

Publications of the Month.

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BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL.

THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH: THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS. By Henry Barclay Swete, D.D. (*Macmillan and Co., Ltd.* 3s. 6d. net.) A new volume by Dr. Swete is always welcome, for one may be sure of finding scholarship combined with reasonableness, and a breadth of view that creates an atmosphere of freedom and liberty. This, however, is not to say that it is always possible to accept the learned writer's conclusions, but a study of his books always leaves one with a sense of having been really helped. The present volume consists of lectures given at Cambridge in 1913-14 to classes consisting chiefly of candidates for the ministry of the Church of England. It is in two sections. The first, on "The Holy Catholic Church," treats of "The Church and its Notes," "The Church in its Life, Order and Functions," and "The Church in its Relations." In regard to the relation of the Holy Catholic Church to "the Churches," Dr. Swete takes the view that local churches are not "parts" of the Universal Church, but that each local church is the Body of Christ in its own locality. He admits that the position in England is one of some difficulty. The Roman Church in England occupies "a schismatical position"—with which we shall all agree—but the "Protestant denominations" are "non-Catholic bodies," "separated children"—a description which requires more explanation than we find in these pages. In his outlook he does not go farther than to say that "when the time comes it may be that a place will be found for the voluntary societies within the ancient fold." The relative positions of the Church and the denominations are, perhaps, more pungently stated in the Preface, where he contrasts the "soldier in the army of Christ" with the "irresponsible adventurer." The second part of the book, that of "The Communion of Saints," has, of course, an especial interest just now, and it is treated with fulness. We are shown first of all the "meaning and history of the phrase," and then in a succession of illuminating chapters he deals with "The Communion of the Saints with God," "The Communion of Saints in the Church Militant," "The Communion of Living Saints with the Departed," and "The Communion of Living Saints in the Life to Come." On the question of "The Invocation of Saints" he holds that "while the Church of England has left the offering of prayers for the departed optional, so far as regards the private devotions of her members, and has not actually forbidden the indirect invocations based on the doctrine of compeccation, she has, since 1563, condemned root and branch the practice of directly invoking the Saints."

RETREATS, THEIR VALUE, ORGANIZATION AND GROWTH. Edited by the Rev. R. Schofield, B.A., with Introduction by the Bishop of Chelmsford. (*Robert Scott.* 2s. 6d. net.) This is essentially a book for these times, as it emphasizes the importance of that "coming apart for a while" which our Lord showed to be a necessity for the Christian worker. "Retreats" have too long been associated principally with only one School of Thought in the Church; they ought to find a place in the life of Churchpeople generally, and we are sincerely glad to note that the movement for promoting "Retreats" among laymen as well as the clergy is spreading. In fostering that movement this volume will be a powerful stimulus. It contains a number of essays contributed by well-known writers representing various shades of English Churchmanship, whilst "other Churches" are also represented. Yet there is a splendid sense of unity marking the whole; indeed, if the names were removed from the different chapters, it might almost be imagined that the volume was the work of one writer, so free is it from any trace of partisanship and sectarianism. The Rev. Dr. A. W. Robinson writes of "The Need for Retreats"; the Rev. Canon Bell on "The Organization of Retreats"; Principal Guy Warman on "The Conducting of Retreats"; Canon Peter Green on "How to make a Retreat"; the Rev. R. F. Hurst on "The History of Retreats in the Church of England"; and the Rev. E. H. Buckland, S.J., and Sir Henry S. Lunn on "Retreats in Other Churches," one in the Roman

Catholic and the other in Methodist, Baptist, and Congregational Churches. The Bishop of Chelmsford's Introduction is stimulating and uplifting, giving us the true spiritual note. He points out that we have reached the parting of the ways in the history of the world and also of our nation, and he shows that the problems awaiting the Church can only be solved by the accession of spiritual power. The call, he says, is to prayer, "such prayer as we have scarcely experienced," and he adds: "By removing ourselves from the world, from our business, from all that keeps us merely earthly, in the hours of quiet Retreat, can the eye of faith ' behold the King in His beauty, and the land that is very far off,' and receive power to be a fellow-worker together with God in the accomplishment of His plan for the nations of the world." The volume is extremely valuable both for its practical application and spiritual appeal, and its wide circulation should do much to usher in a new epoch of power and service in the Church of England.

