

Publications of the Month.

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BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL.

MISCELLANEA EVANGELICA (II.) CHRIST'S MIRACLES OF FEEDING. By Edwin A. Abbott. (*Cambridge University Press.* 3s. net.) This paper-cover book is a chapter of Dr. Abbott's forthcoming volume of *Diatessarica*, "The Law of the New Kingdom." It is published in advance "in the hope that it may receive criticism resulting in corrections." Dr. Abbott claims to have found additional evidence for the conclusion that "where Luke alters or omits what is in Mark, John as a rule intervenes to support or explain Mark." But its main object is "to investigate what may be called Christ's Doctrine of Bread." "It gives reasons" (to quote from the Preface) "for believing that the Eucharist of the Last Supper was the outcome and climax of earlier meals that were not only eucharistic, but also altruistic. They expressed a Divine law of giving and receiving. They recognized, in a material emblem with a spiritual application, Isaiah's precepts to Israel, 'Break thy bread and draw out thy soul to the hungry,' as conditions to be fulfilled by every human being that desires to receive for his own hungry soul that bread which is broken for him by the Son of Man."

MEDITATION. By Arthur Lowell. (*Simpkin, Marshall and Co.* 5s. net.) A somewhat abstruse volume. The writer holds that "the root of the present mental and spiritual unrest is to be found in the confusion that prevails between the respective spheres of faith and understanding or intelligence," and he is convinced that "only by a thorough revision of the whole subject, with the determination to ascertain the truth, will the religious world be able to keep pace with modern thought."

THE PROBLEM OF PAIN: ITS BEARING ON FAITH IN GOD. By J. R. Illingworth, M.A., D.D. (*John Murray.* 6d. net.) A reprint of a paper from *Lux Mundi*, arranged by the author, who has lately been taken from us. It is a most timely publication, and will bring a message of comfort to those whose faith is disturbed by the present distress. It expresses the thought that "pain and sorrow, however perplexing to the intellect, do, as a matter of fact, find their practical and sufficient explanation in the Cross."

A LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE. By the late Bishop Ridding. (*George Allen and Unwin, Ltd.* 2d.) Compiled for use at Retreats and Quiet Days for Clergy in the diocese of Southwell. It is marked by depth of penetration into the spiritual needs of the clergy; of great service for devotional meetings, and admirably adapted also for private use. We quote one passage, which sufficiently indicates the spirit of the litany as a whole:

"From pride and self-will, from desire ever to have our own way in all things, from overweening love of our own ideas and blindness to the value of others; from resentment against opposition and contempt for the claims of others; enlarge the generosity of our hearts and enlighten the fairness of our judgments; and from all selfish arbitrariness of temper,

"Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord."

MISSIONARY.

THE CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT IN THE JAPANESE EMPIRE, INCLUDING KOREA AND FORMOSA. (*Published in Great Britain by the Religious Tract Society.* 5s., post free.) This important Year-Book is now in its thirteenth annual issue. It contains a mine of information about Missions in Japan as interesting as it is illuminating. The volume may be strongly commended to all students of Missions. Glancing over its pages we find a thorough discussion of a number of new and vital topics, as well as the usual political and social survey and reviews of various missionary and religious organizations of all denominations brought up to date. The full review of the first year of the Union Evangelistic Campaign is the only report in English by the Japanese leaders. A remarkable chapter on "Christianity in Industrial Enterprises" gives many concrete examples of how individuals are applying Christianity industrially. Startling revelations are made in a chapter on "Women Factory Labourers."

"The Legal Status of Japanese Women" is another thought-provoking chapter. An inspiring discussion is given of the growing interest in Christian literature, revealing the advancement of Japan among the Eastern nations in a very impressive way. The condition and progress of work in Korea is thoroughly reviewed. Interesting charts of Christian progress in various ways are provided. There are given also very full statistics of Christian and philanthropic work throughout the Empire. A correct mid-year directory, including the Roman Catholics, is in the appendix, together with full information regarding the status of the old religions, and Japan's latest treaties with China, America, and England.

