

In a large-hearted and able appeal to the scholars of China, Archdeacon Moule, of Mid-China, refers to the remarkable phenomenon of China's Imperial career, which has seen the rise and fall of so many great Empires. He says: "They at the beginning were more powerful, more prosperous, than China. They are now either extinct, or mere subject provinces of modern Empires. But China abides exalted and independent." He boldly finds one reason for it in the Fifth Commandment. "It is the result of God's ancient promise: 'Honour thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.'" If such an explanation be at all correct, we have not only the fundamental nature of God's law and the universal equity of its operation, but also its marvellous potency. To have contributed in any measure to Chinese continuity is striking evidence of its power. In this connection might be noticed an interesting article in the *Hibbert Journal*, on "Moral Force in War," by Lieutenant-General Sir Reginald Hart, V.C. He emphasizes with pointed illustrations the truth of Napoleon's saying that the moral forces in war are to the physical as three to one. Putting these together, it would appear that there is a "cash value," a real value as national asset in the Scriptures that is too little recognized on all hands, and one that cannot be increased too extensively.



Literary Notes.

"THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY" is the title of vol. vi. of the "Cambridge Modern History." The twelfth volume, due in the spring of next year, which will also complete the work as it was originally planned, is to be entitled "The Latest Age." But there will be, we understand, two supplementary volumes. These two extra volumes will contain a number of valuable maps, many important genealogical besides other tables, as well as a general index to the whole work. Thus next spring will be completed one of the most interesting and valuable histories, in every sense of the word, of recent times. The labour and care which have been bestowed upon the undertaking have indeed been prodigious, and redounds to the credit of the several editors. The Cambridge University Press also announce the fourth volume of that other noteworthy work, the "Cambridge History of English Literature." This new volume will deal with "Poetry and Prose from Sir Thomas North to Michael Drayton." Other volumes to come from the same house are: "The Son of Man," by Dr. Edwin A. Abbott; "The Old Plate of the Cambridge Colleges," by E. Alfred Jones; "The Sculptures of Chartres Cathedral," by Margaret and Ernest Marriage; and George Fox's "Journal." Mr. Norman Penney has edited this work by the founder of the Society of Friends, and it is, for the first time, reprinted from the original manuscript. The Warden of Toynbee Hall, Mr. T. E. Harvey, has contributed an interesting introduction.



The Methodist Publishing House is bringing out a new edition, in six volumes, of Wesley's "Journal." The first volume is due at once, and the

subsequent ones will follow at short intervals. It is expected that the complete work will have been issued in the course of a couple of years. The Rev. N. Curnock, who has had the good fortune to have placed at his disposal a wealth of newly discovered material in the shape of several diaries of Wesley's, is editing the work. Moreover, what gives to the undertaking a considerable amount of interest and importance is the fact that there have been found some new versions of the early journals, and these include some account of the Georgian love-affair, which is from the pen of Wesley himself. There is a belief, we are told, that this account was written by Wesley for the benefit of his mother. We shall look forward with pleasurable anticipation to the re-issue of these "Journals."



Dr. Sven Hedin's book is called "Trans-Himalaya: Discoveries and Adventures in Tibet." It contains a full account of his last long and adventurous journey through unknown Tibet during 1906, 1907, and 1908, from which the explorer returned with a large store of carefully garnered facts, leading to results of the most important character to geographical science. Messrs. Macmillan are the publishers. They have in their autumn list quite a number of excellent books. There is "The Life of William Thomson, Baron Kelvin of Largs," by Professor Silvanus P. Thompson, D.Sc.; and also "Lord Kelvin's Early Home," being the recollections of his sister, the late Mrs. Elizabeth King. Then there is a volume by the late Lord Acton, "Lecture on the French Revolution," edited, with an introduction, by Mr. J. N. Figgis, M.A., and Mr. Reginald Vere Lawrence, M.A., Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge. Canon Machray has prepared a "Life of Robert Machray, D.D., Archbishop of Rupert's Land, Primate of All Canada, Prelate of the Order of St. Michael and St. George"; vols. viii. and ix. of the "History of the English Church," a continuous history, based upon a careful study of original authorities, and of the best ancient and modern writers. These volumes are devoted to "The English Church in the Nineteenth Century," and are written by Mr. F. Warre Cornish, M.A., Vice-Provost of Eton College. The whole work is to be in nine volumes, and is under the editorship of the Rev. William Hunt, D.Litt., who also enjoyed the help (until his lamented death) of the late Dean Stephens. There was published early last month (October) Professor Gwatkin's "Early Church History" (to A.D. 313), in two volumes; while we are to have a volume of lectures on Church history, entitled "The Two Empires: The Church and the World," by Dr. Westcott, late Bishop of Durham. Vol. iii. is promised of Professor Saintsbury's "History of English Prosody from the Twelfth Century to the Present Day," as well as a volume on "Shakespeare's Roman Plays and their Background," by Professor MacCallum, who holds the Chair of Modern Literature in the University of Sydney. Professor Courthope's great "History of English Poetry" reaches (and is completed in) vol. vi.; and Messrs. Macmillan are publishing a volume of Latin speeches and letters written during the last thirty-three years by Dr. Sandys as Public Orator of the University of Cambridge, under the title of "Orationes et Epistolæ."