THE CHURCH AND THE NEW KNOWLEDGE. By E. M. Caillard. (*Longmans, Green and Co.* 2s. 6d. net.) A further volume in "The Layman's Library" series. The writer, recognizing the magnitude of her subject, confines her observations to the region of Natural Science, and within this, to the modern knowledge bearing directly upon man, physical, psychical, and social. The earlier chapters are in the nature of a summary of some of the main facts of the "New Knowledge"; the others deal more particularly with its application by the Church in its mission to mankind. "The appeal of Christianity," the writer says, "is to the whole man," and it is her conviction that "as 'science grows from more to more' it will be seen more and more to lead towards the same light by which the Church is guided."

THE PRESENT CONTROVERSY ON THE GOSPEL MIRACLES. By F. R. Montgomery-Hitchcock, D.D. (*S.P.C.K.* 3s. net.) A careful, scholarly, and judicious volume, and marked by absolute fairness of treatment. The subject dealt with continues to be one of the highest moment, and Dr. Montgomery-Hitchcock in reviewing its present position writes quite dispassionately. His volume will repay the most careful perusal, not only for its clear and candid expositions, but also for its reassurances. He calls special attention to three facts: (1) That science is gradually widening its outlook on life and slowly withdrawing from its conception of the universe as controlled by the laws of mechanics; (2) that the modern philosophical systems of Eucken and Bergson, however mystical in tendency and conception, emphasize the transcendence of spirit and the existence of Spiritual creative force, and accordingly represent a reaction from the mechanical conception of the world; and (3) that modern criticism, Harnack's especially, has by its own independent researches placed the documents of the faith upon a surer and more lasting basis.

CHURCH AND NATION. By William Temple (*Macmillan and Co., Ltd.* 2s. 6d. net.) This volume contains the Bishop Paddock Lectures for 1914-15, delivered by the able Rector of St. James's, Piccadilly, at the General Theological Seminary, New York. The lectures represent, in Mr. Temple's own words, "an attempt to think out afresh the underlying problems which for a Christian are fundamental in regard not only to this war, but to war in general—the place of Nationality in the scheme of Divine Providence and the duty of the Church in regard to the growth of nations." Mr. Temple states also in his Preface that there have been abundant signs that, at least, many people in Germany are willing to impose German *Kultur* by the sword as Mohammedans impose belief in their prophet. If this is true, "it becomes clear that this war is being fought to determine whether in the next period the Christian or the directly anti-Christian method shall have an increase of influence." Mr. Temple's thoughtful analysis of the Christian function of the State will awaken the widest interest.

DOGMA, FACT, AND EXPERIENCE. By A. E. J. Rawlinson. (*Macmillan and Co., Ltd.* 2s. 6d. net.) A collection of five Essays on "Religion and Temperament" and "Dogma and History" (reprinted from the *Interpreter* and the *Irish Church Quarterly* respectively), "The Resurrection and the Life" (originally written as "a supplement to an enlarged edition of *Foundations* which was at one time in contemplation, though the project was subsequently abandoned"), "Our Lord's View of the Future," and "Clerical Veracity." From the concluding essay it is easy to see at a glance Mr. Rawlinson's position. "It

is not necessarily a dishonest proceeding" he writes, "to recite the Creeds in worship with a general intention of being identified with the historic faith of Christendom as a whole, even though an attitude of reserve be maintained in respect of particular clauses of the Creeds." We are more puzzled by the statement that "the Christian Church is entrusted with a definite, though not very easily definable, Gospel."

WEAPONS FOR WORKERS. By J. Ellis. (*Robert Scott*. 2s. net.) Another of Mr. Ellis's really valuable volumes of outline addresses which have proved themselves of such great service to Christian workers. Packed within the covers of this interesting volume are no fewer than three hundred and twenty-two Outline Addresses, Illustrations and Incidents, Children's Addresses and Illustrations, Bible Readings and Talks, Temperance Addresses and Points, and Seed Thoughts. The arrangement is excellent in its grouping, and the index of texts will be found convenient. Mr. Ellis has a happy style, and the Christian worker who has this book at hand will never be at a loss for the material for a really bright, fresh, pointed, and telling address.

