are observant, particularly in relation to life and human nature. Maybe, Mr. More may some day come to be the modern Lamb of America.

Many parents have felt the need of a life of Christ for their children. Messrs. Methuen have issued such a life. It is written by Mrs. Percy Dearmer, who is so well known as a writer of books both for and about children. The volume gives the incidents of our Lord's life in their due proportion and right order for children up to the age of twelve. There are eight illustrations in colour by Miss E. Fortescue Brickdale.

An interesting new book is the life of "Richard Cadbury of Birmingham," by his daughter, Mrs. Helen Alexander.

There has been issued a cheap edition, at 3s. 6d. net, of the "Biography of Quintin Hogg," by Miss Ethel Hogg, and which contains the introduction by the Duke of Argyll.

Mr. Elliot Stock will shortly publish "Fragments that Remain," a volume of sermons by the late Rev. W. Miles Myres, Vicar of St. Paul's, Preston, with a brief record of his work in his Lancashire and Buckinghamshire parishes.

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**BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL.**


We cannot do better than give the subtitle as a description of this work: "A new translation designed to set forth the exact meaning, the proper terminology, and the graphic style of the sacred originals; arranged to show at a glance narrative, speech, parallelism, and logical analysis, also to enable the student readily to distinguish the several Divine names; and emphasized throughout after the idioms of the Hebrew and Greek tongues. With expository introduction, select references, and appendices of notes." It worthily and completely fulfils this somewhat elaborate design. Space does not allow us to show how the emphasis is indicated, but specimen pages can be obtained from the publisher. We do not hesitate to say that this is one of the most valuable helps to the full meaning of Holy Scripture, and even to those who know Hebrew and Greek it will be of great service in suggesting new meanings and aspects of truth. We have tested it in many places, and have never opened it without gaining light and suggestion. As a translation alone it is notable, and stands high in comparison with other similar attempts. We are sorry that the author has seen fit to adhere so closely to the Westcott and Hort text, and we disagree with his rendering of *baptizo* by "immerse"
as inaccurate, and his rendering of "grace" by "favour" as inadequate. We also think that "age abiding" for aionios and Jahweh for "Jehovah" could have been improved with ease and acceptance. But these are slight matters in comparison with the great value of the book, which we heartily commend to our readers. It will certainly be close to our hand in all study and meditation of the Scriptures.


The author describes his book as "merely a layman's attempt to give an unbiased account of the very interesting episode in history commonly called the Oxford Movement." Without discussing the theological questions connected with it, the rise, leaders, progress, and results of the Movement are briefly recorded. It is an exceedingly interesting sketch, and is quite unbiased. The author points out that the Oxford Movement was only one among many causes of developments in the Church. In his comparison between the Evangelical and High Church positions his statement is not quite adequate, but he has certainly realized the essential truth when he points out that the two views are irreconcilable and incapable of coalescence (p. 236). He considers that Evangelicalism in the Church of England has had no real development for the last sixty years, and he attributes this to the fact that in his opinion there is no essential difference between Low Churchmen and "the saner members of the Nonconformist Churches" (p. 237). It is worthy of note that the author thinks the Evangelical theory "can really only be carried into effective practice by men specially gifted," while the High Church theory, by its reliance on institutions, "is not so dependent on the special ability of the minister," and tends to the mere multiplication of services rather than of purely spiritual dispositions of soul (p. 240). This is a significant testimony, and one that has far-reaching applications. It is also urged that, if Ritualism should absorb the large body of Moderate High Churchmen, the inevitable outcome must be disestablishment and disendowment (p. 246). This, again, is worthy of note. There are other equally interesting and even striking comments in the chapter in which the results of the Movement are summed up. This little book will prove of real service in giving a succinct and interesting account of the Oxford Movement for those who are prevented from reading the larger works on the subject.


Dr. Miller seems to have a perpetual fount of inspiration. Year by year we expect his devotional books, and hitherto we have not been disappointed. Full of spiritual teaching, tenderly and even felicitously expressed, his books carry their message of light and leading to tried, troubled, and fearful hearts. The volumes before us are not a whit behind their predecessors in interest
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and acceptableness. There is the same apt quotation of poetry, the same gift of illustration, the same fine insight into spiritual weaknesses and dangers, the same warm sympathy with spiritual needs.


