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"The New Theology," from the standpoint of liberal but decided evangelicism. Few scholars are more competent to write such a reply than Mr. Walker, as for many years he has made a careful study of the subjects Mr. Campbell writes upon, and he has no difficulty in dealing convincingly with them. The title will probably be "What about the New Theology?" and Messrs. T. and T. Clark hope to issue the book this month.

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**Preparation for Confirmation.** By the Rev. J. P. Maud. London: Longmans, Green and Co. Price 2s. 6d. net.

If we could accept the author's doctrinal position, we should be able to recommend this book without qualification, but as we believe his view on Confirmation to be unwarranted by the Bible and to have no place in the Prayer-Book, it necessarily follows that we can only accept in a qualified way the more practical and experimental elements of the book. When we are told that "enjoyment of life in union with the Divine source of all life is to be had in the use of sacramental means" (p. 15), we begin to wonder what the author's view is of the proportion of faith, especially when a reference to the concordance shows that the word "grace," though occurring some hundreds of times in the New Testament, is never once associated with the Sacraments. When, too, we read that the "life of the baptized is a journey with a loving though unknown Companion," and that "then at that critical moment known as our Confirmation we advance from the condition of companionship to claim of Him a more intimate relationship," we again marvel at so inaccurate a view of the Christian life as laid down in the New Testament. The fact is that the school to which the author belongs seems quite incapable of realizing the width and depth of the New Testament teaching about Divine grace and also about faith (apart from Sacraments) as the condition of fellowship with Christ. Sacraments, according to the New Testament, are one, but only one, of the elements of a life which may have communion with Christ moment by moment. The emphasis laid nowadays on Sacraments and what is called "sacramental grace" may be quite unconsciously, but is, nevertheless, very really, a specious form of Christian materialism, and herein lies its greatest danger. On the practical side Mr. Maud makes many useful suggestions from his experience of ministerial life, but the doctrinal teaching that underlies the book is so untrue to Scripture and the Prayer-Book that it robs the book of most of its value and usefulness for any except those of the author's own school.

**Burning Questions in the Light of To-day.** By the Rev. E. H. Archer-Shepherd. London: Rivingtons. Price 2s. 6d. net.

There are five "Burning Questions" discussed in this book—the Virgin Birth, Our Lord's Resurrection Body, the Atonement, What is Christianity? In four of the essays there is much that is useful and thoughtful, even though there is nothing particularly novel or striking. But the essay
on Inspiration is in our judgment seriously inaccurate. The author himself admits that his view of inspiration “is not that which the Scriptures as generally interpreted give of themselves,” and he adds that he is “not concerned to prove that the general interpretation is wrong;” for he regards it as the conventional belief of the apostolic days. Further, he considers that we need not only to get rid of the idea that the Bible is an inspired book, with God for its Author, in the sense in which the Koran claims to be, “we need also to dispossess our minds of the idea that inspiration is necessarily a supernatural process.” To all who believe in the uniqueness of apostolic inspiration, such statements as these carry their own condemnation.


The “way” referred to in the title is described as “according to the method in use at the Church of Ireland Training College, Kildare Place, Dublin.” After a chapter on difficulties connected with teaching the Bible and another on the necessity of right method, the Kildare Place method is defined as, “first find the prominent thought, and then teach it.” The remainder of the book is devoted to the elaboration of this principle, and the book closes with suggestions for the preparation of notes of Bible lessons and some specimen sets of notes of lessons. This admirable little book, so clearly written, with its points so plainly put, should be in the hands of all junior clergy and Sunday-school teachers. Careful attention to its principles would make a great difference in many a Sunday-school and Bible-class lesson.