SUNDAY EPISTLES: STUDIES FOR THE CHRISTIAN YEAR. By the Rev. Canon J. H. B. Masterman, M.A. (*S.P.C.K.* 2s. net.) Those who are acquainted with Canon Masterman's weekly column in the *Church Family Newspaper* will value this volume, which embodies them in a permanent form. The "Studies" will afford real help to preachers in the study.

TALKS TO BOYS OR MEN IN THE MAKING. By James Logan, M.A., F.R.G.S. (*Robert Scott*. 2s. net.) One of the most difficult congregations to preach to acceptably is one composed of lads, and everything that will assist the teacher or the preacher in his task is to be welcomed. Mr. Logan seems to have a special faculty for interesting boys, and these "talks" are just the very thing to stimulate their interest and to arrest their attention. They are so framed that they may also be given to a boy to read, and the volume will make a very acceptable present to a lad.

TEN MINUTES WITH THE BIBLE: ALL SAINTS'-TIDE AND SAINTS' DAY, and THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN AND EPISTLES. By the author of "The Steep Ascent." (*Elliot Stock*. 1s. 6d. net each.) Two more volumes in a delightful series of Bible Readings, to each of which is added a precept and a prayer. As aids to profitable meditation and true devotion, these little books are treasures indeed.

THE CREDENTIALS OF THE CROSS. By Northcote Deck, M.B., Ch.M. With Foreword by Albert A. Head. (*Morgan and Scott, Ltd.* 2s. 6d. net.) The author is a missionary in the Solomon Islands, and he shows from his experience among the needy and benighted souls of that region that "the key to the heavenlies is still the Cross; the fount of knowledge is still the Scriptures; the title-deeds to heaven are still the wounded Hands."

FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS CONCERNING THE WORK OF CHRIST. By the Rev. John T. Ward, M.A., D.D. (*Christian Literature Society of Japan*.)

THE INHERITANCE OF THE SAINTS; OR, THOUGHTS ON THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS AND THE LIFE OF THE WORLD TO COME. Arranged by L. P. (*Longmans, Green and Co.* 1s. 6d. net.) An abridged edition of a larger work, arranged for the Saturdays of the Christian year as a help both "as a preparation for the Sunday Eucharist, and also as a means of meditation on the Communion of Saints and the World Unseen."

WAR BOOKS.

QUIT YOU LIKE MEN. By Randall Thomas Davidson, D.D., Archbishop of Canterbury. (*S.P.C.K.* 1s. net.) A very welcome reprint of "sermons in time of war" preached by the Archbishop of Canterbury. No one has more accurately gauged the spiritual call of the war than the Archbishop, and his sermons dealing with the great problems have always excited attention and interest. The issues of the war are forcibly stated, and the duty of Christian citizens of this great Empire is clearly and earnestly expounded.

ILLUSTRATIONS FROM THE GREAT WAR. By the Rev. J. W. W. Moeran, M.A. (*Robert Scott*. 2s. 6d. net.) This is one of the most useful books of its kind that we have yet seen. We agree most heartily with Mr. Moeran that "never before has the Church had such a splendid opportunity of proclaiming her

Master's message, and showing how the love of God in Christ is the one hope of this sad world amid the clash and confusion of its rival interests." But, of course, everything depends upon the way the opportunity is used. Not a few preachers have misused it and preached sermons on the war which might do well for the columns of a daily paper, but as a message to the soul have no value, and their only effect on the man in the pew is to irritate him. Mr. Moeran's volume would remedy all that. He has collected together upwards of 200 "illustrations" which, when skilfully used in a sermon or an address, will give point to the religious or ethical truth which needs to be driven home. The tone of the book is admirable; the "illustrations" are made to serve a spiritual purpose and mark a high religious ideal. The busy preacher will be grateful for the Index to cross-references, which will enable him rapidly to find what he wants. The volume is one that we most warmly commend; it is calculated to be of the highest usefulness. It is a splendid piece of work, upon which Mr. Moeran deserves to be warmly congratulated.

SOME SPIRITUAL LESSONS OF THE WAR. By the Rev. Prebendary H. P. Denison, B.A. (*Robert Scott*. 1s. 6d. net.) Five Sermons dealing respectively with "The Maxim of St. Ignatius," "The Cause for which we are Fighting," "The Privilegium of this World," "The Experience of History," and "The New Heaven and the New Earth." A thoughtful and stimulating contribution to the question which is in the minds of all Christian men.

