

movements and practices of the Churches of the Continent, should have differed from them in respect of the apportionment of tithes. But the positive evidence is clear. The authority of the enactments may be disputable, but they are at least witnesses to a current belief or tendency; and it can hardly be denied that whatever evidence exists in our own country for the payment of tithes at all in pre-Norman times exists also for their appropriation, not to the clergy only, but also to the poor."¹ To this I would add the following from Ratzinger, "Armenpflege," p. 266: "Ich bin der Ansicht, dass die karolingische Gesetzgebung allerdings schon unter Egbert oder bald nach ihm durch Alcuin oder andere in Frankenreiche ansässige Briten in England Eingang gefunden habe und beobachtet wurde. Wenigstens findet sich im neunten und zehnten Jahrhundert das karolingische System der Armenpflege auch in England durchgeführt."

Some of my readers will remember Dante, Par. xii. 93, where there occur the words "decimas quæ sunt pauperum Dei"; also St. Thomas ii. 2, Q. 87, A. 3: "In nova lege decimæ dantur clericis, non solum propter sui sustentationem, sed etiam ut ex eis subveniant pauperibus."

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Notices of Books.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE ANCIENT CHURCH. By H. B. Swete, D.D.
London: *Macmillan, Ltd.* Price 8s. 6d. net.

Dr. Swete gave us some years ago a valuable book on "The Holy Spirit in the New Testament." He now follows up his earlier work by publishing a further instalment of the history of the doctrine of the Spirit, carrying us from the close of the Canon down to the eighth century. Professor Swete, with the careful fidelity to detail which marks the best Cambridge scholarship, examines all the more important patristic writings, extracts the references to the doctrine of the Spirit, and with a shrewd comment or a connecting link of history weaves them all into an illuminating and interesting whole. He regards the Arian controversy as the natural division of his period. "To the pre-Arian age the question of the relation of the Holy Spirit to the Father and the Son does not become acute." Arius seems to have been loyal to his logic, and to have made the Holy Spirit a creature. But the Person of the Son dominated the field of controversy for fifty years, and it was only then that the Church was compelled to defend the divinity of the Spirit. That defence was whole-hearted and adequate.

In the pre-Arian period Dr. Swete devotes chapters to the sub-apostolic period, to the Greek Apologists, the Gnostics, the Montanists, to Irenæus, to

¹ By 15 Richard II., cap. 15, it is enacted that "if a parish church is appropriated" the "diocesan shall ordain a convenient sum of money to be distributed yearly of the fruits and profits of the same to the poor parishioners in aid of their living and sustenance for ever."

the Monarchians, to the Churches of North Africa and Alexandria. With Montanism Dr. Swete expresses considerable sympathy, as, indeed, we should expect. Speaking of Tertullian, he writes: "The emphasis which he laid upon the work of the Paraclete in the living Church deserves the warm gratitude of all who recognize that neither an orthodox creed nor an unbroken succession can satisfy without the stirring of a supernatural life." Of Montanism itself he writes: "On the whole, the movement which the sect created was beneficial, especially perhaps in the West, where tradition and convention were apt to exercise too great a control." Alas, that it should still be true that tradition and convention still strive to maintain that control, to the detriment of spiritual religion!

In the next section of the book the Arian and post-Arian history is dealt with, chapters being devoted in turn to the Arian controversy, to Eusebius of Cæsarea and Cyril of Jerusalem, to Athanasius, to the Cappadocians, and then in chapters, of less detail and wider purview, to the centuries which elapse before the life of Gregory the Great. The last and shortest section, but by no means the least valuable, summarizes the doctrine of the Spirit under its various heads, and the book closes with brief appendices on the Didache and the Odes of Solomon. There are excellent indices—a matter of considerable importance in a book which will have value not only as the history of a doctrine, but as a book of reference for both students and preachers.

ST. PAUL AND JUSTIFICATION. By the Rev. F. B. Westcott, D.D. London: *Macmillan*. Price 6s. net.

