

The Pharisees.*"Primitive Methodism in the Yorkshire Wolds."*

SOME boys were asked what they knew about the Pharisees. "They are a mean lot, sir," said one boy. "Why do you think so?" "Because some of them brought a penny to Christ once, and He took it in His hand, looked at it, and said, "Whose *subscription* is this?"

Evangelicalism.

By the Rev. James S. Stone, D.D.

The Church Review (New York).

EVANGELICALISM awake can do, and has done, wonders. Its keynote of personal religion begins a message that has been of glad tidings to countless myriads of our race. But evangelicalism asleep is of all sights most pitiable. It reminds one of a plucked lily—once the sweetest, it rapidly becomes one of the foulest of flowers. It does not make even a beautiful corpse.

Plagiarism.

By the Rev. C. H. Spurgeon.

ONE brother turned our sermons into Welsh, and then translated them back again into English, and so made them his own; who can find any fault with him?

The Seat of Authority.

By the Rev. T. G. Selby.

Methodist Times.

NOT long ago I asked twelve members of a class-meeting, "On what ground does your belief in Christianity rest?"

The members were godly and of average intelligence, but not educated in the theological sense of the term, and the answer in every case was, "On the ground of personal experience." I asked a juvenile class last night the same question, and the answer I got in every case was, "The Bible." The difference in the answer is suggestive. With growing religious life and experience, whilst not forgetting our obligation to the very phraseology of the Scriptures, we have less need to rest on the authority arising from some particular theory of inspiration. Its principles will be inwardly verified. We meet with tourists sometimes who pore over the guide-book in a picture gallery or on a mountain summit when they should be using their eyes in other ways. And the same type of person exists in the Church.

The Great Cobden.*The English Illustrated Magazine.*

AMONG the best fast bowlers ever at Harrow, was F. C. Cobden, who, when at Cambridge, bowled the last three wickets of the Oxford eleven in three consecutive balls, and thus won the match. A smaller Harrow boy being asked by his father whether he was any relation to the great Cobden, replied indignantly, "*He is the great Cobden.*"

Cain.

By William H. Hayne.

The Atlantic Monthly.

A SOMBRE brow, whose dark-veined furrows bear
Remorseful fruit from God's curse planted there,—
Uplifted hands o'er eyes that look though time
Big with the burden of unshriven crime.

The Expository Times Guild of Bible Study.

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