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The "Talks with Young People on the Psalms" is a little book admirably adapted for its purpose.

W. A. PURTON.

Inspiration, and other Lectures. By T. G. ROOKE, B.A., late President of Rawdon College. Edinburgh: T. and T. Clark.

These lectures are published as a memorial of their author, and it is easy to see that such is the case from the varied nature of the subjects. Roughly, the book falls into three divisions—lectures on Psychology, on the Authority of Scripture, and on Pastoral Theology, the pastors in this case being Baptist ministers, for Rawdon College is of that denomination. To some extent this heterogeneous nature of the contents diminishes its value for the general reader; yet we can imagine that the inner ring of the author's friends and pupils will read it with eagerness and profit, for he was a man of varied parts and saintly life. The lectures on Psychology, which occupy more than a third of the book, do not convey any fresh ideas or theories, but afford a clear *resumé* of the main truths of Psychology, especially in their bearings with religion. They are the work of an able and devout man. The lectures on the authority and inspiration of Scripture treat the matter, on the whole, from a conservative standpoint, and would prove of great value to any student, or anyone who wishes to go over the evidence for and against inspiration in these "critical" times. The lectures on pastoral theology are marked by a broad, loving, and tolerant spirit, are at the same time full of shrewd sense, and cannot but have been profitable to those who heard, or will read, them. We quote from a passage on the relations of the young Baptist minister to the clergy (premising that our author is strong for Disestablishment, and, we grieve to add, for Disendowment):

"It is possible that you may be brought into close and friendly relations with clergymen of the Established Church—clergymen who may be expected to belong to the Low Church or Evangelical school; for it is rare, indeed, for a High Churchman to give a Dissenting minister the chance of meeting him on a common official platform. Sometimes, also, there are private houses where the notabilities of Church and Dissent are brought together with studious intent; and in such gatherings a new Dissenting pastor's character for amiability and good breeding is often established or ruined in one momentous hour, and through circumstances the most trivial and insufficient. Hence there is perhaps more urgent need for care and discretion when the young Baptist minister meets the State Church clergyman, and, still more, the clergyman's wife and daughters, in a drawing-room, or across a private dining-table, than there is when a public platform is the scene of their encounter."

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Short Notices.

How to Read the Prophets—Part IV., Ezekiel. By BUCHANAN BLAKE, B.D. Edinburgh: T. and T. Clark.

THIS book should prove very useful to those studying the prophet Ezekiel, and will, no doubt, secure the popularity it deserves. The text of Ezekiel is clearly divided up under explanatory headings, which constitutes the first division of the book. The second division treats of "the prophecies in their historical setting," and in a very interesting and

instructive manner shows the surroundings and conditions under which Ezekiel prophesied. The third division is chiefly taken up with the religious conceptions of Ezekiel, which are briefly summed up in this, that he conceived of God as the Almighty and the Absolute. A chronological table and glossary of names closes the book, which may be cordially recommended to all Bible students.

Essays on Vegetarianism. By A. P. HILLS. Vegetarian Publishing Office, E.C.

Vegetarianism may be all very well as an occasional experiment, but to claim for it absolute supremacy over animal food is taking a decided step in the wrong direction. God never meant this to be the case, otherwise the destruction of animal life and the consumption of animal food would have been prohibited from the very earliest times. We easily learn from the Bible that the destruction of animals for food is allowable, and therefore this conspiracy to overthrow our present dietetic system, by means of the third-rate asceticism which Mr. Hills advocates, is manifestly defeated. Apart from this, why should one branch of God's good gifts be set up as orthodox and legal more than another? Nay, rather, let us take full advantage of the bounty of Him, who has given us all things richly to enjoy.

The Spiritual Grasp of the Epistles. By the Rev. C. A. FOX, B.A. Partridge and Co.

This is an admirable little book, and all students of the Epistles will find it helpful to have it in their possession. Its style and language are such that all are enabled to obtain a spiritual grasp of the Epistles, and so the object of the book will be attained.

The Lord's Supper—its Form, Meaning, and Purpose according to the Apostle Paul. By WILLIAM ROBSON. London: Elliot Stock.

This little volume is written at such an obviously different standpoint from that of a Churchman that criticism is out of place.

The Government of God. By WILLIAM WOODS SMYTH. London: Elliot Stock.