Two questions arise in any discussion of St. Paul's theology: What precisely did he mean to convey to his readers by his phraseology? and How far are his arguments convincing to us? Upon the latter question Dr. Westcott has only a little to say, and he says it at the end on p. 394: "As one reads the familiar words of an Epistle like Romans again and again and again, it comes ever more home to one that, though he writes in Greek and cites the Greek Old Testament, he is really at bottom a Hebrew. A great gulf separates his whole method from that with which we became familiarized in the days when our minds were given to the lucid writers of Hellas. It is when he is definitely arguing that he carries his readers least with him. Of their kind, no doubt, his arguments are very excellent; but it happens not to be the kind in which we ourselves have been trained. Therefore we love him best when he leaves all logical processes far behind, and discarding 'reason' as such, surrenders himself entirely to a species of intuition. It is in his dithyrambic vein, when the tide of inspiration is flowing strong and free, that he is for modern minds the most convincing."

But the latter question cannot be touched until the former has been answered, and the former postulates careful and grammatical study of the Pauline text. To this Dr. Westcott devotes his strength. His book is an exposition of the doctrinal teaching of Galatians and Romans. Of the numerous earlier workers in this field the author admits his debt most to Lightfoot and Sanday and Headlam, but his own work is on a different pattern to theirs. It is in the form of an essay, and throughout is very readable. Like Sanday and Headlam, he gives a paraphrase of the passage with which he is dealing, and adds exposition and comment. The whole is

the result of much careful reading and teaching, and certainly ought to receive a place beside the standard commentaries on the shelves of every theological student who desires to master St. Paul's greatest theme. Where so much has been already written, it is difficult to add anything altogether new; but Dr. Westcott has not slavishly followed any earlier teacher, and the careful reader of his book will constantly find new renderings and fresh suggestions which will be both welcome and profitable. It is not easy to know how best to illustrate the character of the book, but we will notice some passages which struck us in our reading.

On the crucial question of the meaning of *δικαιοῦν*, he says (p. 7): It "does not mean to 'make righteous' in the sense of 'right doing,' or even . . . to 'account as right doing,' but simply to 'set right.'" *δικαιος*, in St. Paul, has two senses. "Sometimes it means the condition of one who is righteous (in the sense of right doing); sometimes (and this is the technical usage) the condition of one who is 'right'—that is, right with God."

Gal. iii. 19, 20 is known as a *crux* of interpreters. On pp. 61-63 we find: "To what end then served the Law? It was an addition made for transgression's sake, till such time as the seed should come, for whom the Promise is: appointed in the presence of angels by the hand of an intermediary. Now God is one: and the very idea of one excludes an intermediary." "There appears to be an antithesis between the 'mediate' character of the Mosaic covenant and the wholly 'immediate' nature of the Abrahamic Promise." On p. 166 we were glad to read: "A 'righteousness of God' I take to mean a way whereby a man may attain to 'right'-ness with God, by God's own plan and appointment. It has nothing to do with conduct: it deals with *status* only: but *status*, where God is concerned, is for man the very first of all considerations. God's own righteousness, in the ethical sense, has nothing to do with the matter."

In connection with *ἰλαστήριον*, Dr. Westcott says, on p. 178: "We must not close our eyes to the solemn fact that Christ Himself proclaimed a virtue in His Death, and that all His followers, as many as ever taught in early days, likewise proclaimed this thing. Though blood in the ancient world . . . was taken as the seat of life: yet blood that is shed stands for death—stands for life laid down for others. As Dr. Sanday very justly observes, the idea of sacrifice is a 'central conception' of New Testament religion. Though we may not see its meaning, we 'must not explain it away': nor regard it as 'mere metaphor.' To all this I say 'Amen' with all my heart and soul."

