

## Notices of Books.

MURRAY'S ILLUSTRATED BIBLE DICTIONARY. Edited by the Rev. W. C. Piercy. With coloured maps and 365 illustrations. London: *John Murray*. Price 21s. net.

For some time past it has been known that Mr. Murray had in preparation a one-volume Bible dictionary, which should represent in its best and truest sense the conservative position in regard to Biblical criticism. By "conservative" is meant, as the preface says, that attitude of mind which, while welcoming all ascertained results of investigation, declines to accept any mere conjectures or theories as final conclusions. The need of such a work is very apparent, for the most important dictionaries of recent years have all taken a position in regard to criticism which has been the very reverse of conservative. Bishop Lightfoot's words, quoted in the preface, are rightly said to remain equally true to-day: "In criticism as in politics, the voice of the innovators, even though they may not be numerous, cries aloud, and thus gives the impression of numbers while the conservative opinion of the majority is unheard and unnoticed." At the same time, a brief glance through the list of contributors makes it difficult to understand why some of the names have been included in a conservative dictionary, for the general position of these writers is by no means conservative. We observe, too, that the writer of the article on "Isaiah" entirely gives up the unity of the book. However, there is no doubt that the prevailing attitude of the book is decidedly in a conservative direction, and as such it merits a very cordial welcome on the part of all those who believe that the conservative position is nearest the truth. To Professor Orr has been entrusted the articles dealing with the Pentateuch, and those who are familiar with his masterly work, "The Problem of the Old Testament," will know what to expect of him. He is one of our fairest, and certainly one of our ablest, guides. It is impossible for us to do more than call attention to some of the more important articles, especially those that are treated by writers familiar to our readers. Thus, the Bishop of Durham is responsible for "Colossians" and "Ephesians"; Canon Girdlestone for "Bible"; Dr. Waller for "Jehovah"; the Dean of Canterbury for "Messiah"; Dr. Tisdall for "Persians" and other subjects; Dr. Redpath for "Daniel"; Dr. Sayce for "Pharaoh"; Dr. Sanday for "God"; Professor Gwatkin for "The Gospel according to St. John." Mr. C. H. Turner writes a long, valuable, and informing article on "The Text of the New Testament," giving us the very latest and best that can be said on this subject on which he is so great a master. Most of the articles are written by Anglican Churchmen, though there are a few by well-known Scottish Presbyterian scholars. The Continent is represented by M. Naville and Herr Pastor Möller. There does not appear to be any representation of English Nonconformity. Many of the smaller articles are reproduced from Dr. William Smith's "Concise Bible Dictionary," though they have all been carefully gone over. Our contributor, Mr. H. M. Wiener, writes a long and valuable article on "Law in the Old Testament." The illustrations are a very prominent feature of this dictionary, though perhaps they are somewhat too numerous. The dictionary, however, has one very serious blot

on it which will make its acceptance by Evangelicals a most difficult matter. Its main doctrinal articles are all by advanced High Churchmen, some of them by members of the extreme school. Thus, Mr. T. A. Lacey writes on "Eucharist," Mr. Darwell Stone on "Baptism" and "Church," Canon Brightman on "Sacrifice in the New Testament," Mr. Kelly, of Kelham, on "Holy Scripture." These and other similar articles can apparently only be accounted for through a pronounced doctrinal bias on the part of the Editor, which is manifestly unfair. It is quite out of harmony with Mr. Murray's former dictionaries, which have been free from this pronounced ecclesiastical bias. We thus find ourselves in this difficulty; while we are in general agreement with the attitude of the dictionary on the Old Testament and on most of the Biblical articles connected with the New Testament, we are in decided disagreement with its main contentions on Christian doctrine. It would have been in every way better to have dispensed with some of the unnecessary and even inaccurate illustrations and to have given the space to alternative articles on such controverted questions as the Bible, the Church, the Ministry, and the Sacraments. The example of Dr. Hastings in the "Dictionary of Christ and the Gospels" might well have been followed in this respect. It is a deep disappointment to us, for we had been hoping to extend to the dictionary a hearty welcome, and to press it upon the attention of our readers. As it is, we find it impossible to recommend it to Sunday-school teachers and other Christian workers without very serious qualifications. Those who need a convenient and reliable Bible dictionary, we still have to refer to the valuable, even though smaller, dictionary of Dr. J. D. Davis, of Princeton, U.S.A.