TO THE HELP OF THE NATIONS, being the 116th Annual Report of the Religious Tract Society. A glance at these well-stocked pages will show to what a large extent the Religious Tract Society is helping the work of the Churches in all parts of the world. The reports from the different countries are most interesting and full of encouragement for the missionary-hearted worker, and the illustrations are many and good.

WAR LITERATURE.

WAR AND CHRISTIANITY FROM THE RUSSIAN POINT OF VIEW. By Vladimir Solovyof. With an Introduction by Stephen Graham. (*Constable and Co., Ltd.* 4s. 6d. net.) Mr. Graham explains in his Introduction that Solovyof was one of the great spiritual leaders of the Russian people. He was in all his work and faith opposed to Tolstoy, considering Tolstoyism to be a sort of moral atrophy. War, we read, has not prompted so many misgivings in Christian Russia as it has done in the humanitarian and materialistic West. This book, which was first issued in 1900, offers a justification of the traditional title of the Russian army as a "Christ-serving and worthy militancy." Its reappearance just now is particularly opportune.

TEN MINUTES WITH THE BIBLE. By the Author of "The Steep Ascent." (*Elliot Stock.* 1s. 6d. net.) This little book is in three parts: (1) "In Time of War"; (2) "The Lord's Prayer"; (3) "Ezra, the Story of the Faithful Remnant." It is marked by a rich devotional spirit, and the brief comments arranged for daily reading will be found particularly helpful.

A CALL TO THE NATION. By the Rev. C. A. Woodroffe. (*Elliot Stock.* 6d. net.) If all the addresses given on August 4, the first anniversary of the declaration of war, reached the high level of earnest exhortation and spiritual appeal which characterized that given by Mr. Woodroffe, as set out in this pamphlet, a great impression must have been produced. The "Call" is based on Lamentations iii, 26: "It is good that a man should both *hope* and quietly *wait* for the salvation of the Lord"; and Mr. Woodroffe's purpose is to show that the nation's need is "repentance," and the remedy for its sins "salvation"—the salvation of the Lord, with its ensuing results: pardon, peace, success to our arms, and goodwill among men. Mr. Woodroffe holds that "the apathy of our nation to that which is spiritual is appalling," and he asks, "How, in the midst of all this, can we look for, or expect, the *Salvation of the Lord?* Rather let us return unto the Lord, and He will return unto us." The message of the booklet is essentially one for these times, and we hope it may be widely circulated.

TEMPERANCE TAXATION AND HOUSING REFORM. By T. P. RITZEMA. (*Northern Daily Telegraph*, Blackburn. 2d. Second edition.) Although only a pamphlet, it is packed with a variety of information which will be found useful in connection with the solution of economic problems which press heavily now, and will increase in severity after the war. To prepare for the bad time coming the writer suggests that "we take means to reduce the enormous sum of money we more than waste in the purchase of intoxicating liquors. This amounted last year to over £160,000,000. It has been estimated that with the indirect cost added to this large sum, the total loss to the nation through the liquor traffic is not less than £300,000,000 per year!"

GENERAL.

REFORM IN THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND. Edited by Douglas Eyre. (*John Murray.* 2s. 6d. net.) This is a revised edition of the volume of "Essays in Aid of the Reform of the Church," first issued in 1898. The writers include the Bishop of Oxford, the Rev. R. B. Rackham, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Canon Scott Holland, Lord Justice Phillimore, Canon Masterman, Chancellor P. V. Smith, Canon Bullock-Webster, Mr. De Winton, the Dean of Lincoln, and others. The subjects dealt with

include "The Position of the Laity," "Church and State," "Self-Government of the Church," "Parochial Church Councils," "Reform of Patronage," "Church Finance," "Increase of the Episcopate," etc. The essays were written (and in several cases have been rewritten) from the point of view of the Church Reform League, and demand the earnest attention of thoughtful Churchmen. In view of the Report of the Committee on Church and State, which may be issued shortly, it will be wise for Churchmen to make themselves acquainted as fully as possible with the various points which will probably be dealt with, and each of these "Essays" gives abundant information on the topic with which it deals.