We are not now surprised to read (p. 217): "Some modern thinkers tell us that . . . by slow yet sure degrees . . . the race will attain to a state of moral perfection. But Christians . . . are very sure that things are somehow wrong, and that it is not to racial evolution we must direct our gaze to save us, but to moral regeneration, acting upon the individual."

Another difficult passage is Rom. viii. 10, and after a long discussion we have this helpful paraphrase: "And if Christ be in you: for all the body is dead because it is sinful: yet the *Spirit* (which is Christ) is a source of Life *because you are at peace with God.*" To be quit of guilt is a necessary foundation for the Spirit's further work.

It would have been a pleasure to give many other quotations; but it is our hope that the citations already made will induce many both within and without the ranks of professed theological students to study Dr. Westcott's book for themselves.

C. H. K. BOUGHTON.

THE ROMANCE OF THE HEBREW LANGUAGE. By the Rev. W. H. Saulez. London: *Longmans*. Price 4s. 6d. net.

If a chorus of approval proves anything, it proves that this book has considerable merit. Its reliability should be guaranteed by its author's credentials as Syriac and Chaldee Prizeman at Trinity College, Dublin. Its interest is apparent to the most casual reader. Its object is not to teach Hebrew, but to show convincingly that Hebrew is a language that ought to be learnt, and to give a taste of the rich banquet that is provided for the Hebrew reader. Those who are struggling with the difficulties of grammar will find here an inspiration to persevere. Those who must still be content with English will find much light thrown upon their English text by the numerous passages selected by the author, in which an added point or an increased vividness is given by study of a Hebrew root, or tense, or conjunction, or even an accent. The book will certainly occupy a prominent place among Helps to the Study of the Bible, and we would heartily commend it.

JUDGES AND RUTH. Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges. By G. A. Cooke, D.D. *Cambridge University Press*. Price 2s. 6d. net.

We are particularly impressed by the notes in this new addition to the Cambridge Bible series in the Revised Version. They are excellent in their combination of careful scholarship with a clean-cut simplicity and fresh suggestiveness. We cannot say that the author in the Introductions is convincing in his estimates of the date of either book. No one doubts that Judges is a compilation from various sources, but we think that the alleged traces of the influence of the "Priestly" school on the Introduction (chaps. i. 1-ii. 5) and Appendices (chaps. xvii.-xxi.) are too slight to warrant the relegation of these portions to the fifth century.

In the case of Ruth, the author admits that "on the whole the style is classical," that "the author . . . is evidently describing a life with which he was familiar," that "the scene and characters which fill it are unmistakably true to life," and yet he proceeds to regard the book as an idealized picture seen through the "twilight of fancy" by a writer in the century following Nehemiah! This does not appeal to us as sound and convincing criticism. However, though we can by no means endorse all the critical conclusions of the book, we are sensible of its value and commend it.

SYNTHETIC STUDIES IN SCRIPTURE. By W. Shaw Caldecott. *Robert Scott*. Price 2s. 6d.

Whether these short essays will help much towards "a return to the more conservative interpretation of the Bible," we have our doubts, for some of the theories put forward are by no means "conservative." It may be conservatism to regard the book of Job as written by Moses in Midian; it may be modified conservatism to attribute Hebrews to the dual authorship of St. Paul and St. Luke; but it is radicalism to argue for the Thursday of

Holy Week as the day of our Lord's Crucifixion. Still, from a study of the sacred text so reverent and minute as that of the author we expect something more than theories as unsubstantial as the binding of his book. Our expectation is satisfied with much that is helpful and suggestive, and we acknowledge the debt.

THE ROYAL PROGRESS OF OUR LORD. By the Ven. Archdeacon E. B. Trotter. *Ouseley*. Pp. 322.

