

School" is full of sound common sense in the shape of twelve good rules. Perhaps some schoolmasters, seeing Mr. Logan's little book, will be inspired to attempt something of the same kind. Those who have to address Scouts or members of a Boys' Brigade will find plenty of suggestive topics and telling illustrations. We cordially welcome this volume, and hope that the author will be encouraged to give us another set of his helpful "Talks."

OUR OPPORTUNITY IN THE WEST INDIES. By Benjamin G. O'Rorke, M.A., Chaplain to the Forces. Illustrated. London: S.P.G. Price 1s. net.

"This book," we are told, "intended primarily for the use of Missionary Study circles, deals chiefly with the work of the Anglican Church in the West Indies and British Guiana." It is well written, and is adorned with some twenty-five illustrations. The account of the discovery by Columbus, his reception by, and dealings with, the natives, and their cruel treatment at the hands of the Spaniards, are briefly but tellingly set before the reader. The origin and growth of negro slavery in these islands is then described, the condition of the slaves, the struggle resulting in their emancipation through the efforts of William Wilberforce, Thomas Clarkson, and T. Fowell Buxton, and details of the various islands, being all charmingly narrated. There is an account of the prominent Bishops, and we are introduced to the various branches of Church activity in the islands. The book is pre-eminently readable, and cannot fail to interest. We would strongly recommend anyone who has any connection with the West Indies, or wishes to know anything of their history, to purchase this little volume, which contains so much suggestive information in such a compact form. It is indeed *multum in parvo*.



Publications of the Month.

[Insertion under this heading neither precludes nor guarantees a further notice.]

THEOLOGICAL AND DEVOTIONAL.

THE DOCTRINE OF THE ATONEMENT. By J. K. Mozley, M.A. (*Duckworth and Co.*, 2s. 6d. net.) Mr. Mozley is no stranger to readers of the *CHURCHMAN*, and this volume (an addition to the "Studies in Theology" series) will be warmly welcomed for its scholarly treatment, its clear exposition, and its well-balanced arguments. It will not command universal assent, but it is eminently a book to be read and pondered. Mr. Mozley insists that "if the Cross is not the whole Gospel, it is the Gospel's centre and enlivening power."

FROM DOUBT TO FAITH. By Horace G. Hutchinson. (*Longmans, Green and Co.*, 1s. 6d. net.) A very moving and impressive story, and leads up to the conclusion that "the peace which passeth understanding is actually the portion of the Christian in this life."

FAMILY PRAYERS. By the Very Rev. C. J. Vaughan, D.D. (*Robert Scott*, 2s. 6d. net.) A most welcome reprint of a sustaining and inspiring volume of devotion. It should be in great request now that there are, happily, signs of a real revival of the family altar. [See "The Month," p. 6.]

A CHAIN OF PRAYER ACROSS THE AGES. Compiled and arranged for daily use. By Selina Fitzherbert Fox, M.D., B.S. (*John Murray*, 2s. 6d.) A new edition of a remarkable work which attracted great attention when it first appeared in 1913. It contains a collection of prayers gathered from the widest sources, extending from the time of Abraham to the twentieth century.

VISIONS FOR MISSIONARIES AND OTHERS. By Bishop Montgomery, D.D., D.C.L. (S.P.G., 1s. 6d. net.) A thought-compelling collection of essays, mostly reprinted from the *Mission Field*. The controversial note is not absent, but it is not obtrusive.

WAR LITERATURE.

THE FAITH AND THE WAR. Edited by F. J. Foakes-Jackson, D.D. (*Macmillan and Co., Ltd.*, 5s. net.) This is a composite volume, the contributors being members of the Churchmen's Union, and others who give their views on "the religious difficulties aroused by the present condition of the world." Among the writers are the Dean of St. Paul's, the Dean of Durham, the Rev. E. A. Burroughs, and the Rev. E. A. Taylor, none of whom, however, appears to be associated with the Churchmen's Union, and the following, who are described as members of that body—viz., Professor Percy Gardner (President), Canon Rashdall, Canon F. J. Foakes-Jackson (Editor), Canon Glazebrook (Chairman of Council); and Mr. Cyril W. Emmet. The essays cover a wide field of interest, and, allowing for the distinctive point of view, they are likely to be of real service. But they are "stiff" reading.

THE WAR AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD. Edited by the Rev. G. K. A. Bell, M.A. (*Longmans, Green and Co.*, 2s. 6d.) A similar volume to that just noticed, but the writers are of another school, and include Canons Goudge, Peter Green, Scott Holland, and Simpson, and the Editor. It supplies an answer to the oft-repeated question "Is Christianity discredited as a national force?"

THE CHURCH IN THE FIGHTING LINE. By the Rev. D. P. Winnifrith, with Preface by General Smith-Dorrien, and Foreword by the Bishop of London. (*Hodder and Stoughton*, 2s. 6d. net.) A most impressive story, most impressively told. The author takes us to the battlefield and gives us his experiences as a Chaplain in charge of an Infantry Brigade. The Bishop of London commends the volume as containing "a tale of simple heroism not often surpassed in history."

A MESSAGE TO THE NATIONS. By Mrs. Kilvington. (*Ward, Lock and Co., Ltd.*, 1s. net.) A volume which will appeal to all students of prophecy.

PERIODICALS.

THE ENGLISH CHURCH REVIEW (*Longmans, Green and Co.*, 6d. net), in its December number, reprints the Bishop of Oxford's article on "Is the Church of England worth Preserving?" and the passage on Kikuyu from the Bishop of Winchester's Charge. Professor Whitney, the Rev. H. U. Whelpton and Dr. Sparrow Simpson contribute articles on "The Episcopate at the Reformation," "The Sacrament of Penance," and "Christ's Revelation of God," respectively.

THE CHURCH MISSIONARY REVIEW (*C.M.S. House*, 6d.), in its December issue, has a good supply of Editorial Notes and the following articles: "Advent Thoughts by Missionaries in Moslem Lands": I. "The Future of Israel and Islam: is there a Connexion?" (F. Johnson, M.B., F.R.C.S.); II. "The Times of the Gentiles—Fulfilled" (Rev. W. Stanley, M.A.). "The Educational Problem in Uganda" (Right Rev. J. J. Willis, D.D.); "Denationalizing a Primitive People" (Rev. G. T. Basden, M.A.); "A War Chaplain's Experiences in Uganda" (Rev. G. R. Blackledge); "Mission Study among Boys" (S. Shoran Singha); "Some Memories of the Rev. John Rooker" (Rev. J. Rooker, M.A.).

S.P.C.K. Diaries.

We have received from the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge a selection of their admirable Diaries for 1916. *The Churchman's Almanack* is issued in several sizes, and in bindings of sufficient variety to suit all tastes. The information supplied, particularly in the larger edition, known as *The Churchman's Remembrancer*, is most valuable, and Church-people using these handy little books, so conveniently adapted for the pocket, will soon be posted up in regard to facts which every loyal son of the Church should know. The space available for daily memoranda, account-keeping, etc., is ample for all needs, and clergy especially will find these almanacks invaluable. The sheet almanacks are also very effective. Churchwardens may well have their attention directed to the "Parochial Offertory" book, which, if regularly kept, will be found most useful. "The Churchman's Calendar" and "The Prayer-Desk Calendar" ought to be in every church in the land. We heartily commend these publications, which are a credit to the great Society, and they are issued at prices from 1d. upwards, which bring them within the reach of all.