

## Notices of Books.

### BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL.

STUDIES IN MYSTICISM. By Arthur Edward White. London: *Hodder and Stoughton*. Price 10s. 6d.

The author claims—and claims, doubtless, rightly—that “the mystic life leads no one from the life of the Church.” But what precisely the implications of this book may, or may not, be, we are at a loss to discern. As far as we have been able to examine this laborious (and lengthy) treatise, we have found no sure key to the interpretation of the “mysteries”; nor do the headings of the various chapters appear to afford any safe clue to the writer’s real meaning. It is exceedingly difficult to read; and, even after perusal, we still remain undecided as to the exact doctrine the author is anxious to impart. What, for example, are we to make of such a sentence as this (p. 269)—“Miracles are an accident of sanctity; and the voice of the saints has pronounced with some distinctness that they are also its weakness?” As far as we are capable of judging, what is true in the book is not new, and what is new is not true. Possibly, however, we lack the required degree of *φωτισμός*.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, WITH OTHER OCCASIONAL PAPERS. By P. N. Waggett. London: *John Murray*. Price 3s. 6d. net.

The first two papers are on the Holy Communion, and present a view of that ordinance which is in no essential respect different from that of the Roman Church. The elements after consecration are said to be “really” the body and blood of our Lord, for “by the power of God there is communicated to the earthly elements the reality, and power, and substance of the glorified body and blood” (p. 9). This is the view against which our Reformers protested, and in consequence suffered martyrdom; and as their view is now enshrined in the Prayer Book, it follows that the doctrine taught in the book before us is diametrically opposed to that of the English Church. Like others of his school, Mr. Waggett evidently finds it difficult and almost impossible to define precisely what is the Eucharistic Sacrifice, and it is a still more difficult problem where to find it in the Bible and Prayer Book. While we gladly bear testimony to the earnestness and spirituality which characterizes Mr. Waggett’s writing, we cannot be unmindful of the fact that between his teaching and that of the Prayer Book there is “a great gulf fixed,” and, consequently, that the two are absolutely incompatible. If Mr. Waggett is right, the Prayer Book is certainly wrong, and English Churchmen ought to accept forthwith the teaching of the Roman Missal. This is the main problem before the English Church in the immediate future, and it is essential that the issue should be clearly defined. There are other papers included in the book on less controversial subjects, including one on “Bible Reading,” another on “Worship,” and a long one from the *Journal of Theological Studies* on “The Manifold Unity of Christian Life.” It goes without saying that these essays are thoughtful, scholarly, and suggestive; but their type of Christianity is certainly not fully that of the New Testament, and they are, of course, dominated by that view of the Church, ministry, and Sacraments which is associated with Mr. Waggett’s school.

A HISTORY OF THE REVISED VERSION OF THE NEW TESTAMENT. By the Rev. Samuel Hemphill, D.D. London: *Elliot Stock*. Price 2s. 6d.

A clearly written and very interesting account of the Revised Version of the New Testament. The preface at once states boldly its practical purpose. The author wishes his readers to study what he calls "the glaring incongruity between the Revised Version of the New Testament and the Revised Version of the Old Testament," and then to use their influence to get the New Testament revised over again on similar lines to those followed by the Old Testament revisers. As Dr. Hemphill rightly points out, the New Testament was revised by one set of men who, on radical principles, made as many changes as possible, while the Old Testament was revised by another set of men who, on conservative principles, made as few changes as possible, and the permanent union of these two very different and incompatible positions in our present Revised Version is surely impossible. In our judgment, the author makes out his case completely, and we hope his book will do much to further his laudable purpose. It is certain that the Revised Version will never obtain a wide circulation, to say nothing of its taking the place of the Authorized Version, until it is revised again. This little book should be in the hands of all who are interested in the subject.

THE WORK OF PREACHING. By A. S. Hoyt. London: *Macmillan and Co.* Price 6s.

The sub-title describes this book as "a book for the classroom and study," and very truly does it carry out its purpose. It is a book of sterling value, full of wise, shrewd, able, and practical counsel. It deals with almost every aspect of preaching, and to students and younger clergy it will be particularly valuable. Even the most experienced preacher will derive great benefit from a careful study of it. If our preaching were more thoroughly based upon the principles enunciated in this book, the result would soon be seen in increased power and blessing in our churches. We cordially recommend it.

ROBERT CLARK OF THE PUNJAB, Pioneer and Missionary Statesman.  
By Henry Martyn Clark, M.D. Edin. London: *Andrew Melrose*.  
Price 7s. 6d.