This is a new and revised edition of a very well-known and valuable work. The text of the earlier edition appears almost intact. Where new matter is added it is enclosed in brackets. A painful interest attaches to the preface, in which distinct charges of plagiarism are brought against a certain popular writer on kindred subjects.

Searchings in the Silence. A series of devotional meditations. By the Rev. G. MATHESON, Minister of St. Bernard's, Edinburgh. London: Cassell and Co.

There are many really beautiful passages in this book, many fine thoughts, and many epigrammatic phrases. In all there are ninety-five meditations, each founded on a text, and elaborating its underlying ideas. We are convinced that the author's hope that the meditations may prove useful to preachers is fully justified, and for that reason we wish that an index of the texts selected had been given.

Outlines of Messiah's Kingdom. By the Rev. A. BARING-GOULD. London: Gilbert and Rivington.

We are glad to see that Mr. Baring-Gould's valuable little work has now attained its second edition. It is mainly a reprint of the first, but with certain additional explanatory notes. No doubt many friends of missions, and not of the C. M. S. alone, will read this little book on the Second Advent.

Monthly Notes of the Bible and Prayer Union. By the Rev. THOMAS RICHARDSON. Pp. 156. Bagster and Co.

These papers give suggestions and helps to the portions arranged for daily reading. The Union works now in Argentina, Australia, Ceylon, China, Denmark, Finland, Germany, India, New Zealand, Persia, South Sea Islands, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, Tasmania, and United States. A penny stamp sent to the Editor secures a card for the year.

Our High Priest in Heaven. 2nd Edition. By ARCHDEACON PEROWNE. Pp. 114. Elliot Stock.

This little book ought to be in the hands of every Churchman, as it completely exposes the mischievous fiction invented for the support of an earthly propitiatory priesthood, that our Lord is perpetually engaged in offering Himself in heaven, and that His priests do the same on earth.

Lessons for Christian Workers. By CHARLES YATMAN. Pp. 66. Elliot Stock.

This is a new and tasteful edition of a useful manual, with a preface by Mr. Hay-Aitken. It contains 39 lessons on Your Bible, Your God, and Men, their distinctions and characteristics, and the way to approach them.

Luther Anecdotes. By Dr. MACAULAY. Pp. 189. Price 6d. R. T. S.

This is a delightful little biography of the great Reformer in the form of anecdotes. The able and popular author is in deep sympathy with his subject.

Bible Reading in Many Lands. By the Rev. THOMAS RICHARDSON. Pp. 70. Office of the Bible and Prayer Union.

This is an interesting record of Mr. Richardson's world-wide enterprise. As a beginning to the re-establishment of family prayer in the homes of the people, there could not be a greater help. It is a good plan to begin with the boys and girls in the day or Sunday-school, and then induce the parents to read the passages at home with their children.

Bible-Class Primers. Edinburgh: T. and T. Clark—

The Sabbath. By Professor SALMOND. Pp. 110. Price 6d.

The Kingdom of God. By HERBERT STEAD—

Part I. In Israel. Pp. 79. Price 6d.

Part II. In the Synoptic Sayings of Jesus. Pp. 78. Price 6d.

Part III. In Apostolic Times. Pp. 94. Price 6d.

These primers, edited by Professor Salmond, of Aberdeen, are written on scientific principles by men of learning and thought. Seldom has more suggestive matter been arranged in so small a space.

What is the Gospel? Pp. 92. Price 2s. Home Words Office.

It occurred to Mr. Bullock, the editor of the *News*, to ask ten different evangelical writers to give their views in answer to this all-important question. Amongst the writers are Archdeacons Howell and Sinclair, Canons Bell and Christopher, Principal Moule, P. B. Power, Henry Sutton, Walter Senior, William Odom, and George Everard. This book ought to be very helpful to young clergymen, and also to thoughtful readers who desire quiet meditation on the central truths of Christianity.

Five Years' Course of Bible and Prayer-Book Teaching. Second Year. Pp. 157. Price 2s. Church of England Sunday-School Institute.

Fifty-two lessons, those on the Old and New Testament being interspersed at intervals with explanations of different parts of the Prayer-Book. The first year's lessons have already been noticed, and the new volume is a fresh proof of the ceaseless good work done by the Institute.

Melchior's Dream, and other Tales. Pp. 250. Price 2s. 6d. S.P.C.K.

