

Publications of the Month.

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BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL.

CONCERNING PRAYER, ITS NATURE, ITS DIFFICULTIES AND ITS VALUE. By the author of "Pro Christo et Ecclesia" and other writers (*Macmillan and Co., Ltd., 7s. 6d. net*). A remarkable book. The problems of prayer, more especially in connexion with the war, are making themselves felt in different quarters; and at a time when in all the churches there is resounding the call to prayer the publication of such a volume renders conspicuous service. Its scope is thus described: "In this volume a lady, three laymen, two parish clergymen, two clerical dons—all Anglicans—a Wesleyan theological tutor, a Congregational minister, and an American professor belonging to the Society of Friends put forward some thoughts which are the result of a sustained corporate effort to clear up their own ideas on this important matter. Most of them have been able to meet regularly at a series of conferences in which subjects were discussed, and essays previously drafted were probably criticized, to be rewritten and again discussed at later meetings." Each writer is responsible only for his or her own essay, but when it is the result of the conference discussion its value is proportionately enhanced.

OUR PLACE IN CHRISTENDOM. Lectures delivered at St. Martin-in-the-Fields. With Preface by the Bishop of London. (*Longmans, Green and Co., 3s. 6d. net*). These lectures, delivered by distinguished theologians and historians, attracted considerable attention when they were delivered in the autumn of last year, and collected together in this volume they form a very striking and valuable contribution to the discussion of a great question. In detail we find ourselves at variance on some points, but the general treatment of the theme will be warmly welcomed. The lecturers were Canon Mason, Dr. Frere, Professor Whitney, Dr. Figgis, Professor Scott Holland, the Bishop of Oxford and Dr. A. W. Robinson. The volume furnishes a strong indication of the Anglican position against the claims of Papalism.

THE BOOK OF JONAH: A STUDY OF BIBLICAL PURPOSE AND METHOD. By the Rev. T. H. Dodson, M.A. (*S.P.C.K., 1s. net*). The writer concludes that "the Book of Jonah is a sacred allegory," and from that point of view discusses what he conceives to be its purpose. He is faced with the difficulty of our Lord's references to Jonah, and he offers an explanation to fit his theory. But his treatment of the theme is far from satisfactory.

REVIVAL: THE NEED AND THE POSSIBILITIES. By the Rev. Cyril C. B. Bardsley. With Foreword by the Bishop of Liverpool (*Longmans, Green and Co., 1s. 6d. net*). This little volume has been anticipated with great interest, and it does not disappoint us. It goes to the roots of the question, and the careful—and we may add prayerful—consideration of its teaching will be found most helpful. We know of no more stimulating volume for clergy and others to have in their hands as they prepare for the National Mission.

NATURE AND GOD. By the Rev. T. A. Lacey (*S.P.C.K., 1s. net*). A small book on some great questions. Cast in the form of letters to a questioner, the chapters show that the order and regularity of Nature are a ground for believing in God, not for doubting.

SIMPLE ANSWERS TO SOME GREAT QUESTIONS. By the Bishop of Birmingham. (*Longmans, Green and Co., 1s. net*). The value of this book is in its simplicity and its naturalness. It "makes no claim to learning"; it simply shows us how these great questions were faced and answered by the Bishop himself. The questions are seven in number—What is Religion? Is there a God? "What think ye of Christ?" "Have ye received the Holy Ghost?" Is the Bible true? Is Life worth living? Is Britain's part in the present war justifiable? In some of the answers we should like to see a stronger note, but without doubt the Bishop's simplicity of style and treatment will appeal to many of the class for whom the book was written.

- "WITH WHAT BODY DO THEY COME?" By the Rev. H. F. Waller-Bridge, M.A.. With Foreword by the Rev. Dr. Rosedale (*Kegan Paul and Co.*, 1s. 6d. net). A book for mourners. The writer answers his questions thus: "The Resurrection would seem to be a resurrection of an Intensified Personality," and he is clear that we shall know our loved ones again.
- AIDS TO PROPHECIC STUDY. No. 7, "Historicist, Præterist, Futurist; What are these?" and No. 8, "Sir Isaac Newton on the Prophetic Symbols." By the Rev. E. P. Cachemaille, M.A. (*C. J. Thynne*, 6d. net each.) Two more numbers of the valuable series of booklets issued by the Prophecy Investigation Society.
- THOUGHTS ON THE SIXTH CHAPTER OF THE GOSPEL OF ST. JOHN. By the Rev. E. K. Elliott, M.A. (*C. J. Thynne*, 6d.). A scholarly treatise, designed to show that verses 53 and 54 are *not* to be literally and corporeally understood, i.e., as referring to a reception by the mouth of the body and blood of Christ at the Lord's Supper.
- THE ANARCHY OF ETHICS. By the Rev. W. Remfry Hunt (*Morgan and Scott, Ltd.*, 6d.). A careful and telling study of the causes which led Germany to make war, and pointing out that "the break-down of Civilization is surely the prophecy of the enthronement of righteousness."
- THE EVANGELICAL MOVEMENT: ITS MESSAGE AND ACHIEVEMENT. By the Rev. F. S. Guy Warman, D.D. (*Morgan and Scott, Ltd.*, 6d.) [See Note on p. 421.]
- CARRYING ON THOUGH WOUNDED. By the Rev. G. K. S. Marshall. (*S.P.C.K.*, 1d. net.)
- THE NATURAL AND THE SUPERNATURAL IN SCIENCE AND RELIGION. By Canon J. M. Wilson, D.D. (*S.P.C.K.*, 6d. net.) Two lectures to men.

PERIODICALS.

- THE JOURNAL OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES. (*Humphrey Milford*, 3s. 6d. net). Among the "Notes and Studies" in the current issue are:—"Arles and Rome: the first Developments of Canon Law in Gaul" (C. H. Turner). "The Ordination Prayers in the Ancient Church Order" (Rev. V. Bartlet, D.D.). "The Deification of Man in Clement of Alexandria: some further Notes" (Rev. C. Lattey, S.J.). "The Two Elements in Marcion's Dualism" (Rev. R. B. Tollinton, D.D.). "Rhythm and Intonation in St. Mark i.-ix." (Rev. E. I. Robson, B.D.). "The Situation of Tarshish" (Rev. W. W. Covey-Crump). "The Last Supper and the Paschal Meal" (F. C. Burkitt, D.D.). "Textual Criticism of the Old Testament" (N. McLean). "A Comment on Luke xii. 41-58" (A. K. Clarke and N. E. W. Collie).