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Short Notices.

St. Paul's Cathedral and Old City Life. By Dr. SPARROW-SIMPSON. Elliot Stock.

THE learned Librarian of St. Paul's Cathedral has issued another volume from his rich store of antiquarian knowledge. This time it is the aspect of St. Paul's towards its civic surroundings which is treated. We have the treasury of the Cathedral in 1245, and again in 1402, and a very large number of interesting papers on incidents connected with the City and the Cathedral, such as the sanctuary in 1289, royal visits and such matters; provisions for civic visits to the Cathedral; provisions made from time to time for repairs; facts about the cross and the sermons; facts about the City Companies; the introduction of the Bible; the first touches of the Reformation; the literary surroundings of the Cathedral, and many other noteworthy topics.

The book will be found equally interesting to antiquaries, students of Church history, and lovers of St. Paul's.

Walks in Palestine. By H. A. HARPER. Pp. 128. R.T.S.

This exceedingly handsome volume is in some sort a companion to the well-known and popular picturesque series of the R.T.S., but the illustrations are photogravures by the late Mr. Shadbolt, of a very high order of artistic merit. It is a reprint of an *édition de luxe*.

The writer has described his chief observations and impressions during his residence in the Holy Land, and they will be a great help to those who have not the opportunity of going there themselves. It is a very appropriate and beautiful gift.

The Church Almanack for 1895, published by Mr. Sherlock, of *The Church Monthly* office, is this year very attractive. The centre is an engraving of Holman Hunt's picture of "The Light of the World," and there are illustrations of "Service on the Battle-field," "Service on a Man-of-War," "The Visitation of a Hospital," and "The Charity Girls' Singing." The texts for every day are beautifully selected, and there is a prayer for the parish, rules for every day, and other excellent matter.

The Church Parish Almanack for 1895 has in the middle a photograph of Doulton's statuette of the Good Shepherd, with photographs of the Cathedrals and Bishops of Durham, Winchester, Rochester, and St. Asaph.

The Home Words Almanack is distinguished by its pretty colouring, and has illustrations of country life.

The Fireside Almanack is also coloured, and has Baptism, Confirmation, a Village Wedding, Family Prayer, the Sailor Boy leaving Home, Canterbury Cathedral, and York Minster.

PRESENT DAY PRIMERS. R.T.S.—

1. *English Church History.* By J. VERNON BARTLET. Pp. 160. Price 1s.

This little book gives a sketch of the growth of Christianity from the time of the Apostles to the age of St. Augustine. It traces in a perfectly accurate and impartial manner the growth of Christian institutions and

currents of thought. It follows the lines laid down by Bishop Lightfoot, and it is impossible to speak too highly of it as a corrective to biased and prejudiced theories.

2. *The Printed English Bible.* By RICHARD LOVETT. Pp. 160. Price 1s.

It would be impossible to get more useful information in such small space on this important subject. After an introduction on Wycliffe and printing, we have an account of Tindale, the Pentateuch of 1530, the New Testament of 1534, Coverdale's Bible of 1535, Matthew's Bible of 1537, the Great Bible of 1539, the Geneva Bible, the Bishop's Bible, the first Roman Catholic Bible of 1582, the authorized Bible of 1611, and the Revised Version of 1885.

These primers should be in every schoolroom in the country.

3. *How to Study the English Bible.* By CANON GIRDLESTONE. Pp. 120. Price 1s.

This excellent little manual contains chiefly hints on Bible difficulties; ten important rules which should be observed in Bible study; hints on special books, such as the Psalms, the Prophets, unfulfilled prophecy, the Gospels, Acts, and Epistles; the study of doctrine; practical and devotional use, method, and order. It is a short and suggestive summary of careful study, thought, and learning.

4. *A Brief Introduction to New Testament Greek.* By SAMUEL GREEN, D.D. Pp. 128. Price 1s.

This is a simple and accurate Greek grammar, adapted to the study of the New Testament, and would be sufficient for students of either sex who had not learnt Greek at school to enjoy the Christian writings in the original.

- The Story of Egil Skallagrimsson.* Translated from the Icelandic by the Rev. W. C. GREEN. Pp. 222. Elliot Stock.

This is an Icelandic family history of the ninth and tenth centuries, and gives an exceedingly graphic picture of Norse manners at that time. All that concerns the Norwegian or Danish element in our national pedigree has a special interest for the British race. A recent Danish critic has given his opinion that the accounts of personal events in Iceland and Norway are in the main true. Accounts of other countries are less trustworthy. The chronology is sometimes faulty, but there is extensive geographical knowledge and insight into Icelandic and Norse law and culture.

- Early Christian Art.* By the Rev. EDWARD CUTTS, D.D. Pp. 364. Price 6s. S.P.C.K.