Mrs. Overtheway's Remembrances. Pp. 278. Price 2s. 6d. S.P.C.K.

These are the first two volumes of the new uniform edition of Mrs. Ewing's delightful works. The first contains seven stories, besides that which provides the title. No modern writer has a greater charm than Mrs. Ewing; and this complete re-issue of her works will receive the warmest possible welcome.

Men of the Bible and Church Seasons. (2nd Series, New Testament.) Pp. 127. Price 1s. 4d. Church of England Sunday-School Institute.

This is a convenient issue of Mr. Reskar's excellent addition to the repertory of the Sunday-School Institute.

Christian Creeds and Confessions. By Professor GÜMLICH. Translated by Mr. L. A. Wheatley. Pp. 136. Norgate and Co.

This little book is most useful and opportune. It is divided into three parts—Church Creeds, Doctrines of the Creeds, and Doctrines of the most important sects. Part I. contains an account of the Æcumenical Creeds, the Oriental, the Roman, the Lutheran, the Reformed, the Church of England, and the Church of Scotland. The second part discriminates very ably between the characteristic doctrines of these different communions; and the third part gives the doctrines of the chief sects which sprang from the main Churches.

The Church Worker. Annual vol. for 1894. Pp. 192. Price 2s. 4d. Church of England Sunday-School Institute.

This volume contains an important series of fifty-two Sunday-school lessons on "Men of the Bible" and "The Church Seasons." Another interesting feature is "Notes and Comments." The volume would be useful in all family schoolrooms, private schools, and middle-class schools, as well as to the Sunday-school teacher.

The Boy's and Girl's Companion. Annual vol. for 1894. Pp. 192. Church of England Sunday-School Institute.

The Bible Questions and the Bible Reading Union Papers are valuable features of this publication. There are also stories, poetry, and information of a suitable character.

Album of Twenty-four English and Welsh Cathedrals. Church Bells Office.

This agreeable book is a reprint of engravings and letterpress from *Church Bells*.

A Gift of Peace. By ROSE PORTER. Pp. 233. Price 2s. Sunday-School Union.

This tastefully-printed book has 365 texts on peace, coupled with well-chosen quotations in prose and verse.

The Characters of William Law. Second edition. Pp. 328. Price 9s. Hodder and Stoughton.

The book is so clever, original, and suggestive that there is no room for surprise at the first edition being exhausted before all the editor's copies were sent off.

William Law's Defence of Church Principles. Pp. 344. Price 2s. 6d. Griffith, Farran and Co.

Law wrote against Hoadley, Bishop of Bangor, from a strongly sacerdotal point of view. He afterwards greatly modified his opinions in an Evangelical direction.

William Law's Spirit of Prayer. Pp. 143. Price 1s. Griffith and Farran.
William Law's Spirit of Love. Pp. 185. Price 1s. Griffith and Farran.

These two devotional works ought to be in every Christian's library. Their publication at so low a cost is most fortunate.

My First Sermon. Pp. 92. Clarke and Co.

Mr. Atkins (editor of the *Young Man*) asked nine clergymen, of different denominations, to give him their recollections of their first sermons. Among them are Archdeacon Farrar, Dr. Berry, Dr. Horton, Dr. Clifford, Dr. Parker, W. J. Dawson, Hugh Price Hughes, and Silas K. Hocking. An excellent portrait accompanies each sketch.

The Pilgrim's Progress. Pp. 233. Elliot Stock.

This is a beautifully-printed facsimile of the first edition of Bunyan's immortal work.

The Christian Church in these Islands before the coming of Augustine. By Canon BROWNE. Pp. 156. Price 1s. S.P.C.K.

This little volume contains Canon Browne's three lectures at St. Paul's on British Christianity. Canon Browne is so well known as a lecturer and antiquary that his writings need no recommendation. He has carefully collected and weighed all the evidence about these early times, the records of which were so largely obliterated by the Saxon invasion, and gives the results in his usual pleasant style. He rejects the tradition of King Lucius, which he thinks was an invention at Rome to increase the influence of that see.

The Imitation of Christ. Pp. 267. Bagster.

This beautifully-printed little book is one of Bagster's Christian classics, and is directly translated from the original.

Fast-day Cookery. By GRACE JOHNSON. Pp. 96. Price 1s. 6d. Griffith, Farran and Co.