LOST IN THE POST, by F. A. Lutyens; WILL WARBURTON, by George Gissing; LOVE-LETTERS OF A WORLDLY WOMAN, by Mrs. W. K. Clifford; and JEWEL, by Clara Louise Burnham. Four volumes in "Constable's Shilling Series." (*Constable and Co., Ltd.* 1s. net each.)

THE PLEASANT LAND OF FRANCE, by Rowland E. Prothero, M.P.; THE RIVER WAR: THE RECONQUEST OF THE SOUDAN, by Winston S. Churchill, M.P., edited by Colonel F. Rhodes, D.S.O.; and TRUE TALES OF MOUNTAIN ADVENTURE, by Mrs. Aubrey Le Blond. Three volumes in "Nelson's Shilling Library." (*Thomas Nelson and Sons.* 1s. net each.)

ADVENTURES OF GERARD, by A. Conan Doyle; SOME EXPERIENCES OF AN IRISH R.M., by E. C. Somerville and Martin Ross; THE SOWERS, by Henry S. Merriman; and UNDER THE RED ROBE, by Stanley J. Weyman. Four volumes in "Nelson's Library of Copyright Novels." (*Thomas Nelson and Sons.* 7d. net each.)

PERIODICALS.

THE CHURCH MISSIONARY REVIEW (*C.M.S.*, 6d.) for September has one outstanding article: viz., that by the Hon. Secretary, the Rev. Cyril C. B. Bardsley, on "Our Supreme Need—Can it be Met?" Those acquainted with Mr. Bardsley's pamphlet, "The Way of Renewal" (noticed on p. 793), will readily appreciate the strength and beauty of his plea in this article. Other papers of interest are "Indian Naturalism," by the Rev. A. G. Fraser; "Chinese Music," by the Rev. W. L. Knipe; and "Forty Years in the C.M.S.," by Canon S. Nihal Singh. Archdeacon Moule's "Far-Eastern Notes" are, as usual, fresh, vivid, and informative.

THE BRITISH REVIEW (*Williams and Norgate*, 1s. net) for September has many features of interest concerning the war. Mr. J. H. Jennings, on "Europe's War Bill," attracts us most. It is heavy enough in all conscience; nevertheless, "the financial outlook, although not altogether free from anxiety, by no means justifies anything like depression." Of more general articles we may refer to "Nature in Tennyson: I. Birds," in which Mr. Morton Luce draws attention to the wealth and beauty of Tennyson's expression of bird-life. The article is an anthology of quotations. The coloured supplement is a reproduction of "The Martyr," a hitherto unpublished drawing by Velasquez.

THE ENGLISH CHURCH REVIEW (*Longmans, Green and Co.*, 6d. net) for September has a goodly supply of "Notes and Criticisms," and articles on "The Peace-Makers" (Canon Scott Holland), "The English Procession" (Rev. W. Lockton), "Difficulties Presented by the Incarnation" (the Editor), "Charles Sainsbury" (Rev. F. M. Etherington), "S.P.G. and the Two Kikuyu Concessions" (Rev. Francis M. Downton), and "The Rule of the French Episcopate in the War" (Mgr. Baudrillart).

THE EXPOSITORY TIMES. Edited by James Hastings, M.A., D.D. (*T. and T. Clark.* 6d.) In the September issue the "Notes of Recent Exposition" discuss the following questions: "Is it Still Possible to Pray for Rain?" "The Misunderstanding of the Golden Rule," "The Danger of Trusting to an Old English Translation," "Was the Apostle Thomas a Doubter?—Was he a Pessimist?" "Has Christianity Broken Down?"—"What is a Christian?—St. Paul's Answer in Three Sentences," "Is any Man able in this Life perfectly to keep the Commandments of God?" The articles include "Jesus' Teaching and Modern Thought" (Rev. Cavendish Moxon), "The Pioneer of Faith and Salvation" (Rev. Alfred E. Garvie, D.D.), "The Implications of the Golden Rule" (Rev. E. W. Hirst), and "The Archæology of the Book of Genesis" (Rev. A. H. Sayce).