This book consists of the “James Long Lectures on Mohammedanism,” and is by a well-known C.M.S. missionary, who is one of our greatest authorities on all matters connected with India and Mohammedanism. There are four lectures, dealing with the strength, the weakness, the origin, and the influence of Islam, written in clear language, with abundant information. This book will prove of great service as a handbook on Mohammedanism. Missionary students and those who are called upon to give missionary addresses should make a special note of it. The comparison of Islam and Christianity is particularly suggestive and valuable.


This is one of a series of handbooks for young Churchpeople. It is written with brightness and attractiveness, and in the purely uncontroversial portions there is much useful information. When, however, the period of the Prayer-Books of 1549 and 1552 is dealt with, we are sorry to find that the Dean is not a reliable guide on matters of fact, and his evident bias in favour of the Prayer-Book of 1549 detracts still further from the value of the book. It is the presence of these, to us, vital errors which prevents us from recommending this work for the purpose intended by the series.

This consists of the republication of papers which appeared last year in the Examiner, and were intended for lay preachers. The author's name is a guarantee of ability, scholarship, and suggestiveness, but the treatment is too slight and the ground covered too wide for one volume. The view of the Bible put forth is not satisfactory, and the general presentation of the Gospel by no means adequate. If read with care by those who can discriminate, many a practical hint and suggestion will be obtained, but we regret that we cannot offer the book an unqualified welcome.

IS RELIGION UNDERMINED? By the Rev. C. L. Drawbridge. London: Longmans, Green and Co. Price 3s. 6d. net.

The question of the title is asked with special reference to the opinion often expressed that "the very foundations of religion have been undermined by modern investigation." In the course of ten chapters there are discussions on a number of subjects connected with religion — for example, "The Relationship between Faith and Enquiry," "The Source of Religion," "The Limitations of Reason," "The Incarnation," "Biblical Criticism." The treatment is necessarily brief and fragmentary, but the author manages to say a good deal that is helpful and suggestive. Not the least valuable element is the number of apt quotations from modern writers. We cannot at all accept the author's view of the Bible and inspiration, and on other points he seems to us too concessive, but there is much in the book that is valuable. To clergy in particular, the book, if read with care, should prove suggestive in dealing with questions of Christian evidence.


Four more volumes of this useful series. The volume on Egypt is of particular value coming from so great an authority. The volume on Islam is by a Mohammedan and should be read side by side with Dr. Tisdall's manual on "The Religion of the Crescent."


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The aim of this book is to create an interest in and love for medical mission work in the hearts of children and young people. The author's preface explains that it is a story composed of stories, and gives accounts of actual efforts made by young people in furtherance of the missionary cause. It is an interesting book, and ought to inspire adults as well as children to do more on behalf of medical missions. Workers will find in it suggestions which will prove helpful and valuable in the hands of a wise organizer.

New Illustrated Bible. Eyre and Spottiswoode, Bible Warehouse, 33, Paternoster Row. Price 2s. net.

This edition well fulfils its title. Ruby type, central column references, twenty-four illustrations, two illuminated title-pages, the King's printers patent cover-index, and the names of the books in alphabetical order with corresponding page. The illustrations are striking photographs. It gives wonderful value for the money. Just the thing for a gift or prize.


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The Morning Message. London: Hodder and Stoughton. Price 3s. 6d.

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RADIA. By Alec C. More. *Elliot Stock.* Price 3s. 6d.

The alternative title, "New Light on Old Truths," is ambitious. The writer, kindling his muse from Holy Scripture, compels attention. His sevenfold poem deals with human destiny and human restoration. There is a good deal of music here, but it is slow music. A feeling of monotony steals over one, and there is a longing to move with less stately tread. Still, the theme is of intense interest, and the poet's wealth of Scripture language and allusion is marked.


This revised and up-to-date edition is opportune. The reader will find the arguments temperately set out. Difficulties are solved by question and answer. Clearness and cogency are added to fullness.


The writer understands children, and is helpful to them.

THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, WITH HISTORICAL NOTES. By the late Rev. James Cornford. London: Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.

