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ministry, the erection of theological colleges and middle-class schools. Having learnt the lesson that bitterness and invective only recoil on those who use them, all their efforts will be animated by the Christian graces of candour, humility and patience.

It was to support, in however small a way, such principles, without a tinge of party spirit, that this Review was founded. That policy it will continue to follow, and, in view of recent events, with far greater hopefulness than before. It will endeavour, in truth, to be a "Churchman" of the Church of England, pure and simple. It will endeavour to promote intelligent discussion, and will aim at enabling those to whom sacerdotalism has become, after fifty years' nurture, a venerable and indisputable tradition to understand better the reasons which induce so many to remain loyal to the point of view of the Reformation. May God grant that the end of all may be, in those words which we all alike use in the prayer for the Catholic Church, and which have before been quoted in this paper, that "all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life!"

WILLIAM SINCLAIR.

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## Short Notices.

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*Gleanings from a Ministry of Fifty Years.* By the Rev. Charles Holland. Cheaper edition. Pp. 311. Elliot Stock.

THE name of Charles Holland, of Petworth, is well known and honoured in the South of England. Mr. Holland modestly apologizes for the publication of these fifty sermons; but he has conferred an obligation, not only on his own people, but on the Church at large. The sermons are models of short, simple, clear evangelical expositions, and will be very valuable amongst the extraordinary perversions of truth which pass for theology in the present day. Special attention may be called to "Christ our High Priest," the two sermons on "Church and Churches," "The Perpetual Memory of His Precious Death," and the two also on "The Future of the World and the Church."

*Thoughts upon some Words of Christ.* By David Wright, Vicar of Stoke Bishop, Gloucestershire. Pp. 156. Elliot Stock.

We are glad that these very original and striking discourses have appeared in a cheaper edition. Mr. Wright does not always answer the question he raises, but in some cases the questions perhaps permit of no answer, and it is as well that they should be raised as a safeguard against a narrow and one-sided theology. The saying of our Lord, that Sodom and Gomorrah would have repented if He had been there, suggests the idea that there may possibly be some compensation for that unhappy race, because of the fact that they never heard Him. The sermons on "The Creation Sabbath," "The Redemption Sabbath," and "The Sabbath of Man" suggest very interesting inquiries and reflections. It is not likely

that all will agree with the treatment, but it is desirable that such thoughts should pass through the minds, even of the most rigid Sabbatarians. In other sermons such difficulties are reverently treated, as the saying "Let the dead bury their dead," the calling of Judas, and the reward of humility. The book is as devout as it is inquiring.

*Matches that Strike.* By the Rev. Charles Bullock, B.D. Pp. 298.

Home Words Publishing Office.

This is a very bright and attractive collection of anecdotes, illustrations and characteristics. In these days, when so many persons are called upon to make speeches, such a sound and well-chosen compilation will be found very useful. There is an alphabetical index of the contents at the beginning, which shows that there are some 360 of these short papers. Apart from any use they may be to speakers, they supply cheerful and pleasant reading for odd moments. The book might be particularly recommended to those whose opportunities of reading and collecting for themselves are necessarily limited. Among those whose characteristics are illustrated are President Lincoln, Archbishop Thomson, Ben Jonson, Bishop Butler, Bishop Blomfield, Sir David Brewster, Browning, Lord Cairns, Dean Burgon, Dean Mansell, Fletcher of Madeley, King George III., General Havelock, Haydn, Henry Martyn, Dr. Johnson, King Louis XII., Sir James Mackintosh, Dean Stanley and Archbishop Tait. The papers all have a useful point. The title of "Matches that Strike" may be said to apply to all of them.

*Four Biographical Sketches.* By the Rev. John Morgan. Pp. 206. Elliot Stock. 1892.