An ably-written book, profoundly interesting, and not too long. It is by a distinguished medical missionary. The subject is indeed a noble one. Robert Clark, who left Cambridge for India in 1851 and died in 1900, was for all but fifty years one of the most eminent servants of God in the work of the Church Missionary Society. He was the pioneer of Christian Missions in the Punjab, as well as in Afghanistan and Cashmere; whilst, as first Secretary of the C.M.S. and C.E.Z.M.S. in the Punjab and Sindh, and throughout his career, he was in constant touch with Governors and Residents, proving himself a veritable apostle of the Punjab. His was no ordinary career. It was great in its power and influence, in the knowledge of the problems he had to face, and in the perseverance and zeal which never failed him. There is enough of the history of this part of the British Empire to inform and attract the general reader. The story is told in a manner worthy of one whose wisdom and patience rendered him a tower of strength to his fellow-workers. Mighty conquests of the Gospel are here

recorded over cruelties, passions, and superstitions of hearts most obstinate in error. It is a record of work amounting to a spiritual revolution among Hindus and Mohammedans—a work which was fraught with dangers and difficulties, where patience, wisdom, strength and calm faith were in constant exercise. Robert Clark's knowledge of India and her peoples, his personality, his character, his apostolic achievements, were such that under God, he helped largely to make the history of the Punjab amidst men great in the service of the State and the Church. This biography will take high rank in missionary literature.

INTRODUCTION TO THE OLD TESTAMENT. By J. H. Raven. London: *F. H. Revell Co.* Price 6s.

Those who hold the traditional view of the Old Testament will be glad to have their attention called to an Introduction which meets in no conventional sense a felt want. Hitherto Dr. Driver's well-known work has been almost the only one-volume Introduction available. Now we have this, which, while fully abreast of modern scholarship, is bold enough to stand in the old paths. We hope the author's temerity will be abundantly rewarded. We have subjected it to some close tests, and have not found it wanting. It does not contain everything, but within its limits it is informing and satisfying.

CHRIST AMONG THE MINERS. By H. Elvet Lewis. London: *Hodder and Stoughton.* Price 5s.

The title does not convey a true idea of this book, which is an account of the recent Welsh Revival by one of the best known of Welsh Congregational ministers. It is in no sense a history of the movement, but provides a series of impressions and incidents, many of which came within the author's personal experience. It sketches the rise and progress of the Revival, indicates its leading features, and does not fail to point out mistakes and dangers. The account of Evan Roberts is especially interesting, and is marked by due spiritual reserve. For English people who wish to have a trustworthy account of the Revival this book can be thoroughly recommended. Its author wields a graceful pen, which is dipped in spiritual experience. It is a book to stir the heart to prayer that England also may soon have its revival.

SERMONS IN ACCENTS. By the Rev. John Adams. Edinburgh: *T. and T. Clark.* Price 4s. 6d. net.

We cannot do better than state the aim of this little work in the words of the preface. It is "to furnish a readable, yet sufficiently accurate, account of Hebrew accentuation. It is an attempt . . . to illustrate . . . that a working knowledge of accentual law . . . can frequently be turned to good account in the practical work of preaching. Hence the choice of the main title, 'Sermons in Accents.' The subject has been treated from the standpoint of the preacher." This aim has been admirably carried out, and Hebrew students as well as preachers will find in it no little help and guidance. We entirely disagree with the author's strictures on Dr. Orr's "Problem of the Old Testament," which is said to be characterized by the "grave, if not vital, flaw" of not requiring its readers to look up a single Hebrew word. In our judgment this is part of the inestimable value of

Dr. Orr's book, for it shows that questions of Old Testament criticism do not turn on the minutiae of the Hebrew text, but on much larger questions of religion and revelation. Hebrew philology settles nothing, as the critics themselves are more and more coming to admit, and as the author of this book ought to have known before writing his preface.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: HOW TO IMPROVE IT. By Rev. C. L. Drawbridge, M.A. London: *Longmans, Green and Co.* 1906. Price 3s. 6d. net.

This book is one to be unreservedly recommended. It should be in the hands of every clergyman and of every teacher in our Sunday-schools; and we think that teachers in other than Sunday-schools would do well to peruse it. We have read every word of it with interest and with entire sympathy; it is a book that appeals to one by reason of its wit as well as its wisdom, its sound principles as well as its homely common sense. Few better contributions to the Education Question have been penned than chapter viii. of this book.

SCIENCE AND RELIGION. By the Rev. Lord William Gascoyne Cecil. *Hodder and Stoughton.* Price 3s. 6d. net.

This book contains the substance of five Lenten addresses delivered at St. Lawrence Jewry. Slight in texture, and necessarily somewhat dogmatic in form, these addresses are valuable, none the less, for setting before us, with the utmost clearness, certain principles, together with certain deductions from those principles. The assertions of some scientists (*e.g.*, Haeckel) are fairly met with counter-assertions; and Lord William Cecil is well within his right when he says that, while not doubting the wonderful nature of modern "discoveries," he *does* doubt their finality. The author's introductory note, though brief, is good, and deserves to be pondered.

