devotion and exaltation, and he has much of value to teach us. At the same time, his view of the Christian life seems to be too much the result of dry effort. There is too much of the human ascent and too little of the Divine descent; too much of the toil of man and too little of the transfiguring of God. God's Word in preference to the works of the saints is likely to set things in their true relation.

VOICE PRODUCTION AND THE PHONETICS OF DECLAMATION. By J. C. Newlands. Edinburgh and London: *Oliphant, Anderson, and Ferrier*. Price 2s. 6d. net.

A manual of voice training by one who has practical knowledge of the work of teaching elocution. It is evidently based on personal experience. The examples and hints are succinctly and clearly stated, and anyone who will follow the advice here given will soon reap the benefit in an increased capacity for speaking and a greater acceptance with his audience. The volume should be carefully noted by all who would become proficient in the art of public speaking.

ELEMENTS OF THE FAITH. By Rev. J. B. Ansted. London: *Wells Gardner, Darton and Co., Ltd.* Price 1s. net.

This little work is written by one who is well known to our readers, and the volume includes an article which appeared in our columns last year. The author describes his book as "A Series of Essays on the Grounds of Christian Belief," and his aim has been to "offer some considerations which have been helpful to his own faith, and which he trusts may induce an honest doubter to pause before rejecting the claims of a revelation which has already stood the brunt of so many ages of opposition." It includes five essays on such subjects as "The Bible and Modern Thought," "Why am I a Christian?" "Why am I a Churchman?" "How may we know that we have eternal life?" on all of which the venerable author has something to say which is at once scriptural and profitable. We commend this unpretentious but truly useful little volume for circulation among those who wish to know what essential Christianity is.

THE OLD TESTAMENT IN MODERN LIGHT. By the late Walter Allan Moberly. London: *S.P.C.K.* Price 1s. 6d.

This book represents the attempt of a clergyman to put before an educated congregation "the outline of what seemed to himself to be a reverent and intelligent view of the Old Testament in the light of modern criticism." The theory of the documentary sources upon which modern criticism rests is accepted, and a general adhesion is given to the critical position. The author's view of inspiration seems to us distinctly inadequate, and the question of the accuracy of Scripture on matters of history is left quite open. A truly reverent spirit breathes through the pages, and though the writer goes much further than we consider warranted or safe, it is impossible to mistake the devotion to Christ and the belief in divine revelation which mark his treatment of the Old Testament. We confess that we are among those who are referred to in the Bishop of Southwark's preface, as thinking that, having accepted the position of the Higher Criticism, the author should have gone much further, for in our judgment his position, as here stated, is really untenable.

THE PEOPLE'S PRAYERS. By E. G. Cuthbert F. Atchley. London: *Longmans, Green and Co.* Price, paper 6d., boards 1s. 6d.

One of the Alcuin Club Tracts. The title is intended to suggest that the Litany is essentially an expression of "The People's Prayers." The writer traverses Chancellor Smith's view that only the clergy can say the Litany. The discussion is interesting, though it does not seem to us that the writer

makes out his case. A form of the Litany "according to the ancient English use" (which means that of Sarum) is put in an Appendix. Among other petitions there is one for prayer for the dead. It is difficult to see the precise point of this Sarum Litany in connection with our present form.

CRITICISM CRITICISED. Edited by the Very Rev. Henry Wace, D.D.
London: *The Bible League*. Price 6d. net.

We are glad to welcome this cheap edition of a work that has had a considerable sale. It contains a large amount of valuable material, together with some that is weak and inconclusive. In this convenient and cheap form the book should have a still wider opportunity of usefulness.

SACRED SONGS AND SOLOS. London: *Morgan and Scott*. Price, paper 2d., cloth 3d.

This is a special cheap diamond edition of the twelve hundred pieces which are now included in this well-known hymn-book. The type is remarkably clear, and the size very convenient. It ought to be in great request in connection with Church work.

PAMPHLETS AND REPRINTS.

CHRIST THE BREAD OF THE WORLD. Sermon by the Rev. Canon Denton Thompson.
London: *Church Missionary Society*. Price 1d.

The C.M.S. Annual Sermon for this year. An admirable and telling presentation of St. John vi. 5, 51.

THE PREACHING OF ST. PAUL. By the Rev. Professor Sayce. London: *S.P.C.K.*
Price 1d.

An address delivered in All Saints', Cairo, on the Sunday after Easter Day.

THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH. By the late Very Rev. R. W. Church. London: *S.P.C.K.*
Price 2d.

Reprinted from Oxford House Papers.

CHRISTMAS GOOSE CLUBS AND HOW TO WORK THEM. By the Rev. A. W. Bird Jones.
London: *R. F. James*. Price 3d.

A very useful and suggestive handbook, giving full particulars of the working of these clubs.

MEDITATIONS FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING. By the Rev. J. Vaughan. London: *S.P.C.K.*
Price 4d.

Simple, scriptural, and spiritual meditations.

THE APOSTOLIC CONSTITUTIONS AND COGNATE DOCUMENTS, WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THEIR LITURGICAL ELEMENTS. By the Rev. de Lacy O'Leary. London: *S.P.C.K.*
Price 1s.

Very useful for liturgical students.

RECEIVED:

Our Little Dots, The Child's Companion, Church Missionary Intelligencer, Church Missionary Gleaner, Awake, The Round World, India's Witness, The 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. 18), The Dawn of Day, Girls' Own Paper, Golden Sunbeams, Orient and Occident, The Expository Times, The Reader and Lay Worker, The Optimist, Open Doors (organ of Mrs. Meredith's Homes).