Mr. Morgan has given us in this book short, useful biographies of four eminent Welshmen—Bishop Ollivant, Bishop Thirlwall, the Rev. Griffith Jones of Llanddowror, and the late excellent Q.C., Sir Thomas Phillips. The memoirs are written with full knowledge of the subjects, and with intelligent sympathy for the different characters. The volume concludes with a paper on the condition of the Church in Wales, where the weakness of the case of the assailants is strongly and temperately shown. It is, however, a grave question for Welsh Churchmen whether their best line of policy is their absolute identity with the English Church. Such a policy may suit the English residents in Wales, but it is not one likely to arouse the enthusiasm of the native population. It would have been highly desirable, if it had not been too late, that the four Welsh sees should have been erected into a separate province, with a Primus, or Archbishop, of their own, and with powers of dealing with their own difficulties separately from the English provinces of Canterbury and York. Such a line would have brought out all the native patriotism of the Welsh race, which in reality differs more from the English than does the English from the Scotch. This book may be strongly recommended as illustrating contemporary religious life in Wales.

*Cloister Life in the Days of Cœur de Lion.* By the Dean of Gloucester. Illustrated by Herbert Railton. Isbister and Co.

The Dean of Gloucester's studies in mediæval ecclesiastical history are always delightful. His own sympathies are well known to be strongly on the side of primitive and reformed Christianity, but he can write with intelligent and affectionate admiration of the great saints of mediæval days, and their glorious works. The heroes of whom he chiefly speaks are Hugh of Lincoln, Abbot Samson of Bury St. Edmunds, the builders of Tewkesbury, Simon de Montfort, in connection with Evesham, and Osric of Northumbria, and the finding of his body at Gloucester Cathedral. A description of life at the existing Grande Chartreuse, as an example of Carthusian sentiment and practice, forms an appropriate ending to the volume. The Dean has searched amongst the ancient autho-

rities to good purpose, and in each case has given a charming narrative full of illustration and anecdote. His style is picturesque and easy, and is sure to secure a popular audience for his work. Mr. Herbert Railton, who is the principal illustrator of the volume, is well known for his genius for the sympathetic and effective reproduction of the gems of Gothic architecture, and Mr. Quinton is an able and faithful coadjutor. The pictures are exceedingly beautiful. Dr. Spence has made his reputation as a diligent commentator and theologian, but these reproductions of mediæval religious life in connection with the vast ecclesiastical monuments of a past era are well worthy of the leisure hours of a modern Dean.

## MAGAZINES.

Messrs. Cassell commence a new and important series in *Cottage Gardening*, filled with useful information.

*Little Folks* (Cassell) is as usual written with sympathy, discrimination, and good taste.

*The Cottager and Artisan* (R.T.S.) provides wholesome reading in large type, and excellent illustrations.

*Friendly Greetings* (R.T.S.) has forty short papers on useful subjects for the people.

*Small Change* is the *Home Words* number for Christmas. Certainly a wonderful pennyworth.

*The Expository Times* (T. and T. Clark, Edinburgh) contains an admirable paper on the late Professor Thomas Hill Green, of Balliol.

The contents of the Christmas number of the *Boy's Own Paper* will strongly recommend it.

The *Boy's Own Paper* has papers on Our Lighthouses, Recreation from a Health Point of View, and some capital stories and mechanical hints.

*Starshine* is the Christmas number of the *Girl's Own Paper*, and contains an agreeable mixture of stories and sketches.

In *Sunday at Home* (R.T.S.) Preb. Gordon Calthrop writes on "The Parable of the Unjust Steward," Dr. Robertson on "The Teaching of Jesus," Mr. Treanor on "Life in our Lightships," and there are other papers of the usual high level.

The *Cornhill* (Smith, Elder and Co.) gives some unpublished letters of Charles and Mary Lamb, and has a bright sketch of "Life up a Creek in Demerara." There are also some interesting facts about the "Rise of Modern Towns."

*Good-will to Men* (*Home Words* Office) is *The Fireside* Christmas number. It contains a capital sketch by the Rev. P. B. Power, a devotional paper by Dr. James, an account of a quaint old Welsh service, and other seasonable fare.