THE GREAT WORLD DRAMA. By Mrs. Edward Trotter. (*Elliot Stock*. 1s. net.) A singularly interesting and suggestive book, dealing with the war from the point of view of prophecy. Clearly and simply written, it will help the reader, even as the study has helped the author, to a clearer light and a more coherent view of the past and future as it bears on the present day. It is altogether free from the technicalities which too often make books on prophecy unpopular.

IS IT ARMAGEDDON? By Henry Sulley. (*Simpkin, Marshall and Co.* 6d. net.) A reprint of "Britain in Prophecy," first issued in 1904, and now brought up to date in the light of current events. The writer's view is that the central theatre of Armageddon is not Europe but Palestine, and that all nations are to be gathered in conflict. At present only half the world is engaged; the other half looks on, and for the present takes no part. "Whether such a development will be the outcome of the war," the writer says, "we must wait and see."

MISSIONARY.

ADVENTURES OF MISSIONARY EXPLORERS. By R. M. A. Ibbotson. (*Seeley, Service and Co., Ltd.* 5s.) There are few stories more thrilling, when they are sympathetically told, than those of the life and labours of missionary workers in different parts of the world, and Mr. Ibbotson, who writes with interest and sympathy, has given us a volume of rare strength and merit. He tells of the heroism, fortitude, and indomitable courage of Dr. T. L. Pennell, Mr. Barbrooke Grubb, Bishop Bompas, Dr. Griffith John, Mr. George Grenfell, and many another missionary explorer. The narratives are presented with remarkable freshness and picturesqueness, and the reader quickly gains a vivid impression of missionary trials and difficulties. The volume is interesting in itself; it will serve also the deeper purpose of awakening and stimulating missionary zeal. The illustrations are excellent.

HERALDS OF THE CROSS. By E. B. Trist. (*S.P.C.K.* 2s. net.) An unpretentious but exhilarating collection of sketches of missionary heroes. The author introduces us to many well-known personages, including Mrs. Bishop, "a mother of Missions," Henry Martyn, Bishop Hannington, Bishop Crowther, Bishop Patten, Alexander Mackay, Samuel Marsden, and Captain Allan Gardiner. Others not so well known include Bishop Broughton, Archdeacon Cowley, General Hutchinson, who afterwards became Lay Secretary of the C.M.S., Bishop Mackenzie, and many others. These sketches are lightly and pleasantly written, and the volume is well adapted for reading at missionary working-parties.

MISSIONARY KNIGHTS OF THE CROSS. By John C. Lambert, M.A., D.D. (*Seeley, Service and Co., Ltd.* 2s. 6d.) A volume of unique interest. It tells of adventures of missionaries with uncivilized man, wild beasts, and the forces of Nature in many parts of the world. We are taken in succession to Mongolia,

the Telugu country, Japan, Tibet, Uganda, and other African missionary fields, and to the shores of Hudson Bay. In these pages we are shown the "romance of missions," a phrase which is often glibly used but not always adequately understood. Dr. Lambert acquaints us with missionary life as it really is, and the heroism of those of whom he writes should surely prove an incentive to many to dedicate their lives to missionary service. This is the author's hope, and we do not think he will be altogether disappointed. His book is most impressive.

SOME BATTLEFIELDS OF THE CROSS. By E. B. Trist. (*S.P.C.K.* 2s.) This volume forms an excellent supplement to "Heralds of the Cross," by the same writer, noticed above. It deals with the workers' environment, the "battlefields" chosen being those in Asia and the islands of the Southern Seas. A considerable amount of information concerning the various countries and the manners and customs of the people is brought together, and is presented in a form which is pleasant and interesting to read.

HEROINES OF HEALING. By C. E. Padwick. (*C.M.S. Depot.* 4d.) A collection of lessons for leaders among working girls.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY FOR AFRICA AND THE EAST, being the 116th Annual Report of the C.M.S. (*C.M.S. House.* 1s. 6d.) To ALL THE NATIONS is the "Short Report" issued at 6d.

GENERAL.

