

however, on educational and medical missions for the Jews in England (p. 147) is both uncalled for and unjust. We can speak from knowledge that a medical mission, conducted on Christian lines, is Christ-like, and one of the best means of removing Jewish prejudice and of exhibiting to the Jews practical kindness which they appreciate. Writing as a "Catholic," Miss Kirkpatrick is too anxious to find similarity between the teaching of the Synagogue and that of Anglican Catholics. This fact makes her overstate her case and read ritualistic notions into Jewish practices. For instance, she speaks of the Jews "bowing towards the recess in the *East end* of the Synagogue" (p. 101). This is misleading. As a matter of fact, the Jew does not turn to the East when he prays, but to Jerusalem, at whatever point of the compass that may lie. In the days of our Lord, Jews in Jerusalem prayed toward the Holy of Holies, which was in the *West*. Again, speaking of praying for the dead, Miss Kirkpatrick says "the custom, of course, is pre-Christian" (p. 94). It is true that Jewish *mourners* pray for their dead and that a son says "Kaddish" for his deceased parents for about a year. Yet the practice cannot be proved to have existed before the sixth century of the Christian era, and the "Kaddish" is *not* a prayer for the dead. It is a beautiful doxology and prayer that the Messianic kingdom may soon come. It was originally used as a closing collect in the schools, and has no special reference to the dead. The writer's reference to the Jewish belief in Purgatory is also one-sided. Although from time to time divergent speculations have been suggested by different Rabbis, the Synagogue has not formulated any doctrine of Purgatory. The unseen world is divided into *two* parts, the Garden of Eden and Gehenna.

Miss Kirkpatrick is a strong advocate for a Hebrew Christian Church. The question is a moot one, and many Jewish converts are in favour of such a Church, but until the Jews have a country of their own, the realization of such a plan seems to many others not to be feasible.

Apart from the points to which we had to take exception, the book is excellently written and supplies a long-felt need.



## Publications of the Month.

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### BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL.

CONSCIENCE AND CHRIST. By Hastings Rashdall, D.Litt. (*Duckworth and Co.* 5s. net.) A volume of lectures given at the Theological Seminary of Oberlin College, Ohio, U.S.A., in 1913, the publication of which has been delayed by the war. Canon Rashdall says in his Preface that he has been struck by the different tone in which moral questions are dealt with by philosophers on the one hand and by theologians and preachers on the other. The Moral Philosopher, if he is not one of those who explain away Morality altogether, usually holds that Morality means the following of conscience. In theological books and sermons it is as commonly assumed that the supreme rule for a Christian is to follow Christ. Canon Rashdall believes that there is truth in both principles, but it is obvious that this position involves a problem as to the relation between the two authorities, and a problem not very often explicitly dealt with. That is the problem with which these lectures are mainly occupied.

THE INTERNATIONAL CRITICAL COMMENTARY: THE EPISTLE OF ST. JAMES. By James Hardy Ropes. (*T. and T. Clark.* 9s. net.) A welcome addition to this well-known Commentary. It is both critical and exegetical, and in both respects it is marked by ripe scholarship, reverent tone and illuminating

application. The difficult phrase in James i. 17, "shadow of turning" is given an interpretation which is new, but it must remain for discussion whether even yet we have the right solution.

**THE VIRGIN BIRTH OF JESUS.** By G. H. Box, M.A. With Foreword by the Bishop of London. (*Sir Isaac Pitman and Sons, Ltd.* 5s. net.) This is a work of the first importance. It presents a critical examination of the Gospel-narratives of the Nativity and other New Testament and early Christian evidence, and the alleged influence of heathen ideas. The author's own "firm conviction is that the essential truthfulness of the Gospel-narratives only shines forth with added lustre as they emerge from the fiery ordeal to which they have been subjected." The Bishop of London commends the book as "very clear and scholarly" and one which will "carry conviction to the unprejudiced mind."

**WHY MEN PRAY.** By Charles Lewis Slattery, D.D. (*Macmillan and Co., Ltd.* 3s. 6d. net.) A deeply sympathetic treatise, beautifully written and leading men's thoughts heavenward. In a series of six chapters Dr. Slattery shows that prayer is inherent in human nature, discovers God, and unites men; that God depends on men's prayer, and that prayer submits to the test and receives God.

**HAVE YOU UNDERSTOOD CHRISTIANITY?** By W. J. Carey, M.A., R.N. (*Longmans, Green and Co.* 2s. net.) A well-intentioned book, written entirely from the Sacramental point of view. The chapter on conversion strikes us as painfully inadequate.

**THE RAINBOW CROWN.** By C. E. Stone. (*Robert Scott.* 2s. net.) Those who know Mr. Stone's *Flowers of Gold* will be ready with a specially warm welcome for this further volume of "talks to boys and girls." Bright, terse, clear and direct, these "Talks" cannot fail to interest young people. The book will be invaluable to teachers and preachers and it will also give much enjoyment to boys and girls who use it as a reading-book.

**PEACE-MAKERS.** By Violet and Armel O'Connor. (*Methuen and Co., Ltd.* 1s. net.) A collection of papers and verses which have already appeared in *The Westminster Gazette*, *The Universe*, *The Rosary* and other publications. John Oxenham contributes a "Foreword" in the shape of a poem on "Peace and Good-will" which is quite the gem of the collection. Let this extract suffice:—

Remember!—this the promise is,—  
 "To men of good-will—Peace!"  
 If we would compass lasting peace,  
 We must cast out from our full treasuries  
 All that now stands between,  
 And makes the promise vain.  
 We must return once more to Him,  
 Whose grace  
 This full world tends to dim.  
 We must, if needs be, tread His ways  
 Of poverty and pain,—  
 With single soul we must become  
 His men again.