A new edition at a greatly reduced price, and a very useful companion to the Prayer-Book. The entire Prayer-Book is printed together with an introduction and marginal notes, the latter indicating the date and sources of each portion. For theological students and teachers the book will be especially valuable.

LAST HOURS WITH JESUS. By James Paton, D.D. London: Hodder and Stoughton. Price 1s. 6d.

A very choice little book of meditations on the Seven Words from the Cross, and with appendices on the Lord's Supper and Paradise. It combines clearness of thought, fulness of spiritual experience, and not a little choice expression. The dedication to "All Bereaved and Afflicted Ones" shows the special purpose of the book, though no Christian could read the pages without spiritual profit and blessing.


In the serious condition of the Church of England at the present time, we should be prepared to welcome any *eirenicon* which does not compromise Evangelical principles. But purity is of more vital consequence than peace, because peace bought by a surrender of the ideal of purity is no true peace at all. This being so, it is well to have a clear conception of what we mean by sound Evangelical principles, as exemplified in the Church of England. The present little book—though necessarily a brief and dogmatic vindication of the Protestant position—is one we can cordially commend. Its logic seems to us, in the main, incontrovertible, and a study of its pages ought to set many (otherwise heedless people) thinking. The book is admirably clear and concise.
THE HIGHER HINDUISM IN RELATION TO CHRISTIANITY. By T. E. Slater. London: Elliot Stock. Price 3s. 6d.

A cheap edition of a work by one of the leading missionaries of the London Missionary Society. It deals with certain aspects of Hindu thought from the Christian standpoint. When it first came out we were greatly impressed with the insight and power of the book, and we are glad to observe that it has reached this new and cheaper edition. For all who desire to know what Hinduism really is and what its relation to Christianity, it will be a clear and reliable guide. All students of missionary problems should read it.


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AN OLD-FASHIONED PRAYER AND HYMN BOOK FOR YOUNG CHILDREN. London: S.P.C.K. Price 1s.

This is a useful little book, and contains some old hymns which are always liked by children. We notice the repetition of "Pray God" in the few prayers which are given as patterns for several occasions. If this is part of the "old fashion," we would prefer a little variation, such as "Loving Heavenly Father," "Dear Lord Jesus." The seven short stories all point a moral, and are well suited to young children.

SERMONS FOR THE PEOPLE. Vols. IV., V., VI., VII. London: Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge. Price 1s. each.

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Quiet Hours. By John Pulsford, D.D. Andrew Melrose. Paper covers, 6d.

We are indebted to the publisher for this cheap edition. The writer was well known as a man of rare spirituality. He has the style of a master and the imagination of a poet. Though his earliest work, it is one to ripen and deepen life.


These studies on the Transfiguration of our Lord are concerned with a subject of the deepest import. We suppose the critics may find ground for carping, but Mr. Vernon does not write for them. He writes for men and women who have souls to be built up, and he is a good workman. The studies are at once devotional and practical, and therefore of great spiritual value.


This is to be “a humble expository companion” to the four Gospels, and is one of a series of small books edited by the Dean of Carlisle, entitled “Church Teaching for Young People.” It is simply yet succinctly and graphically written. The cardinal points of the narrative of the four Evangelists are well brought out. It is daintily got up, well printed, and excellently illustrated.

Quiet Hours with the Ordinal. By the Bishop of Carlisle. Longmans, Green and Co. Price 2s. net.

Those candidates for ordination who listened to these addresses were fortunate. They were given when the Bishop was at Birmingham. There are four chapters—on the vocation, reverence for the Bible, ordination vows, and the commission. They are sturdy, straight, and spiritual addresses, full of wise counsel and altogether out of the common rut. In one place he says: “A shabby font is as shameful as a shabby altar.” Quite so, but why “altar”? Nevertheless, they are good reading, and a call besides to all ordained clergy to remember their vows.

Sweeps and Bridge. By the Bishop of Lahore. S.P.C.K. Price 6d.