*The Church Sunday School Magazine* begins a series of papers by Mr. Palmer, the secretary, on what the Sunday School Institute has done for Church Sunday-schools. There is also an excellent paper by Mr. J. G. Talbot, M.P., on the neglect of religious instruction in elementary schools.

The *Girl's Own Paper* (R.T.S.) contains an article by H.R.H. Princess Mary Adelaide, Duchess of Teck, describing her admirable society for making clothes for the poor, to which she and the Princess Mary Victoria have for some years devoted great personal exertions. Miss Tytler writes charmingly on the Electress Sophia, and there is besides a great variety of useful and lively papers.

In the *Leisure Hour* (R.T.S.) the second paper on "The Peoples of Europe" takes up Italy. There are instructive articles also on the Chinese Discovery of America, Tennyson, the Botanic Gardens at Oxford, Queer Customs of the Black Country, Childhood (by Preb. Harry Jones), Adventure on the Diamond Field, and in Natural History on the Great Auk, and the new Carnivorous Animal from Madagascar in the Zoological Gardens.

The veteran *Blackwood* contains some charming lines by the present Duchess of Sutherland on the victims of the wrecks of the *Bokhara*, *Roumania*, and the Scotch express. They vividly give the effect of horror in the minds of those who hear, at a distance, of the violent deaths of their loved ones. Two important articles are "The Recovery of the Soudan" and "Election-week in America."

In the *Newbery House Magazine* (Griffith, Farran and Co.) should be noticed an account of an ancient Ethiopic MS., giving a sketch of the supposed repentance of Pilate, and notes on the discovery of the Trappist Monastery in Mongolia, by H. Savage Landor. "The Leaves from the History of the Livery Companies" give us this month the "Mercers" and the "Drapers."

The *Review of the Churches* gives an article on the newly-discovered Apocryphal Gospel and Apocalypse of St. Peter. The Bishop of Cork, the Dean of Connor, Archdeacon Meade, Principal Moore, Mr. Crauford, of the Methodists, and Mr. Edgar, Moderator of the Presbyterians, write on the results of Disestablishment in Ireland. A new Round Table Conference begins on the success of the Y.M.C.A. The narrative of the First United Congress of the Chief Nonconformist Communion in England is remarkably interesting.

In *The Quiver* (Cassell and Co.) Dean Payne Smith throws light on the history of Elijah and Jezebel; the prolific pen of the Rev. P. B. Power moralizes on "The Frosted Coal-heap." The paper on London churchyards has charming illustrations of the fountain at St. Paul's; St. Botolph, Billingsgate; St. Botolph, Aldersgate; and Bunhill Fields. Prebendary Harry Jones writes on "Taking up the Cross."

*New and Old* (Griffith, Farran and Co.) addresses itself to the adherents of the Oxford School amongst the working classes. "It may seem a matter of unimportance to some people, for instance, where the celebrant stands as he celebrates Holy Communion. To those who hold the ancient Catholic teaching about Holy Communion there is the very greatest importance whether the priest stands as the people's representative before God's altar to offer the memorial sacrifice of the death of Christ, or whether it be a mere reading of a service to remind us of a great historical event." This is hardly a fair alternative.

*The Sunday School* (Kenneff, Berri, N.B.) is an attempt to interest teachers in bridging over the gap between the time of leaving school and a more serious age. The idea is, that all children leaving school should be invited to join the Sunday School College, a kind of international society or institute. *The Sunday School* is a penny weekly paper intended to engage the teachers in this work. It is about the size of the *St. James's Gazette*, and has interesting lessons and papers. There is a charming article by Professor Milligan on "Tennyson's Use of the Bible."

*The Thinker*. (Nisbet and Co.)

In the course of nearly 100 pages gathers into focus the most important current theological literature from all parts of the world. We gladly quote the following passage from a review of Cheyne's *Bampton Lectures on the Psalter*. It is itself a passage from the *Church Quarterly Review*: "Tradition marks out no great post-exile poet. History knows nothing of any Maccabean psalm-writers. Tradition and history are alike disregarded because of the necessities of the critical theory of Israel's religious development. We decline to give up the ancient tradition of the composition of the Psalter, which, though no absolute demonstration of its truth can be given, is supported by many solid considerations, and corresponds fairly with the general historical circumstances."