The Royal Progress is the last journey to Jerusalem, as narrated in St. Luke ix. 51-xviii. 14. The book begins with an essay on the criticism of the Gospels, in which the author maintains that this section of St. Luke is a unity, not merely a collection of incidents for which there was no place in the Marcan framework; and, moreover, that while there is in it some topical arrangement, there is also much more chronology than is commonly supposed. Whether the reader agrees with these conclusions or not, he will find the rest of the book very helpful. It is expository, and the exposition is also practical and devotional. The text is broken up into short sections, any noteworthy words are commented on, and then comes the exposition. We have been struck by the number of apposite quotations, and by the way in which light is constantly shed upon modern problems. There are full indices.

THE WORD AND THE WORLD. Pastoral Studies for the Modern Preacher. By Canon Wakeford. London: *Longmans*. Price 3s. 6d. net.

First delivered as a course at King's College, London. The Bishop of Lincoln writes in his Introduction: "It is because these pages are so full of life and criticism and experience, and compel reflection upon great subjects, that I wish for them a wide circulation." They are not a treatise on Pastoral Theology in the ordinary sense of advice on preaching, visiting, and the like, but rather an inquiry into conditions of success and failure in all these. A parochial clergyman would find them stimulating, though he would probably disagree here and there. At the end is an appendix giving a number of replies from anonymous workers to these questions: What is the strongest ordinary motive disposing people to religious denomination? What most hinders the reception of spiritual truth? In any case of conversion that has come to your notice, what has been the cause or apparent occasion?

CATHOLICISM AND LIFE. By the Rev. C. H. SHARPE. London: *Longmans*. 1913. Price 4s. 6d. net.

This book, despite some good and true things in it, appears to us to be radically unsound. "Catholicism," in the author's view, seems to be little more than a rigid Episcopalianism. The word "Catholic" is narrowed till it becomes practically synonymous with a kind of sectarianism that is the antithesis of "universal." Yet the pressing need of the moment is not a Catholicism so interpreted, but a Catholicism so broadened and deepened as to contain within its borders every genuine form of Christian belief, whether Episcopalian or non-Episcopalian. The author's attitude to modern thought is sufficiently indicated by the fact that he interprets the earlier chapters of Genesis as literal and plain history. The Primacy of Peter, and therefore of the Pope, is assumed; the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin is accepted, more or less; and auricular confession is taught. Now,

this is not the teaching of the Church of England, as the Articles clearly imply. All these things we regret, the more so because there is a great deal in the book with which we may, and do, heartily sympathize. We wonder whether Mr. Sharpe has read the late Dr. Fairbairn's volume, "Catholicism, Anglican and Roman"? If not, we would venture, with all respect, to commend it to his notice.

THE CHALLENGE OF CHRIST. ("Preachers of To-Day" Theological Library, edited by J. Stuart Holden, M.A.) By the Rev. J. H. B. Masterman, M.A., Rector of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside. London: *Robert Scott*. 1913. Price 3s. 6d. net.

"What is the nature and ground of the demand that Jesus Christ makes on human lives?" Such is the insistent question that Canon Masterman faces, as it faces every thoughtful student to-day. And this volume of sermons is an attempt to answer that question. He remarks, and truly, that this challenge of Christ is working as a revolutionary force in modern life. On the nature of the answer given will ultimately depend the whole future of mankind. Slowly but surely the great ethnic religions of the world are being sapped by the impact of modern thought; slowly but surely those religions are losing their efficacy, despite vigorous efforts to galvanize their systems into new life. The religion of Jesus Christ is the only religion now in the world which fully responds to human needs. It is no longer a struggle between various competing creeds, of which Christianity is one; but a struggle between Christ and anti-Christ. Briefly, but not ineffectually, Canon Masterman indicates the nature of this titanic struggle; and his book, though somewhat slight and superficial in treatment (as, indeed, it was bound to be, from the nature of the case), puts fairly and forcibly before us what the "challenge" implies, and indicates some, at least, of the answers that so imperious a challenge demands. It is certainly worth reading.

PENNELL OF BANNU. By A. L. London: *C.M.S.* Price 1s.

An admirable account of one of the most remarkable men of this generation. The value of the pamphlet is increased by the inclusion of General Scott-Moncrieff's paper on Dr. Pennell, first published in *Blackwood's Magazine* for July, 1912.