THE SERVICE OF THE STATE. Four Lectures on the Political Teaching of T. H. Green. By J. H. Muirhead, M.A., LL.D. London: *John Murray*. 1908.

A comparison between T. H. Green and Bishop Westcott may at first sight seem far-fetched, but there were some very strong points of likeness between them. Both were philosophers and idealists; in both the "spiritual side" was highly developed; both were deeply interested in social reform, and both, when opportunity offered, proved extremely practical social workers; lastly, both inspired a large number of disciples who regard their teaching as the strongest formative power in their own lives. But while Bishop Westcott lived to an advanced age, Green died when he was only forty-six; what his influence might have been had he lived as long as Westcott it is impossible to say. The present book is by a very enthusiastic disciple, one thoroughly able to appreciate the best Green had to give. It consists of four lectures delivered at the Summer Meeting of the University Extension students at Oxford last year. The subjects of these lectures are "The Problem of the Seventies," "The Idea of the Good," "The State as Will and Idea," and "Idealism and Politics." The book is by no means "easy" reading, and evidently the author found it difficult to give an outline of Green's philosophical system as well as to point out its practical issues in the short time at his disposal, besides having to explain the very difficult position which Green took from that of the ruling philosophy of his time—that represented by John Stuart Mill, G. H. Lewes, and Herbert Spencer.

How widely separated Green was from such teachers is proved by his being able to speak of "an element of identity between us and a Perfect Being who is in full realization what we only are in principle and possibility"; though, "What He is, it does not enable us to say in the same way in which we make propositions about matter of fact, but it moves us to seek to become as He is" (p. 15). It is, however, in the description of the practical issues of Green's teaching that most readers of the book will be chiefly interested; and here we certainly have some useful advice of the highest quality. We find Green's opinions clearly explained on such subjects as "The True Limits of State Action," "The Equality of Opportunity," "The Value of Higher Education among all Classes," etc. Quite a multitude of good things are to be found in this book. It will teach its readers how essential it is that hard thinking should both precede and accompany busy doing. It is from the deep thinkers, from those who realize how very complicated are the problems of society, and who approach these problems in the deeply reverent spirit of Green, that the really valuable reforms which we look for in the future will proceed.

W. EDWARD CHADWICK.

"SPIRIT" IN THE NEW TESTAMENT. By E. W. Winstanley, B.D.  
Cambridge: *University Press*. Price 3s. 6d.

An exhaustive inquiry is here instituted into all passages containing the word *πνεῦμα*. The Old Testament and other Jewish literature is examined; then the New Testament is searched with fruitful results. The object in the main is to obtain the fullest evidence concerning the Holy Spirit. Part I. tabulates and piles the passages. Useful comments are attached. Part II. discusses the material set out. Such a sober, erudite, and reverent little treatise (166 pages in all) will be of inestimable value to the student.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS THE WORLD AROUND. Edited by Philip E. Howard.  
London: *The Sunday-School Union*. Price 2s. 6d. net.

This volume contains the official report of the World's Sunday-school Convention held in Rome in 1907. In addition to the accounts of the Convention proper, there are sermons and addresses on the Christian Life, counsels and plans for work by several well-known Sunday-school authorities, and reports of Sunday-schools from various parts of the world. It is well illustrated by photographs, and there is an appendix of statistics and other tabular statements of Sunday-school effort. No superintendent or teacher should fail to make the acquaintance of this book. It will be found of very real value in every department of Sunday-school work. It would be impossible to carry out the suggestions found in these pages without increasing the efficiency of the Sunday-school.

TAKING MEN ALIVE. By G. C. Trumbull. London: *The Religious Tract Society*. Price 2s. 6d.

"Studies in the Principles and Practice of Individual Soul-Winning." This sub-title fully and clearly states the purpose of the book, which is written by the editor of the American *Sunday-School Times*, and is based upon his father H. C. Trumbull's well-known work, "Individual Work for Individuals." The latter book is a record of actual experiences of how God used the writer to do individual work in winning men for Christ, and the

present book by his son is guided by the experiences narrated in his father's volume, which are used in illustration of the various principles here set forth. Everyone knows that individual work is at once the most difficult and the most essential part of Christian duty. In this book will be found a wealth of wise suggestion and guidance for workers, which should be prayerfully studied by all who would become "fishers of men." It is a book to ponder and pray over in order to go forth to practise its precepts and principles.