We have also received *Light in the Home*, *The Child's Companion*, *Our Little Dots*, *The Dawn of Day*, *The Child's Pictorial*, *The Church Missionary Intelligencer*, *The Church Missionary Gleaner*, *The Children's World*, *Awake*, *The Boy's and Girl's Companion*, *The Church Worker*,

*Light and Truth* (the organ of the Reformation in Spain and Portugal), *The Anglican Church Magazine*, and the *Bible Society Monthly Reporter*.

We reserve for further notice "Old Testament Theology," by Schultz (T. and T. Clark, Edinburgh); "The Witness of the Epistles," by the Rev. R. J. Knowling (Longmans); "Did Moses write the Pentateuch after all?" Rev. F. E. Spencer (Elliot Stock); "Horæ Evangelicæ," the Rev. Canon Birks (Bell and Sons); "Book by Book" (Isbister); "The Critical Review," (Clark, Edinburgh); "Faith," by H. C. Beeching (Percival and Co.); "The Great Poets Birthday Album" (Eyre and Spottiswoode); "Morality in Doctrine," by Bright (Longmans); "The Dawn of the English Reformation," Worsley (Elliot Stock); "A Long Chase" (Sunday School Union); "Apologetics; or, Christianity Defensively Stated," Bruce (Clark, Edinburgh); "Thoroughness," Thain Davidson (Partridge); "Some Australian Sermons," Owen (Elliot Stock); "Memoirs of William Marcus Falloon," by Hugh Falloon (Thompson and Co.); "Cross-bearing" (Elliot Stock); "Prayer Thoughts," Garland (Elliot Stock); "The Romanes Lecture, 1892" (Clarendon Press); "The Pillar of the Night" (Hodder and Stoughton); "Rachel, Lady Russell," by Emma Marshall (Seeley and Co.); "Expository Lectures and Sermons," Elmslie (Hodder and Stoughton); "Teachings for the Church's Year," Macpherson (Church of England Sunday School Institute); "Home Weal and Home Woe" (Nisbet and Co.); "How to Read the Prophets," Blake (Clark, Edinburgh); "The Newly-recovered Gospel of St. Peter," J. Rendel Harris (Hodder and Stoughton); "The Sermon Year Book" (Hodder and Stoughton); "At the Holy Communion," Moule (Seeley and Co.).

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#### THE MONTH.

THE event of the month is the publication of the recently discovered Apocryphal Gospel of St. Peter and the equally Apocryphal Apocalypse of St. Peter. A detailed account of this work will be given in a future number. It is enough here to say that this ancient voice from an Egyptian tomb dates probably from nearer the beginning than the middle of the second century.

As in a short space it quotes St. Matthew six times, St. Mark five times, St. Luke nine times, and St. John eleven times, its evidential value would be of enormous importance.

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The Archbishop of Dublin, with the Bishop of Clogher, Canon Meyrick, the Rev. D. Noyes, Père Hyacinthe, and others, has admitted the Rev. D. Regaliza, a Spanish deacon of the Reformed Church, Pastor of Villescusa, to the presbyterate; following the example of the Jansenist Church in Holland, who gave episcopal orders to the Old Catholics of Germany. The new Presbyter wore the crossed white stole—the colour adopted by the Reformed Church, after the ancient Mozarabic custom of Spain. About ninety persons partook of the Holy Communion and sixteen were confirmed.

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The Rev. William Covington, who has been appointed prebendary of St. Paul's, was 18th Wrangler at Cambridge, 1st Class Theological Tripos, University Hebrew Prizeman and Scholar, and Scholar of St. John's College, Cambridge. His first curacy was with Archdeacon Sinclair, of Middlesex, at Kensington, and he has