WHAT LIFE MEANS TO ME. By Dr. W. T. Grenfell. London: *James Nisbet*, Berners Street. Price 2s. net.

Those who have read Dr. Grenfell's other books, "Down North on the Labrador," and "The Adventure of Life," will welcome this little volume, which is in some measure autobiographical. It is delightfully unconventional, and perhaps not always quite orthodox; but, then, it is penned by a layman—a plain man who confesses that our Lord's remarks about the man who put his hand to the plough and looked back did him more good than all the books of the Christian Evidence Society! "Life to me," he says, "is a school in which to learn how best to serve, a school in which we may be taught how best to employ and develop our special talents for service here and, I believe, hereafter." Just the kind of stimulating book to put into the hands of a young man starting out in life,

THOUGHTS IN HIS PRESENCE: MEDITATIONS UPON THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION. By the Rev. Wilfred M. Hopkins. London: *Robert Scott*, Paternoster Row. Price 2s. net.

Canon Barnes-Lawrence, who contributes a Preface to this little volume, truly says that "the writer's method is not in any way controversial, but devotional. His pages . . . breathe a spirit of devotion to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and his one aim is the teaching and refreshment of His people." Most suitable for readings at a weekday service, or for putting into the hands of communicants. It is happily entirely free from the extravagances which frequently spoil works of this class. We hope Mr. Hopkins will be encouraged to try his hand again as a devotional writer.

ARTHUR T. PIERSON: A BIOGRAPHY. London: *James Nisbet*, Berners Street. Price 6s. net.

This memoir of one whose praise is in all the churches will be welcomed by many. He had a remarkable career. Descended from a Church of England clergyman, he was converted at a Methodist revival, was trained for the ministry in a Presbyterian college, his first charge was a Congregational Church, while the most important work of his life was his Pastorate of Spurgeon's Baptist Tabernacle. When he passed away he was connected, as his biographer says, with no human organization. As a champion of the Bible he has had few equals in modern times. To him it was a living book, and he had a wonderful way of making it live in his lectures, many of which have been widely circulated.

THREE MEN ON A CHINESE HOUSE-BOAT. London: *C.M.S.* Price 1s. 6d.

This little book, most attractively got up, has not a dull page. Bishop Cassels truly says in his Preface: "It is full of interest and fun." Most suitable as a Sunday-school prize, especially now that our eyes are so expectantly turned to the Celestial Empire.

THE INEVITABLE CHRIST. By F. B. Macnutt. *Robert Scott*. Price 3s. 6d. net.

Canon Macnutt's contribution to the "Preachers of To-Day" library will by no means disgrace this excellent series. The sermons contain abundant illustration of the change which is becoming apparent in modern preaching, which addresses itself to the needs of the present rather than to a contemplation of the glories of the past. The preacher has tried to diagnose the conditions and ills of modern life, and, in language to which he hopes men will listen, he has proclaimed the remedy. And the remedy is the Cross. A fresh presentation does not in any way affect the essential message; and no matter where the preacher finds us (or we find him), from all positions we are summoned to turn and behold Jesus Christ and Him "lifted up." Sermons such as these can do nothing but good, and we are glad that cathedral congregations receive such truly "evangelical" teaching.

THE WAITING LIFE. By Hubert Foston. *Clarke*. Price 2s. 6d. net.

This is a devotional meditation on the first psalm, worked out in an unusual but not unattractive manner. Dr. Foston discovers an elaborate tracery of interlaced parallelism, which is indicated and expounded piece by piece. The author appreciates beforehand that some may think the exposition

rather fanciful, and perhaps scarcely legitimate ; but he has prepared it with evident care and earnest thought, and with the reverent spirit of one who loves His Bible and the God who inspired it. In any case, the teaching of the book is helpful and refreshing in an age which is in danger of forgetting the secrets of a life of waiting.

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