Two valuable, outspoken, yet tactful, sermons on these important subjects.
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A bright and clever story, full of interest from cover to cover. The "locum" is a tramp, once a gentleman, but ruined by the falseness of a woman who sacrificed him for money. He masquerades for six weeks at a seaside church under the name and licence of a young Ritualist clergyman who is taking his holiday on the Continent. The characters are well drawn. The gem portrait turns out to be the tramp's own daughter and his guardian angel. The young Ritualist, brought up in an ecclesiastical strait-jacket, and with a fine contempt for women, is cleverly depicted and wholesomely castigated. Humour and satire are found in plenty. The tone of the book is cultured and refined.

PAMPHLETS AND PERIODICALS.


We are glad to call our readers' attention to one of the soundest and ablest of present-day quarterlies. It stands in the "old paths," and ably champions all subjects connected with the Divine authority and inspiration of Holy Scripture. The present number contains a valuable article on "The Laws of Deuteronomy and the Arguments from Silence," from the pen of Mr. H. M. Wiener, who is not unknown to our readers. Professor Orr has an article on "Some Recent Developments in Criticism and Theology." The reviews of this quarterly are exceptionally good, and one of the leading writers is Professor Warfield, of Princeton.

CHURCH QUARTERLY REVIEW (April). London: Spottiswoode and Co. Price 1os. per annum; single copy, 3s.

This is the first number at a reduced price, which it is hoped will bring the Review before the notice of a larger number of clergy and laity. The first article is an interesting series of reminiscences connected with the Review itself; and among the contents are articles on "Ecclesiastical Courts," "The Sweating of Women's Labours," "Euripides and his Modern Interpreters," and "The Gospel History and its Transmission," the last named being an able and drastic criticism of Mr. Burkitt's new book. The theological position of the Review is in many respects different from our own, and we have often regretted the entire change of its position on the question of the Old Testament from the days of its late editor, but of its ability and interest there can be no question, and it always contains articles worthy of the attention of all Churchmen.


The place of honour is given to another article by Sir Henry H. Howorth on "The Origin and Authority of the Biblical Canon according to the Continental Reformers," Luther and Karlstadt being the names dealt with in this article. The author is still concerned with the theme treated in a former number, including the Apocrypha in the Biblical Canon. The Notes and Studies in this number contain some very interesting points, and there are also some valuable reviews. The Journal necessarily appeals mainly to scholars rather than to the general reader.


This new aspirant for public favour continues to provide thoughtful material for all those who are opposed to modern critical views of the Scriptures. The first article discusses the perennial subject of Deuteronomy, and is by a well-known Congregational theologian, Principal D. W. Simon. We are afraid that the title of this quarterly may hinder its circulation by giving a somewhat wrong conception of its contents and aim.


This admirable monthly continues to be ably edited, and in every number there is material of real value. In the present issue the Dean of Canterbury's recent speech is given, in which he stated with characteristic clearness the difference between the ideal of the spiritual life of the Roman Church and the Protestant ideal.
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This abnormally and unnecessarily long title asks a question of the greatest importance, and is answered in the negative with convincing power and fulness. It is a pamphlet to keep on hand for use in these days of doubtful history and still more doubtful theology. New Light on Elizabethan Ritual elicited by the Royal Commission. London: Church Association. Price 5d. per dozen.


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Bible Stories for Young Readers. Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4. London: James Henderson and Sons. Price 1d. each.

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The pictures are somewhat conventional, though attractive by reason of their colours. The stories accompanying the pictures are in the words of Scripture, and include selections from the Old as well as from the New Testament.


The Education Crisis. Letters on the subject. By the Dean of Canterbury, Dr. Clifford, and others. Republished by permission from the Times, January, 1907. London: S.P.C.K.


No. 2. The Church and Human Thought in the Present Day. By the Rev. J. R. Illingworth.
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