The object of the book is to throw light upon Church worship and customs before the time of Constantine. Dr. Cutts, we think, starts with a mistake—that "the worship of the Church was the continuation of the solemn liturgical worship of the Temple; not of the prayer-meetings of the Synagogue." All the evidence of the New Testament is the other way. He also assumes, without a particle of evidence, that the upper room of the Last Supper became the central place of worship of the Church at Jerusalem. When, however, he is dealing with archæology and not with inference, Dr. Cutts gathers together a large number of useful and interesting facts. There are eighty-five illustrations.

A Five Years' Course of Bible and Prayer-Book-Teaching Lessons for the First Year. Pp. 147. Sunday School Institute.

The First Course consists of fifty lessons; twenty-four of the Gospels up to the call of St. Matthew, followed by fourteen on Genesis, interspersed at intervals of a month with twelve on the Prayer-Book. Five years are held to be the average school-life of a Sunday scholar. The children will thus be taken over a large and comprehensive field. The work is carried out with the usual clearness and fulness which characterize the productions of the Institute.

Travels in Egypt and Palestine. By AUGUSTA BREWSTER. James Nisbet and Co.

This simple record of life and travel, chiefly in the Holy Land, will be read with interest by all lovers of Scripture history and scenery, and will also be acceptable to intelligent children over twelve years old. The clearness of the print is highly to be commended.

How to be Happy, though Married. Popular edition. T. Fisher Unwin.

This cheaper edition of a well-known and popular manual on the duties, dangers, and delights of matrimony needs no recommendation except a word of praise on its new form, which is compact and portable, while its price—one shilling—brings it within the reach of all.

Little Rests by the Way. By E. H. G. Elliot Stock.

This little book of practical religious teaching will be welcomed by mothers and teachers to read aloud each day to children, or to put into the hands of those able and willing to profit by such a book. The similes are clear and graphic.

By Hook or by Crook, and five other stories. By AGNES GIBERNE. S.P.C.K.

Miss Giberne's writings are too well known and too popular to need praise or comment; but these six stories will be welcomed at mothers' meetings, where a single story is often so acceptable for each meeting, and will pass away a weary hour in the hospital ward. The print, too, is so excellent that this book will form a valuable addition to the old people's shelf in the parish lending library. The lessons—on thrift, cleanliness, pure water, fresh air, etc.—are wrapped up in a most attractive form.

Noble Womanhood. By G. BARNETT SMITH. S.P.C.K.

These short biographical sketches of eight illustrious women—Princess Alice, Florence Nightingale, Frances Havergal, Harriet Beecher-Stowe, Sister Dora, Louisa Alcott, Elizabeth Fry, and Felicia Hemans—are well condensed, and exceedingly interesting. The volume would make an admirable gift-book for grown-up girls, and might be read with pleasure and profit at working parties and to better-class mothers' meetings.

Both Worlds Barred. Pp. 220. Price 5s. 6d. Fisher Unwin.

This is a story of Scotch ministerial life, written from a somewhat pessimistic standpoint. College life is first sketched from St. Andrews, and then the plunge into a remote village parish is accompanied by several humorous touches and sketches. The young minister falls into various unmerited troubles, and, after drifting through a sceptical period, settles down into a utilitarian view of Christianity. Some of the arguments on both sides are well put.

The Controversy of Zion. Being the miscellaneous works of the late T. W. CHRISTIE, B.A. (Camb.). Liverpool : Howell, 1894. Pp. 580.

Controversy is, according to Mr. Christie, glorious. Perhaps so ; but love is even better than controversy. While we have a sincere sympathy with many of the views taken by the author of this rather ill-constructed and tedious work, we earnestly deprecate the fierce and oftentimes (as we think) loveless spirit which is continually cropping up in its pages. Definite and unyielding allegiance to God's truth is right, and our bounden duty ; but even here Maldenius' golden maxim holds good : " In necessariis unitas : in non necessariis libertas : in utrisque caritas."

A Creed or a Philosophy. By the Rev. T. MOZLEY, M.A., author of "Reminiscences of Oriel College and the Oxford Movement." London : Longmans and Co. Price 7s. 6d.

This stimulating and suggestive work was, indeed, the last fruit from off an old tree. A few months after its publication, Thomas Mozley, the brother of Professor J. B. Mozley, and the brother-in-law of Newman, had passed to where, "beyond these voices, there is peace." There is no need to describe at length this book, for Mozley's peculiar tenets are well known—his cordial disapproval of the "Anglican dogma" (as he calls it) of the Trinity, his dislike of modern hymns and hymnals, and so forth. In this book, which may be regarded as his final appeal, he sums up what he had long been saying, in season and out of season, in his own brilliant way, and condenses it all into the brief compass of some 300 pages. With much of his teaching we disagree ; but we have read with deep interest, not unmixed with a feeling of sadness, his concluding words to this century, now fast ebbing away into the eternal silence.