In the "Golden Treasury Series"—a really splendid collection of books—is included an "Anthology of Latin Poetry," while Dr. R. Y. Tyrrell gives us an important volume, "Studies in Greek Literature." This reminds us that Professor Mahaffy's long-promised book, "What have the Greeks Done for Modern Civilization?" is now ready. In the section devoted to theology and philosophy may be found "The Law and the Prophets," a new history of Israel, with special reference to the revelation of Jehovah, translated and adapted from Professor Westphal's "Jehovah," by Mr. Clement du Pontet, M.A.; Professor Swete's "The Holy Spirit in the New Testament," and "Cambridge Biblical Essays," by members of the University, edited by Professor Sweete; the Bishop of Ely's work on "Confirmation in the Age of the Apostles," published the middle of last month; Dr. Hort's "The Epistle of St. James," the Greek text, with an introduction and a commentary; "The Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians," by Dr. G. H. Rendall; "Building the Walls," a manual of family prayers, edited by the Rev. George H. Aitken, with an introduction by the Bishop of London; the Bampton Lectures of 1909, "The Church and the World in Idea and in History," by Canon Hobhouse; "Consciousness," by Henry Rutgers Marshall; and "The Principles of Religious Development," by Dr. George Galloway. This volume is described as "a psychological and philosophical study." Other important works down for publication by the same house are: "Totemism and Exogamy: A Treatise on Certain Ancient Forms of Superstition and Society," in three volumes, by Dr. J. G. Fraser; "The Economic Annals of the Nineteenth Century," by Professor William Smart; Professor Jones's "The Working Faith of the Social Reformer, and Other Essays"; "The Common Sense of Political Economy," by Philip H. Wicksteed, M.A.; and "Physical Science in the Time of Nero," being a translation of Seneca's "Quæstiones Naturales," by John Clark, M.A., Lecturer on Education in the University of Aberdeen, with notes on the subject-matter by Sir Archibald Geikie. Certainly Messrs. Macmillan's autumn books make a fine library in themselves.



Among Mr. Elliot Stock's publications for the present season are to be found the Rev. Dr. Alfred Plummer's exhaustive "Exegetical Commentary on the Gospel according to St. Matthew," which contains full general and Greek indices; "God's Eight Days of Creation," by Mr. E. O. James, which has the advantage of an introduction by the Rev. Chancellor Lias; the Rev. Henry W. Clark's "Laws of the Inner Kingdom," in which the author develops the thought of Divine communication of life from God to man through Christ; "Prince Madog: Discoverer of America," a story founded on extracts from the manuscripts of the Abbeys of Strata, Florida, and Conway, by Joan Dane; "For Three Kingdoms: being Some Recollections of Robert Warden, a servant of King James," by H. C. Crosfield; "Popular Science for Parochial Evenings," by the Very Rev. C. T. Oven-den, D.D., Dean of Clogher, to which Sir Oliver Lodge contributes an introduction; and "Mutual Recognition in the Life Beyond," by the Rev. H. H. T. Cleife, M.A., with an introduction by Archdeacon Sinclair, who writes in one part of it, that he is "glad this work is being published on **Future Recognition**. . . I sincerely hope that this needful treatise will

confirm the faith of many." Two other little books announced by Mr. Stock are: "A Handbook for Clergymen's Wives and Church Workers," by A. M. Moor, and Dr. T. P. Lucas's "A Restatement of the Atonement."