CORPUS CHRISTI, AND OTHER ESSAYS. By Rev. R. Vaughan. London: *Longmans, Green and Co.* Price 4s. net.

This is not a book to be read trippingly. It demands—and deserves—serious thought. We are far from saying that we agree with the writer in all he chooses to advance in this little volume of essays, but we gladly bear testimony to the thoroughness and care, and—no small matter—the reverence with which he handles his various topics. The titles of the essays will give an idea of the scope of the book: (1) Corpus Christi; (2) The Resurrection of the Dead; (3) Divine Foreknowledge and Human Freedom; (4) The Atonement; (5) The Kingdom of God; (6) Some Aspects of the Eucharist.

SANCTIFICATION BY THE TRUTH. Sermons preached for the most part in Westminster Abbey. By Basil Wilberforce, D.D., Chaplain to the House of Commons. London: *Elliot Stock.* Price 5s.

That a volume of sermons from the facile pen of Archdeacon Wilberforce should be interesting is natural enough. Much of this volume is indeed painfully interesting. And along with much that is erroneous in theology, and questionable in metaphysics, it must be admitted that there are a great number of things well and truly said. But the tendency of the book is very unsatisfactory, and the inquisitive may read the sermon entitled "The

Motherhood of God" if they wish for demonstration of the fact. There is a beautiful and touching story told somewhere of the great Archbishop Leighton. He was accused one day by some uninstructed "seer" of not preaching "for the times"—a cant phrase then as now—to which the gentle-hearted prelate quietly replied: "No; I preach for eternity." Archdeacon Wilberforce preaches "for the times." He is courageous, no doubt; clever, assuredly; inspiring at times; but the controlling thought of the Gospel—that of redemption through the blood of Jesus Christ—is not to be found here in the old, and only true, sense. And that is why we think the book profoundly unsatisfactory.

FRAGMENTS THAT REMAIN. By the late Rev. W. M. Myres, M.A. London: *Elliot Stock*. Price 3s. 6d.

Twenty sermons, a portrait, and a brief record of Mr. Myres' life. The sermons are full of evangelical fervour and careful thought. The life of the preacher was in accord with his message—faithful, strenuous, and inspired.

STUDIES IN THE EPISTLE TO THE PHILIPPIANS. By Ruth Rouse. London: *Student Christian Movement*. Price 8d. net.

Another of a series of useful handbooks for the study of Holy Scripture. For private or united study nothing could be better than this little manual. It is at once scholarly and spiritual, and will afford "light and leading" to all who use it.

THE STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT. By the Rev. Tislington Tatlow. London: *Student Christian Movement*. Price 2d.

Reprinted from *The East and the West*, and calculated to be of service in informing members of the Church of England as to the character and purpose of the Student Christian Movement.

THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS AND THE MISSIONARY OUTLOOK. By Malcolm Spencer, M.A. London: *Student Christian Movement*. Price 2d.

The claim of foreign missions is here presented ably and earnestly to theological students, among whom this pamphlet should be widely circulated.

PRAYER FOR MISSIONS. By Professor Gustav. Warneck. London: *Student Christian Movement*. Price 2d.

A translation from the German, and is by a professor of Halle University. A thoughtful and earnest plea for intercessory prayer.

LOOK AROUND. By Rev. R. Glover, M.A. London: *J. Bateman*. Price 9d.

This poem, together with the "Reformation Ballads," is full of many timely thoughts, and contains many spirited lines.

THE BESETTING SIN. By Rev. A. Baker, R.N. *S.P.C.K.*

A booklet intended for the newly confirmed, and helpful within its limits.

PRIVATE PRAYERS FOR OUR SISTERS. By Rev. R. Ford, M.A. *Elliot Stock*. Bishop Moule and Dean Pigou both commend this little manual.

LIGHT OF THE MORNING. By Anna Warner. *Charles J. Thynne*.

Five illuminating chapters on Scriptural incidents. The Light is the Light of the world, and His cheering ray is let into life at all points.

THE BIRD'S MESSAGE. By A. G. Humfrey. Manchester: *John Heywood*. Price 1s. 6d. net.

The verses are musical, and the allegories suggestive and rather quaint. The view of life is sombre, but Christian.

#### RECEIVED:

*Our Little Dots, The Child's Companion, Church Missionary Review, 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, The Church Gazette, Grievances from Ireland (No. 27), The Dawn of Day, Orient and Occident, The Expository Times, The Optimist, The Ocean, The Scrap Book.*