The School of Calvary. By Rev. G. BODY, D.D. Longmans and Co., 1894. Price 2s. 6d.

A new edition, in a cheaper form, of Canon Body's "Lent Lectures" for 1890, which were delivered in All Saints' Church, Margaret Street. This little work purposes to instruct people in the laws of Christian living. Naturally enough, there is throughout its pages a flavour of mediæval devotion ; but the book is, nevertheless, most devout, and should be helpful, if duly taken to heart.

The Scientific Study of Theology. By W. L. PAGE COX, M.A. London : Skeffington and Son. Pp. 180.

An admirably lucid and really thoughtful treatise on scientific methods in theology. Such books as these, which boldly and earnestly demand of thinking men that they should regard theology as something that can be approached in a truly rational and scientific way, are precisely what are needed just now. We thank Mr. Cox for his most suggestive little work.

The Christ-Controlled Life. By Rev. E. W. MOORE, M.A. London : Nisbet and Co. Pp. 231. Price 2s. 6d.

"Not self-control, but Christ-control." That is, in briefest space, the central teaching of this book, which is excellent alike in style and matter. Few who possess it will care to part with it.

Those of our readers who are not yet familiar with the books of George Ebers should lose no time in possessing themselves of the translations, which are cheaply published in the Tauchnitz Series. The author of "An Egyptian Princess," "Narda," and "Joshua" is an accomplished Egyptologist, and his vivid portrayal of Egyptian and Hebrew life is unsurpassed by anything of the kind which has been hitherto attempted.

Echoes from the Undying World. Rev. F. HARPER, M.A. R.T.S.

An excellent book in its way, as the sermons it contains enter into no doctrinal controversies, but preach the Gospel pure and simple. The author makes no attempt at mere grace of style and elegance of diction, so that the book is one which may be safely placed in the hands of the young or the lower classes.

Milestones on the Road of Life. Rev. J. G. RAINSFORD, D.D. Partridge and Co.

This booklet contains twenty chapters, most of which seem to be too full. If the matter were compressed into a smaller space, a wider circulation would be ensured.

The King's Table of Blessing. Rev. ALFRED HUNT, M.A. Wm. Hunt and Co.

Manuals for communicants are so very numerous that fresh ones are hardly needed. However good they may be the supply is always in excess of the demand. The present little work is good of its kind.

MAGAZINES.

We have received the following (October) magazines :

The Thinker, The Expository Times, The Religious Review of Reviews, The Review of the Churches, The Anglican Church Magazine, The Church Missionary Intelligencer, The National Church, The Foreign Church Chronicle, The Evangelical Churchman, The Gospel Magazine, The Church Sunday-School Magazine, Blackwood, The Cornhill, Sunday Magazine, The Fireside, Cassell's Family Magazine, The Quiver, Good Words, The Leisure Hour, Sunday at Home, The Girl's Own Paper, The Boy's Own Paper, Light and Truth, The Church Worker, The Church Monthly, The Church Missionary Gleaner, The Philanthropist, Light in the Home, Awake, India's Women, Parish Magazine, New and Old, The Dawn of Day, The Bible Society's Gleanings for the Young, The Bible Society's Monthly Reporter, The Cottager and Artisan, Friendly Greetings, Little Folks, The Child's Pictorial, The Children's World, Our Little Dots and The Boy's and Girl's Companion.

THE MONTH.

THE readers of THE CHURCHMAN will be rejoiced to have heard that a true and able friend to Reformation principles has been appointed Bishop-Suffragan of Coventry for Birmingham. On the nomination of the Bishop of Worcester, the Crown has appointed the Rev. Canon Knox, Vicar of Aston, Birmingham, to the Suffragan Bishopric of Coventry, vacated by the death of the late Bishop Bowly. Canon Knox has also been appointed to the rectory of St. Philip's, Birmingham. The Rev. Edmund Arbutnott Knox, who was son of an able and powerful Evangelical minister and friend of the Church Missionary Society, was a scholar of Corpus Christi College, Oxford, and whilst at the University distinguished himself by obtaining three first classes, as well as the Boden Sanskrit Scholarship. He was elected a Fellow of Merton in 1868, and was tutor and Dean of the College from 1875 to 1885, in which year he accepted the vicarage of Kibworth, in Leicestershire, where he remained until 1891. He was then appointed Vicar of Aston, in succession to Canon Eliot, now Vicar of Holy Trinity, Bournemouth. Canon Knox is an Honorary Canon of Worcester Cathedral and was one of the honorary secretaries of last year's Church Congress.