**STUDIES IN LOVE AND DARING.** By A. S. L. (Mrs. Hugh Jones). (*William Rider and Son, Ltd.* 3s. 6d. net.) A series of beautifully written sketches—tender, eloquent and true—founded on minor characters in the Gospels and the Acts, designed to show that the essentials of Christian discipleship have always been "love and daring."

#### GENERAL.

**THE PLACE-NAMES OF DURHAM.** By the Rev. Charles E. Jackson, M.A. (*George Allen and Unwin, Ltd.* 5s. net.) This is a volume of much wider literary interest than its simple title would imply. The inquiry has been conducted with thoroughness and the list of authorities consulted contains the names of rolls, documents and volumes not easily accessible. The writer acknowledges the difficulty of his task, for he tells us that Anglo-Saxon is practically a new and difficult language even to an educated Englishman who approaches

it for the first time. The inquiry has yielded most satisfactory results, even though "the real derivation of many place-names puts to confusion a host of the popular and beloved etymologies."

**CRISES IN THE HISTORY OF THE PAPACY.** By Joseph McCabe. (*G. P. Putnam's Sons*. 10s. 6d. net.) A history of the Papacy in one [volume is something of an achievement, yet it has been in a certain degree accomplished, by Mr. McCabe, who has written a study of a score of the outstanding Popes, giving an adequate account of the work and personality of each. Each of these Popes represents a significant or critical stage in the development of the Papacy, and the periods which lie between the various Pontificates have been compressed into a brief account of their essential characters and more prominent representations so that the work forms a continuous study of the Papacy. In the list of the Popes, the name of Peter A.D. 67 is put first, but in a footnote Mr. McCabe explains that no writer calls him "bishop" of Rome until the third century, and it cannot be regarded as *proved* that he ever visited Rome. "The date of his death, and the succeeding dates until the third century, and many later, are conjectural and disputed."

**MADCAP JANE OR YOUTH.** By C. A. Dawson Scott; and **THE GENTLEMAN: A ROMANCE OF THE SEA.** By Alfred Ollivant—two new volumes in Nelson's Sevenpenny series; **THE STORY OF THE MALAKAND FIELD FORCE, 1897.** By Winston L. Spencer Churchill—a volume of Nelson's Shilling Library. (*T. Nelson and Sons, Ltd.*)

### PAMPHLETS.

**SOME THOUGHTS ON THE ATHANASIAN CREED.** By Professor F. C. Burkitt, D.D. (*S.P.C.K.*: 2d. net.) An abridgment of an address given at Cambridge in 1910. Professor Burkitt insists upon the importance of right doctrine and looks with some misgiving upon the movement for getting rid of the Athanasian Creed, "a movement which has for its object the banishment of the most reflective and scientific exposition of the Christian idea of God in relation to man, at the bidding mainly of modern humanitarian sentiment and squeamishness."

### PERIODICALS.

**THE EXPOSITORY TIMES** (*T. and T. Clark*. 6d.) for May has a variety of "Notes of Recent Exposition," several pages of most interesting reviews, a goodly budget of Contributions and Comments, and the following articles: "The Mysticism of Greece" (Adela Marion Adam, M.A.). "The Revelation of God in Christ" (Rev. H. R. Mackintosh, D.D.). "The Denials of Peter" (Sir W. M. Ramsay, D.C.L.). "The Mystery of the Kingdom" (Rev. J. Warschauer), and "The Bookshelf by the Fire" (Rev. George Jackson).

**THE IRISH CHURCH QUARTERLY.** (*Hodges, Figgis and Co., Ltd.* 1s. 6d.) The current number is an excellent one with articles on "Alfred George Elliott, Bishop of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh" (Ven. Robert Wallace Boyd). "Idealism and Realism" (R. A. P. Rogers). "Ireland and the War" (Rev. W. S. Kerr, B.D.). "The Stowe Missal" (E. J. Gwynn). "Kohleth and Khayyam" (Rev. F. W. O'Connell, B.D.). "The Evolution of Body and Mind in Man" (Very Rev. C. T. Ovenden, D.D.).

**THE ENGLISH CHURCH REVIEW** (*Longmans Green and Co.* 6d. net.) for May has a budget of Notes and Criticisms, and the following articles: "The State of the Departed" (Archbishop of Melbourne). "Dissatisfaction with the English Communion Office." "Report on Religious Unity." "The Contribution of the Church of England to Foreign Missions" (Rev. M. R. Newbolt). "The Stewardship of Faith" (Rev. Fr. Neville Figgis). "Principles of Agreement between Roman and Anglican."

**THE CHURCH MISSIONARY REVIEW** (*C.M.S. House*. 6d.) for May has articles as follows: "Travancore and Cochin: A Centenary Survey" (Rev. W. S. Hunt). "Problems of the Mass Movement in the C.M.S. Districts of the United Provinces" (Revs. S. J. Edwin, and R. T. Howard). "The Panama Congress" (Rt. Rev. H. R. Hulse, D.D.). "The Chekiang Diocesan Synod" (Rev. H. Barton). "In Memoriam: I. Rowland Bateman (R. Maconachie and Rev. H. U. Weitbrecht, D.D.); II. Elizabeth Anne Bishop."