

Literary Notes.

IN Mr. Murray's list is a volume by Dr. Headlam, Principal of King's College, London, entitled "History, Authority, and Theology." It consists of a collection of essays, written at various times, but connected with one another by unity of purpose. Their aim has been to answer, primarily for the writer's own satisfaction, certain questions which any thoughtful person who considers the religious problems of the present day must put to himself. How far, and in what sense is Christianity a Divine revelation? What is Christianity, and what are its claims? What is the proof to historical minds of the present day of the authenticity of the Old and New Testaments and of the Christian Church? How far does the teaching of Natural Science affect our religious belief? What is the strength of the Anglican position? These are the questions asked and answered in this book.



Sir Oliver Lodge has written a book about psychical research. He has had it in hand for some years, and it is entitled "The Survival of Man: a Study in Psychical Research." Readers who are interested in the doings of the psychical researchers will find in this volume a definite and detailed account of what the latter have really discovered. Of course, Sir Oliver Lodge's opinions are by this time fairly well known; but we should be able in this volume to get pretty near to his own actual convictions in the matter. The book is filled mainly with Sir Oliver Lodge's personal experiments in the realm of the Unseen, and its scope may be surmised from the following subjects which, writing at the time it was necessary to put this paragraph into print, are likely to form the chapters of the volume: Aims and Objects of Psychical Research; Thought Transference or Experimental Telepathy; Spontaneous Telepathy or Apparitions; Automatism and Lucidity, with Special Reference to Survival; Physical Phenomena.



The life of Dr. Green, who was Rector and Dean of Maritzburg, Natal, from 1849 to 1906, is coming out with Messrs. Longmans' imprint. The biography has been prepared by Canon Wirgman, of Port Elizabeth. In the course of his foreword we read: "It is hoped that the scale of this work is amply justified by the fact that Dean Green was called to bear the brunt of the struggle against the schism led by Bishop Colenso in Natal. It was the pressure of this disaster which forced the founders of the English Church in South Africa to realize and fall back upon her inherent rights and authority as a branch of the Catholic Church, and to draw up the autonomous constitution which is her characteristic glory to-day."



From the same publishing-house we are to have three more issues in "The Anglican Church Handbooks." The first is "Old Testament History," by the Rev. F. E. Spencer; the second is "The English Church in the Seventeenth Century," by the Rev. C. Sydney Carter, M.A.; and the third, "Christianity is Christ," by the Rev. W. H. Griffith Thomas, D.D.

Then Messrs. Longmans have in their list—which is a very interesting one—“Thoughts on Modern Church Life and Work,” by the Most Rev. J. C. Wright, D.D., Archbishop of Sydney; “Wayside Wisdom: a Book for Quiet People,” by C. M. Martin; and “Preaching,” in “Handbooks for the Clergy,” by the Very Rev. F. E. Carter, M. A., Dean of Grahamstown.



We shall also have the opportunity of reading “A Memoir of the Right Hon. William Edward Hartpole Lecky,” by his wife. Then Messrs. Longmans have coming out “The Last Years of the Protectorate,” by Professor Firth. Since the death of Dr. Gardiner, Professor Firth has become the first authority of the Commonwealth period, and, as a matter of fact, this work is a continuation of the “History of the Commonwealth and Protectorate,” undertaken and left unfinished by Dr. Gardiner. These two volumes by Professor Firth cover the period from the meeting of the Protector’s second Parliament in September, 1656, to the Protector’s death in September, 1658. Among the subjects treated are Cromwell’s refusal of the Crown, the victory of Santa Cruz, the campaign in Flanders, and the condition of Ireland and Scotland during the Protectorate. Professor Firth, besides being a scholar of the highest order, also possesses a picturesqueness of style which makes his studies in history entrancing volumes. We know of nothing so intensely readable, exhibiting a dramatic sense which many biographers would do well to emulate, as his life of Cromwell in the “Heroes of the Nations” series.



The “Autobiography of Henry M. Stanley” is sure of a great sale. It has been compiled from material left for the purpose by the great African explorer. Lady Stanley has edited the work. Of all the interesting and important autobiographies that have seen the light in the last decade, none, perhaps, should have a wider and more powerful appeal to all classes of readers than this volume of memoirs. A part of Stanley’s notable and adventurous career is told in his famous books, but here, for the first time in his own words, we have the complete story of his life, his youth in America, his services and experiences in the American Civil War, his return to England, his early dreams and ambitions, with the inspiring narrative of their complete fulfilment. We have also for the first time, told in his “Autobiography” and the supplementary narrative—which is made up from his letters—the inner history of many important events and episodes which have not hitherto been made public. Stanley was a vivid writer, and this revelation of his personality, and of his keen and individual views on men and affairs, should take rank as one of the books of permanent importance in this field. The publishers are Messrs. Sampson Low, Marston and Co.