VIEWS ON SOME SOCIAL SUBJECTS. By Sir Dyce Duckworth, Bt., M.D., LL.D. (*George Allen and Unwin, Ltd.* 7s. 6d. net.) A collection of papers read before different gatherings or contributed to certain periodicals at various times. Their publication in book form will be widely welcomed, for Sir Dyce Duckworth has the gift of expressing himself with vigour and determination, and the present volume is as forceful as it is interesting. Most of the subjects dealt with have some association with the practice of medicine, but there is nothing technical in their treatment, and the non-professional reader, equally with others, will thoroughly enjoy the book. Among the more general topics dealt with are "Women: their Probable Place and Prospects in the Twentieth Century," "Amended Legislation for Habitual Drunkards," "Science and Christian Faith," "Sunday Observance," etc. The distinguished author surmises that some of his opinions will raise objections in the minds of the kindest readers; and we can well believe it. Thus in an address at the inauguration of St. Bartholomew's School of Nursing, he said: "I recommend to none of you habits of teetotalism, which for the community at large I also discountenance, though if any of you be already total abstainers from the stronger liquors, I say by all means follow out your principles if they agree with you; yet for the unpledged amongst you—the majority, I surmise—I give this piece of advice, and implore you to follow it out to the letter—*take these drinks only with your meals and never by themselves at any other times.* That, I believe, to be also the law for the community at large, and the practice of it, and not teetotalism, constitutes the first step towards the redemption of our so-called Christian England from its greatest curse—that of intemperance in strong drink." Of course all this was spoken long before the King's pledge came into vogue. With Sir Dyce Duckworth's views on Sunday Observance we find ourselves more in agreement: "There is an idea spreading from our Roman brethren that an early attendance in Church is sufficient to mark the day, and that the rest of it may safely be given over to any form of pleasure or enjoyment. This is not Anglican teaching, and God forbid that it ever should be." On the "Ministry of Healing" he declares that doctors "as 'priests of the body' gladly welcome any inspiration and assurance that may come from appropriate ministration at the hands of any Christian minister as a reinforcement of our professional efforts, but we are not prepared to act as anointers or thaumaturgists ourselves, or to sanction any such efforts as substitutes for the practice of legitimate medicine in cases of disease." On "Christian Science" he comes down with just severity: "I will declare that so-called Christian Science, or Eddyism, stands condemned as an unwholesome and un-Christian method, and convicted as a source of mischief and positive danger for the sick." Sir Dyce Duckworth's volume will

arrest attention by its manly, outspoken utterances. It is invigorating to read such a book.

THE VILLAGE CHURCH. By P. H. Ditchfield, M.A., F.S.A. (*Methuen and Co., Ltd.* 5s. net.) A delightful volume of rich antiquarian, historical, and artistic merit. The writer says that during the last thirty years he has visited village churches in various parts of England, making notes of their architectural features and contents, and that this book is the result of his antiquarian wanderings. The volume is one of the widest possible interest. Few people are aware of the treasures of art and beauty stored in many a village church, and Mr. Ditchfield's volume will be valued by all intelligent tourists as well as by those closely identified with village life.

THE LAD AT THE CROSS-ROADS. By the Rev. Walter E. Bristow, M.A. (*S.P.C.K.* 2s. net.) An excellent volume for working lads, who will appreciate the writer's intimate acquaintance with their difficulties. The Bishop of Peterborough, who supplies a brief "Foreword," describes the book as "straight, true, and manly as anything can be." "This book," he adds, "will really help you. The writer seems to know exactly what is wanted as you stand at the cross-roads." Mr. Bristow has met a real need.

THE STARS AND THEIR MYSTERIES. By Charles R. Gibson, F.R.S.C. (*Seeley, Service and Co., Ltd.* 3s. 6d.) Astronomy is always a fascinating study, and Mr. Gibson's interestingly written account of its wonders, told in simple language, will quickly make its appeal to uninitiated readers of all ages. The illustrations and diagrams are most useful. An amazing amount of useful information is contained in these pages.

THE ETIQUETTE OF TO-DAY. Edited by Flora Klickmann. (*Office of Girl's Own Paper and Woman's Magazine.* 1s. net.)

THE MAGNETIC NORTH. By Elizabeth Robins. (*Thomas Nelson and Sons.* 7d.). A fresh volume in the Sevenpenny Library Series.