A new and enlarged edition of a volume formerly published under the title of "Straight Sermons." The present title covers the first three subjects, and then follow others on "Power," "Redemption," "Abraham's Adventure," "Solomon's Choice," "Peter's Mistake," "God over All," "The Horizon," "Christ Fundamental." The teaching is clear and vigorous, predominantly ethical rather than doctrinal, but not lacking in the latter element. Preachers to young men should certainly study this manly book. They will find in it not a little guidance and inspiration for their work.


Three lectures delivered to theological students in America by a leading clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church, who is President of the Lower House of the General Convention of that Church. The Dean of Canterbury writes a preface. The book is "An Examination of the Results of the Higher Criticism," and it is a clear statement and searching examination of the modern critical position as to the Pentateuch. The treatment is at once scholarly, well informed, and fair, and is sufficiently free of technicalities and details to enable educated lay people readily to follow it. It is a valuable presentation of the true view of the Pentateuch, and a keen criticism of the modern view. We would earnestly bespeak the attention of all our readers to this little work, and it is especially suited to the younger clergy, who would find in it an able and well-written statement of the question now at issue. Dean Wace rightly points out the gravity of the questions involved, and we believe the little work before us will do much to put before ordinary Church-people, as distinct from scholars, the true solution of the problem.

A Believer's Thoughts. By Edith Hickman Divall. London: The Sunday-School Union. Price, cloth, 1s. 6d. net; leather, 2s. 6d. net.

This book of poems well deserves the recommendation of Dr. Campbell Morgan. The authoress has a distinct poetical gift and an equally distinct spiritual experience, and the blending of these will make this little work of special value to all lovers of sacred poetry. The poems will cheer and uplift the soul, and help it on its onward way in communion with God.


This contains "Six Outline Addresses on Africa, with Notes, Maps, Diagrams, and Recitations, suitable to be given at Meetings of the Young People's Union and Sowers' Bands." Very thoroughly does this little pamphlet fulfil its design. All who have to speak to children on missionary subjects should note it and use it. There is quite an amount of valuable and interesting information in a very convenient form.
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Another book by the honoured leader of the "Brethren" who has recently gone from us. Those who value spiritual teaching combined with adequate scholarship, profound reverence for Holy Scripture, and patient investigation into its meaning, will enjoy this work. The first ninety pages are occupied with a discussion of Old Testament prophecy in general and with the critical questions connected with Isaiah in particular, on each of which the writer has much to say which is forceful and profitable, though running clean contrary to much present-day thought. We cannot agree with all his interpretations, but his opinion is always worthy of respect. Those who value exposition based on spiritual experience will not fail to make a note of this book.


The first volume of a new series of Church teaching for young people edited by Dean Ridgeway. A very promising commencement is made with this volume. Mr. Stock writes with the sure grasp of thorough knowledge, as well as with the clearness and brightness of the born teacher. His style is remarkably fresh and attractive, and the reader is carried along from point to point with almost absorbing interest. The purpose of the series is thoroughly kept in view, and "young people" are directly addressed by the author. The discussion is continually enlightened by anecdote and illustration, and it is astonishing that so much has been included in twelve chapters. We are particularly glad to see that the "Story of the Bible" is rounded off by an account of missionary versions. The two concluding chapters, on the influence of the Bible and hints for reading the Bible, are perfectly admirable. The book should be at once brought before the young people of our Churches who are able to afford it, though we fear the price will be prohibitive to more than a comparative few. We could have wished that this series had been issued in a somewhat different form at the popular shilling, but within the limits of its evident purpose it ought to have a very fruitful career.


This is an attempt to show the secret of the influence and to indicate some of the leading features of the teaching of Bishop Westcott, and it is hoped thereby to send readers to the Bishop's writings for themselves. In a series of eleven chapters dealing with various aspects of thought, the reader is introduced to Bishop Westcott's best-known works. The Rev. Arthur Westcott writes a chapter on his father's Commentaries. For those who have yet to become acquainted with the Bishop's writings this little book will prove of great service. It is written with the devotion of a disciple, and so we suppose we could hardly expect discrimination and criticism, though we could wish that some reference had been made to the well-known inadequacy of the Bishop's teaching on the Atonement.