Mr. J. Nield, who has already given us one of the best, if not *the* best, "Guide to Historical Novels," who has written an excellent novel "Slings of Fortune," and who has further provided a capable introduction to a cheap edition of "Sartor Resartus," has translated from the French Monsieur Boutroux's "Science and Religion in Contemporary Philosophy." The author is Professor of Philosophy in the University of Paris, and in this new work, after sketching the main developments of philosophy from the earliest times up to the middle of last century, "expounds and criticizes, in chapters of extraordinary lucidity and freshness, the essential teaching of prominent thinkers who have moulded the thought of the present generation." This volume is published by Messrs. Duckworth and Co., who are also the publishers of "Conscience and Criticism," by the Rev. G. Hughes, with a foreword by the Bishop of Winchester; and "The Unfinished Symphony; or, Eternal Life Begun," by the Rev. Hugh Falconer, D.D.



Mr. Lee Warner, who may be noted as the latest publisher, and to whom we owe the founding of the Medici Society, besides being a publisher of considerable taste, is also a publisher with enterprise. For instance, he is bringing out "The Divine Minstrels," a narrative of the life of St. Francis of Assisi with his companions, by Auguste Baily, translated by Major Ernest Barnes, with a photogravure frontispiece after the painting of "St. Francis," by Geraard David, now in the Kaiser-Friedrich Museum, Berlin. Mr. Lee Warner is also producing in handsome style an edition of the "Thoughts of the Emperor Marcus Aurelius Antoninus," translated by George Long, with twelve plates reproduced in colour by the Medici process, after the water-colour drawings by W. Russell Flint.



Dr. Campbell Morgan's great Biblical series, "The Analyzed Bible," is proceeding apace. The introductory volumes are completed, and the more exhaustive study of the context and message of each separate book of the Divine Library is well in hand. Volumes on the Gospel of St. John and the Book of Job have already appeared, and Messrs. Hodder and Stoughton are now issuing a new volume on the Epistle to the Romans. They also have on their list Professor Forsyth's "The Cruciality of the Cross," and "The Ethic of Jesus," by the Rev. Professor James Stalker, D.D. The autumn list of theological works issued by this firm is invariably one of great importance, and should be carefully noted by all who are interested in Biblical and theological questions.



The Oxford University Press announce "The Stone and Bronze Ages in Italy and Sicily," by T. E. Peet; vol. v., completing the work of "The Cults of the Greek States," by L. R. Farnell; "The Samaritane Liturgy," edited by A. E. Cowley; vol. ii. of "The Hebrew Prophets for English Readers—

Zephaniah, Nahum, Habakkuk, and Jeremiah," edited by F. H. Woods and F. E. Powell; and a "History of Botany," by J. Reynolds Green.



That veteran Biblical scholar, Mr. J. B. Rotherham, has ready for the press a new work, "Studies in the Psalms," consisting of a new translation, expository and critical notes, descriptive titles and analysis, with a general introduction. The cost will be 10s. 6d. net, and, as the outlay is too heavy to warrant the printing unless there is the prospect of a sufficient circulation, the author and publisher (Allenson, Racquet Court) invite orders (not payment) to be sent in advance. Those who use Mr. Rotherham's Emphasized Bible, and know his other works, will be glad to welcome another book of Bible studies from his pen. At the age of eighty-two he is as vigorous and keen as ever on all things connected with the elucidation of the Word of God.



We understand that that useful and excellent series, the "Heroes of the Reformation" Series, in which have appeared such fine books as Dr. Jacob's "Martin Luther," Professor Emerton's "Erasmus," Dr. Baird's "Beza," Professor Pollard's "Cranmer," Dr. Cowan's "Knox," and Dr. Walker's "Calvin," is being reduced in price—*i.e.*, from 6s. to 3s. 6d. net.



Notices of Books.

MODERN RESEARCH AS ILLUSTRATING THE BIBLE. The Schweich Lectures. 1908. By Rev. Dr. Driver. London: *Published for the British Academy by Henry Frowde.* Price 3s. net.

This series of lectures is the first delivered in connection with the Schweich Trust, founded in 1907, for "the furtherance of research in the archæology, art, history, languages, and literature of ancient civilization, with reference to Biblical study." In his first lecture the Regius Professor of Hebrew at Oxford gives a brief but extremely able sketch of the progress made during the last century in the principal of these branches of learning. He then proceeds to draw, in the two remaining lectures, an outline of the new knowledge respecting Palestine which has been acquired from inscriptions and excavations. The book is admirably illustrated, and is of value as giving in a convenient form a *résumé* of recent discoveries. Dr. Driver's critical views are well known, and they meet us not unfrequently in this book. At the same time, they are never stated in the rash and irreverent manner in which men of less experience and very slight learning delight to obtrude their own and other men's wildest guesses as proved facts. Dr. Driver calls for "reason and moderation" in conjectural emendation of the Hebrew text of the Old Testament. He says: "There can be no doubt that some writers are far too ready with this potent but perilous restorative."