VOICE-TRAINING IN SPEECH AND SONG. By H. H. Hulbert, M.A. London: *W. B. Clive*. Cambridge: *Burlington House*. Price 1s. 6d.

The author endeavours to place voice-training upon a safe, scientific foundation, and in the course of nine chapters we have "an account of the structure and use of the vocal organs, and the means of securing distinct articulation." The treatment is clear, concise, and practical, and is worthy of the attention of all those who have to use their voice in public. We are glad to call the attention of the clergy and theological students to this comprehensive and valuable little manual.

THE WORKER'S HANDBOOK. By Gertrude M. Tuckwell and Constance Smith. London: *Duckworth and Co.* Price 3s. 6d. net.

A handbook dealing with the different classes of laws in relation to men, women, and children, who earn their living. The various questions connected with child and adult labour are here stated, and a mass of valuable information is provided. As a book of reference for those who are concerned for the best interests of our working people, this handbook will be indispensable.

CHRISTIAN BIOGRAPHIES FOR EIGHTEEN CENTURIES. By Rev. F. St. J. Thackeray. London: *S.P.C.K.* Price 3s. 6d.

A brief and rapid survey of the main points of some famous Christian lives from St. Paul to John Wesley. Such a series of biographical sketches brought together in a single book should prove very useful to those who have not access to or time to study larger volumes. Ignatius, Jerome, Chrysostom, Columba, Bede, Tauler, Tyndal, Hooker, Andrewes, Jeremy Taylor, Pascal, Wilberforce, Law, suggest names, amongst others, about whom we should all desire to know at least something. Such a book as this might well be used by those who teach in schools, or have an opportunity of giving simple historical instruction or lectures.

BURDEN-BEARING. By Rev. J. R. Palmer. London: *Seeley and Co.* Price 5s.

Some of these helpful Bible studies have been published before. We are glad to see them again, together with other Scriptural topics. The writer closes with meditations for some of the Church's sacred seasons. We are sure that his desire to help and encourage earthly pilgrims will be fulfilled. His teaching is deep and Scriptural.

TALKS TO THE KING'S CHILDREN. By Dr. Sylvanus Stall. New York and London: *Funk and Wagnalls*. Price 4s.

These talks to little folk are helpful and suggestive. Parents and teachers will welcome the bright and fresh presentations of Gospel truths.

TEN-MINUTE SERMONS. By W. Robertson Nicoll. London: *Pitman and Sons*. Price 2s. 6d.

We are no lovers of the fashionable ten-minute sermons. Their brevity is, as a rule, their sole recommendation. These are different. We read them, forty-three in number, and covet earnestly the author's best gifts. Grace, in all its shades of meaning, characterizes them. The deep Gospel is applied to our deep needs. It is possible to deal with these high themes in brief, helpful, and convincing fashion—Dr. Nicoll makes this clear—but it is not easy.

THE CHURCH, THE CHURCHES, AND THE SACRAMENTS. By Dr. Joseph Agar Beet. London: *Hodder and Stoughton*.

We find ourselves in cordial agreement with much to be found in these scholarly pages. The appeal to Scripture is strong and convincing, the words on the real unity of the Church timely and welcome. We are interested to read that "Wesley had no thought of founding a community outside the Anglican Church." We had always thought so. The writer does not, with due respect, appreciate the Evangelical and true view of Infant Baptism. Does he know of Peter Martyr's eulogy of the Church of England service?

THE FORTRESS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH. By Percy Ramsey-Kent. London: *H. R. Allenson*. Price 1s. 6d.

The writer gives belief with proofs. He deals with the Messiah, the Incarnation, Resurrection, and the Mediator. He lays his proofs plainly before us, and makes us debtors to his clearness, conciseness, and knowledge of the Word of God.

THE PATHWAY OF SAFETY. By Bishop Oxenden. London: *C. J. Thyne*. Price 1s. 6d.

The re-issue of this well-known book in such cheap form is welcome. It is too well tested and valued to need our recommendation.

AN ANNOTATED PSALTER. By Rev. J. M. Thompson. Oxford: *Clarendon Press*. Price 2s.

The writer's aim is to encourage the singing of the Psalms with the spirit and understanding as well as the voice. To that end short headings at dividing verses give us the gist of the whole psalm. We think the writer has attained his end.