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We have already noticed former volumes of this most useful series. Here are two more written by recognised authorities, and conveying a great deal of reliable information in a very convenient form.

FISHERS OF MEN; OR, HOW TO WIN THE MEN. By the Rev. J. E. Watts-Ditchfield. London: Charles Murray and Co. Price 2s. 6d.

The second edition of a most valuable work, narrating the author's experiences and methods of work among men. Mr. Watts-Ditchfield has set the pattern for men's services in the Church of England, and some of the most successful of them owe their inspiration to him. Here may be found some of his methods and plans which have proved so successful in North and East London. Granted the man behind the methods, there will be a like success elsewhere, because everything in this book is based on a strong belief in the Gospel of Divine Grace and in the power of the Holy Spirit. This book is simply indispensable to all those who are working amongst men.


Four lectures delivered at St. Paul's Cathedral, taking up in turn the "Mission of the Holy Ghost," "The Holy Spirit and Nature," "The Holy Spirit and Man," "The Holy Spirit and the Church." While there is much that is spiritual and suggestive in this little book, we cannot help being conscious of important gaps in the treatment, not a little Biblical material on the subject being overlooked. Nor is the sacramental teaching satisfactory, for it is either unscriptural or else so vague as to be inaccurate. An example of the latter point is found in asking the question why the corn and grape should not be "used for spiritual purposes as instrumental means of sanctification and holy gifts to purify, feed, and hallow life." Obviously everything would depend upon the meaning of "instrumental," which, as it is not defined, is only too liable to be associated with the characteristic error of the present day of virtually identifying the sign with the thing signified. The account of the Calvinistic conception of the Holy Communion is simply untrue to fact, and involves a misunderstanding that is far too prevalent. When the author is not dealing with sacramental questions he is invariably spiritual and helpful, even though there is nothing here that is particularly profound or new.


The Roman controversy is always with us. Rome's boast of semper eadem compels all who cannot accept her claims to take up a firm attitude of opposition, since neutrality is obviously impossible. For the purpose of maintaining a true position knowledge is absolutely essential, and this must be thoroughly grounded on the facts of history and experience, and ultimately based on Holy Scripture. In the book before us these requirements are fully met. The treatment is at once Scriptural, scholarly, able, fair, and in close touch with human needs. We are greatly surprised that the book was not
translated many years ago, for it has long been known in Germany as one of the ablest books on the subject. Its Lutheran standpoint and German outlook rob it of some of its value for English readers, but these are only comparatively slight blemishes in view of the wealth of information and argument provided as ammunition. Part I. deals with the Church and allied topics. Part II. discusses the questions connected with salvation, including the Sacraments. Part III. treats of a number of subjects arising out of our attitude to Rome. Space does not allow us to call attention to the detailed argument; it must suffice to say that of all the essential points, like the Papacy, the infallibility, the priesthood and Sacraments, and the cultus of the Virgin, the teaching is clear and strong, and the arguments remarkably powerful and convincing. The reader cannot help feeling that he is being taught by a master in the controversy, whose words carry conviction and whose facts are unquestionable. Dr. Streane has done his translation and editorial work well, and the Tract Society have rendered essential service to the cause of truth by the publication of this book. We hope that there will soon be a sufficient demand for it to allow of a cheaper edition, for it ought to be in the hands of all clergy and teachers for constant use.


This book is admirably suited to those boys and girls who are well acquainted with the more prominent facts of the Bible. Mrs. Walton very ably deals with the less beaten paths of Scripture, and introduces to our notice many unconsidered points and obscure characters which are too often passed over in the study of the Word of God. It is charmingly written, and is particularly interesting.

Fiction and General.


A new story by the well-known author of "A Peep Behind the Scenes" is sure to receive a cordial welcome from many readers. While the book is interesting and the story pleasantly told, we do not think Mrs. Walton is as successful a writer for "grown-ups" as for children. It goes without saying that her moral tone and spiritual teaching are as marked as ever.


This is a story for adult readers. It contains the reflections of an invalid, together with an account of daily life and incidents. Books and Nature flavour this tale in a very interesting manner. How an accident caused the invalid to suffer from partial paralysis, and another accident caused her to recover, are told in the gradual unfolding of a pretty little love-story.