Lord Balcarras is publishing through Mr. Murray an important work on “The Evolution of Italian Sculpture.” It deals with the whole basis of Plastic Art in Italy, recording the essential stages of progress, and analyzing the methods, theories, and ideals of the various schools. Particular stress is therefore laid upon the actual sculpture and its ethical development, without

entering on biographical details of problems of authenticity, which have received such careful scrutiny during the last twenty years. There are 120 illustrations in the volume.



The American Baptist Publication Society recently issued "Worldly Amusements: How to Decide, or the Benefit of the Doubt," by the Rev. W. Wistar Hamilton, D.D. The author is what is known, in the Home Mission Board of the Southern (American) Convention, as General Evangelist. He asks people, in this volume, "to put to themselves five test questions before deciding whether to indulge in cards, wine, the dance, the theatre, and social pleasures: Does the pleasure in question enslave me? Does it fail to build me up? Does it cause my brother to stumble? Not sure? Then take the safe side, and give the benefit of the doubt to self-denial and the better part."



There are some attractive books to be found in the autumn list of Messrs. Smith, Elder and Co. One important volume, published just prior to the appearance of this number of *THE CHURCHMAN*, is "Through Persia, from the Gulf to the Caspian," being the record of a journey home overland from India, through Bushire, over the Kotals to Shiraz, on to Ispahan and Teheran, and thence to the Caspian. There are some magnificent photographs included in the volume, as may be imagined. Messrs. Smith, Elder are also the publishers of a volume by Mr. Herbert Sherring, entitled "The Romance of the Twisted Spear, and other Tales in Verse." The author, who is Principal of the Mayo College, Ajmere, has rendered into English various episodes of love and war from the warrior Epics of Rajasthan.



Mr. James Milne is a writer of distinction, possessing a style which strongly betokens the pure *littérateur* within. It is doubtful if there is another writer about current books so thoroughly full of knowledge, to which knowledge is added a superabundance of good taste in the way in which he lays out his wares, as Mr. Milne. His *Book Monthly*, which he so effectively edits, is one of the most interesting monthlies in the realm of literature. He is also the literary editor of *The Daily Chronicle*. He has written a most attractive book—cleverly illustrated by some photographs taken by Mr. W. J. Roberts—called "My Summer in London," which Mr. Laurie publishes. Mr. Milne recently went to live in a flat in Victoria Street, and this translation from one of the outer suburbs was the basis of the book. He has set down in a delightful way his impressions of a London summer, and has also included in the volume a number of interesting stories about some well-known people. Another book, appropriate in a sense to this paragraph, is Mr. P. J. S. Perceval's "London's Forest." It reviews the historical, topographical, and official connection which the City of London bears to the forest.



Miss Adelaide Cameron has compiled, and Mr. Allenson is publishing, a consecutive narrative of the life of our Lord from the Four Gospels, arranged for daily reading, under the title of "Christ in Daily Life." Miss

Cameron's book, we understand, is the only one which presents the sacred story in chronological order, an advantage which will be appreciated by busy readers. Archdeacon Wynne is also sending out, through the same firm, a helpful little book of readings on certain difficulties of Christian faith and practice, under the title of "Words to Help." Then we shall also have from Mr. Allenson a treatise on "The Resurrection of Judgment," in which the author seeks to show that the punishment of those who die in their sins is not what it is generally supposed to be. The scope of the book, as thus indicated, reminds us of the late Dean Farrar's "Eternal Hope."



There are a number of good items in the announcements of Messrs. Macmillan and Co., notably a volume of essays, "The Bridling of Pegasus; or, Prose Papers on Poetry," by the Poet Laureate. Among others are also to be found: "Teaching Children to Study," by Olive M. Jones, Eleanor G. Leary, and Agnes E. Quish; a new revised edition of "An Introduction to the Articles of the Church of England," by G. F. Maclear, D.D., and W. W. Williams, M.A.; a cheap shilling edition of Dean Farrar's "Seekers after God"; a two-volume work by Professor H. M. Gwatkin, entitled "Early Church History (to A.D. 313)"; "The Gospel in Latin Lands: Outline Studies of Protestant Work in the Latin Countries of Europe and America," by Francis E. Clark, D.D., and Harriet A. Clark; a cheap edition of Myers' "Saint Paul"; "The French Revolution," by Professor A. M. Johnston; and "Misery and its Causes," by Professor Edward T. Devine.



Included in the announcements of Messrs. T. and T. Clark are Professor Theodore Lahn's "Introduction to the New Testament"; the Rev. W. L. Walker's "The Gospel of Reconciliation"; "The Mission and Ministries of the Holy Spirit," by Dr. A. C. Downer; and J. B. Holborn's "An Introduction to the Architectures of European Religions." They will also publish the second volume of Dr. Hastings' "Encyclopædia of Religions and Ethics."