THE GOSPEL MESSAGE: SERMONS PREACHED IN ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL. By the Rev. W. C. E. Newbolt, M.A. London: *Longmans, Green and Co*. Price 2s. net.

A volume of Longmans' "Pocket Library of Theology." Eleven sermons, containing some forcible and earnest words; but the "Gospel Message" is not very obvious. The climax of a Christmas sermon on "Behold the Lamb of God" is that "the Church will meet us, above all, with the Eucharistic sacrifice . . . which is to every faithful soul the extension of the Incarnation." Canon Newbolt's teaching is largely and almost predominantly sacramental, but this is not the way in which the New Testament states the Gospel.

## GIFT-BOOKS.

A BIT OF ROUGH ROAD. By Amy Le Feuvre. London: *Religious Tract Society*. Price 6s.

Miss Le Feuvre is one of the very few writers who are equally successful in stories for adults as for children. This very pretty love-story certainly has "the rough road" in it; but it also has the underlying "peace," which helps the feet to walk over the road triumphantly. Bishop Bickersteth's beautiful hymn, "Peace, perfect peace," is worked into the story in an able and interesting manner. The characters are well drawn, the heroine being charming particularly, and lovable. It is just the book to put into the hands of older girls, and we commend it heartily.

DIANA'S DECISION. By Amy Wilson Fox. London: *The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge*. Price 2s. 6d.

The heroine of this story is a tomboy, and something more. Supposed to be the daughter of Lady Fraser, and therefore brought up in a luxurious home and a refined environment, we feel a little surprised to read of her appearing at luncheon "clad in a rough pair of boy's trousers, tied up realistically under the knees with string." Her true parentage being discovered, she leaves Shenfield Manor, and elects to accompany her father to Germany in search of a musical education. Later on, the young lady develops into a fine musician, and retrieves the fortunes of the Fraser family when they have fallen on evil days. It is an interesting story, and will, we doubt not, please many girls.

THE FIGHTING LINE. By David Lyall. London: *Religious Tract Society*. Price 3s. 6d.

The East End and West End of London are frequently brought together in this book. We see the man of East London who preaches Socialism in Hyde Park, and the man of stronger character in the same environment who looks deep into the heart of things, and knows that Socialism has no talismanic remedy. From the West End gentle womanhood goes eastward to lend a hand in settlement work, and the Cabinet Minister of lofty ideals, who has warm sympathies with the tired and poor, shows his "brotherhood" by practical help to the Socialist's child. There are the usual love-stories, which are skilfully brought to happy endings. David Lyall needs no recommendation, for he (or she) has already made a name in the annals of good, wholesome, interesting fiction.

OTHER GIRLS. By Edith K. Snell. London: *Church Missionary Society*. Price 1s.

A welcome addition to the attractive list of books published by the C.M.S. It ought to do its share in creating fresh interest in missionary work, especially among its girl readers. It is most charmingly written, though of necessity there is much sadness in these pages. The book clearly shows that outside Christianity the degradation of woman is universal. We cordially commend this work, and wish for it a large circulation among the girls and women of England.

OLD ENGLAND. By E. A. Walker. London: *C. J. Thynne*.

Youthful students will find these sketches most useful, and so will older folk. To know the salient features of our history is to lay the foundation of a true patriotism. Here in this volume the history of old England is presented to us in bold, clear outline. The printing is good, the matter and the illustrations are all good.

DAPPER. By Evelyn St. Leger. London: *Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge*. Price 1s. 6d.

A well-told story of the call and consecration of a young Oxford man of good family to his Master's service. Human ties and human love strive in vain to deflect him from his duty. His death was like that of his Master—viz., by crucifixion. How this came about it will be profitable to read and see. What a pity it is that writers who talk so much about the "priest" do not realize the heavenly priesthood of Christ and the spiritual priesthood of the Christian!

BARBARA'S HEROES. By H. Louisa Bedford. London: *Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge*. Price 1s. 6d.

We are here told how a girl is influenced by the heroes of history, as well as by those of her everyday life, in the person of a soldier godfather and others. After taking us through the various incidents of her girlhood, the story closes when she is ready to start her training as a nurse with the intention of becoming a missionary nursing sister. This is a book which will be sure to please the young people.