This is a well-told and a well-written story. Anyone who knows New Zealand will recognise the faithfulness of the description and the local
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colouring generally. The saintly Bishop Selwyn is beautifully depicted, and the Maori War is well handled and skilfully treated. The tale is interesting, and should command a ready sale as a Christmas gift for either boys or girls in their teens.


Two boys seeking to have a good time during their parents' absence in Italy are led to see something of the rights and needs of others. The story shows by what means they came to a knowledge of their own selfishness.

GRIT AND PLUCK; OR, THE YOUNG COMMANDER. By W. C. Metcalfe. London: S.P.C.K. Price 3s. 6d.

Boys who love the adventurous and thrilling narratives of life at sea will be pleased with this book. It is full of critical episodes, and mutinous sailors figure largely in its pages. We recommend it as a Christmas gift.

COLD BLOW CORNER. By Phœbe Allen. London: S.P.C.K. Price 2s. 6d.

An interesting story, illustrating the power of influence for Christ, and a warning to older girls to beware of the temptations of sin.


An excellent little book for boys.


A capital story of children and for children.


The boys will like this story, and it will do them good.


When we say that this book is written by Dean Bradley's daughter, we have already recommended it. Her life at the Westminster Deanery gave her ample opportunity of study and research, and, judging from this work, we should say she used her time and opportunities to the full. It will be found interesting to the ordinary reader, and can also be commended to the careful attention of the student of history, the Abbey being so inextricably bound up with English history. It is crammed with information, and is beautifully illustrated.

RETURNED WITH THANKS. By Mrs. H. Maxwell Prideaux. Elliot Stock. Price 2s. 6d.

The first and last of these short stories are perhaps the best, viz., "Returned with Thanks" and "My Husband's People." They are lightly and pleasantly written.


A booklet which brings together a number of our older popular Christmas carols, briefly annotated, together with a selection of the best poems relating to the season. It is hoped that it will prove a "worthy little table companion" for the Christmas season. It is well printed and usefully annotated, with an index to the first lines. It would usefully take the place of a Christmas card.
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PAMPHLETS AND PERIODICALS.

THE JOURNAL OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES. Price 3s. 6d. net. October.

The first article is on "The Origin and Authority of the Biblical Canon in the Anglican Church," by Sir Henry H. Howorth, in which he pleads for the inclusion of the Apocrypha in the Canon, and in doing so, commits himself to some impossible positions. "St. Ephraim and Encratism," the next article, is not of such general interest. There are a number of Notes and Studies, including one on "Emphasis in the New Testament." The reviews are, as usual, ably done, and the number, as a whole, is distinctly good one.

THE CHURCH GAZETTE. November. Price 2d.

We are glad to notice the interest and vigour with which this organ of the National Church League is conducted. Every month it has articles of sterling value as well as of passing interest. The present number contains the able paper on the Royal Ecclesiastical Commission, read at the Barrow Church Congress by the Dean of Canterbury, and also one by Chancellor Lias on "Conditions of Peace." Notes on the Evidence before the Royal Commission are continued, and form very instructive and significant reading. All who desire to keep in touch with the questions connected with the Royal Ecclesiastical Commission should not fail to read this periodical month by month.

LONDON UNIVERSITY GUIDE.

This is issued by the University Correspondence College, and contains the calendar of the college, with a great deal of valuable information for all who are contemplating a London University degree.


A valuable contribution to the questions affecting the use of the Athanasian Creed. The author is one of the ablest Oxford scholars, and this little pamphlet contains an immense amount of important information. Very truly does he urge the necessity of studying the Athanasian Creed in close association with the Apostles' and Nicene, and not in isolation from them.


A statement of the validity of the claims made for the Irish Episcopate.

PENNEFATHER MEMORIAL. By Rev. Henry Trotter, M.A.

A statement of the proposed memorial to be erected at Christ Church, Barnet, to the memory of the Rev. William Pennefather.


We have received from the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge specimens of their Calendars and Almanacks for 1907. They include the Almanack in sheet form and for use at the Prayer Desks, together with desk diaries and pocket-books of various sizes and qualities. These are far too familiar to need any recommendation from us. Everybody's tastes and needs seem to have been considered.

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