## PERIODICALS, PAMPHLETS, AND REPRINTS.

THE CHILD'S OWN MAGAZINE. 1908. London: *The Sunday-School Union*. Price, paper boards, 1s.; cloth boards, 1s. 6d.

The fact that this is the seventy-fifth annual volume speaks for itself. We do not wonder at its popularity year by year, for it is full of interest for young folk.

GOLDEN SUNBEAMS. 1908. London: *S.P.C.K.* Price 1s. 4d.

THE DAWN OF DAY. 1908. London: *S.P.C.K.* Price 1s.

The annual volumes for the year. While there is very much interesting information attractively put, a great deal of the Church teaching is not at all in harmony with what we believe to be the truth of Bible and Prayer-Book.

MOUNTAINS AND VALLEYS IN THE MINISTRY OF JESUS. By G. Campbell Morgan, D.D. London: *Hodder and Stoughton*. Price 1s. net.

A booklet very daintily got up and very suitable for a New Year's gift. The author's message is full of spiritual point and force.

ENGLISH CHURCH TEACHING. By the Bishop of Durham, the Bishop of Sodor and Man, and Canon Girdlestone. London: *Longmans, Green and Co.* Price 1s. net.

A new edition in a new dress with new publishers, in every way worthy of this admirable textbook. We very heartily commend it to our readers. It is full of good things "necessary for these times," and should have the widest possible circulation.

THE CHURCH AND SOCIAL SUBJECTS. By the Rev. Canon Lewis. HARD WORDS IN THE PRAYER-BOOK. By the Rev. Canon Girdlestone. FAMILY PRAYERS. By the Rev. A. F. Thornhill. THE VOCATION OF WOMEN. By Miss G. A. Gollock. PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION. By the Rev. H. M. Lang. AT THE HOLY COMMUNION. By the Rev. H. M. Lang. GOOD NEWS FOR THE WORLD. By Dr. Eugene Stock. THE CHRISTIAN VIEW OF MAN. By the Rev. Dr. Chadwick. REVELATION: OR, HAS GOD SPOKEN TO MAN? By the Right Rev. Bishop Nickson. THE DAWN OF THE REFORMATION. By the Rev. H. E. H. Probyn. SINCE THE DAYS OF THE REFORMATION. By the Rev. Principal Warman. CHURCH AND PARLIAMENT. By the Rev. H. J. Bardsley. THE STORY OF THE PRAYER-BOOK. By the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Durham. ONE GOD OR THREE? By the Rev. Dr. Dawson Walker. London: *Longmans, Green and Co.* Price 1d. each.

We have already called our readers' attention to the first four numbers of these manuals, and we are glad to welcome the next ten of the series. While all of them are useful for their purposes, we desire to call particular attention to the one on the Prayer-Book by the Bishop of Durham, that on the Trinity by Dr. Dawson Walker, that on Foreign Missions by Dr. Eugene Stock, and that on Revelation by the Bishop of Jarrow. Clergy and Church workers should make a special point of circulating these admirable manuals. They are wonderful value for the money, and most attractively produced. They ought to have a great mission of usefulness.

LOOSE-LEAF PARSON'S POCKET-BOOK AND DIARY. London: *John Walker and Co., Ltd.* Price, from 6s. 6d. net.

We called attention last year, on the occasion of its first issue, to this admirable pocket-book and diary, which in our judgment is the very best now available for the use of clergy. The loose-leaf system, which is so well known in connection with ordinary notebooks and sermon-paper, is here adapted to the needs of the clergyman in his parish, and the book contains not only a calendar of lessons and monthly engagements, but a complete diary, a visiting list of several pages, a section for addresses, another for a class register, and several pages for notes and accounts. When once the initial outlay is met, all that is needed year by year is a refill, which costs only two shillings. Transfer cases are also available, so that the records of the years can be preserved. Those who make the acquaintance of this pocket-book and diary will soon agree with us as to its remarkable convenience and usefulness.

THE LITERARY YEAR-BOOK, 1909. Edited by Basil Stewart. London: *George Routledge and Sons, Ltd.* Price 5s.

This is the thirteenth annual volume, and extends to over 900 pages. It is full of valuable information for all who are engaged, or even interested, in literary work. It contains full directories of authors, publishers, agents, periodicals, and booksellers, together with other lists connected with public and similar libraries. Well printed, well arranged, it tends more and more to become indispensable for its purposes.