It is characteristic of our times that we should here have 30 soups, 20 sauces, 30 dishes of fish, 15 treatments of eggs, 20 dishes of lentils, rice, and macaroni, 30 vegetables, 6 salads, and 30 puddings, for those members of the Church of England who object to eating meat on days of fasting and abstinence.

The Fireside. Annual vol. for 1894. Pp. 858. Price 7s. 6d. Home Words Office.

Mr. Bullock's annual volume has its usual varied attractions. Dr. James contributes a series of chatty, modern parables, called "*Æsop in England*"; A. J. Symington has "*Chats about Authors and Books*," in twelve papers. There are the "*Sunday Readings*" and "*Present Day Topics*." The biographical sketches are always entertaining and instructive.

Hand and Heart. Annual vol. for 1894. Pp. 188. Price 2s. Home Words Office.

This is of the same character as the larger volume, but is intended mainly for younger readers. Among the London parishes of which accounts are given are St. James's, Hatcham; St. Stephen's, North Bow; and All Saints', Plumstead. There is a series of seven interesting addresses on Temperance, and another useful set on Business.

The Dawn of Day. Annual vol. for 1894. Pp. 286. S.P.C.K.

This well-known and useful volume maintains its high character. The principal story is by Manville Fenn.

The Child's Pictorial. Annual vol. for 1894. Pp. 192. S.P.C.K.

The numerous coloured illustrations in this charming little volume are of the most attractive character.

The Church of England Hymnal. By C. D. BELL, H. E. FOX, and Dr. A. H. MANN. Price 4s. to 7s. 6d. Hodder and Stoughton.

This admirable manual contains 623 hymns and nearly 1,000 tunes. The collection is distinctly Evangelical. Canon Bell is himself a poet, and competent from his knowledge and taste for the task he has undertaken. There is no supporter of Reformation principles whose judgment in point of doctrine could be more careful than Mr. Fox, of Durham, and the book has been equally fortunate in its musical editor, Dr. Mann, the organist of King's College, Cambridge. There is a very long list of obligations to other writers of hymns and tunes, which, with the exception of tunes peculiar to Hymns Ancient and Modern, seem to have been freely granted. Dr. Mann himself is responsible for sixty new tunes, many of which are notably melodious. The book is divided into forty-five different subjects, according to the Christian year, and numerous important occasions when special hymns are required. The collection has been most carefully made, and is in every respect admirable. It will be widely welcomed both for use at home and in church.

Carols for Use in Church. By R. R. CHOPE, and others. Pp. 390. Price from 1s. 6d. to 4s. Clowes and Sons.

This is a collection of 215 carols. Ninety-three are for Christmas, and others are for St. Stephen, St. John, Holy Innocents, Circumcision, New Year, Epiphany, Purification, Easter, Whitsuntide, Trinity, and Harvest. The book has a certain tendency to mediæval sentiment, as might perhaps be expected from the association of carol-singing. Such an expression as "Mother of our God," which is the last line of several verses in No. 155, needs careful handling, as it is not the exact equivalent of the compound Greek word which it represents. Although many well-known carol-tunes are necessarily absent, as they belong to other collections, the book will be a popular addition to this section of church music. Whether much used in church or not, it will afford a variety for Sunday evening in the family. The music is edited by H. S. Irons and A. H. Brown, and there is a very interesting historical introduction by S. Baring-Gould.

Lyrics of a Long Life. By NEWMAN HALL. Pp. 256. Price 3s. 6d. Nisbet and Co.

The able and beloved author has poetical gifts of a very high order. The sonnets are beautiful studies of musical language; and the hymns and other lyrics breathe pure and earnest devotion, literary culture, and rich experience. The hymn, "To Thee, O Christ, we sing," reaches a very high level of exultant fervour. It is probable that many of these hymns will be included in future collections for Congregational worship.

Sermons on the Church's Duty to the People of England. Pp. 230. Price 3s. 6d. Elliot Stock.

The scope of this book is indicated by the Bishop of Rochester in the preface: "'Religious instruction,' says Adam Smith, 'is a species of instruction of which the object is not so much to render people good citizens of this world, as to prepare them for another and a better world in the life to come.' Utterly to eradicate that notion, 'to shrivel the falsehood from the souls of men,' and to supplant it by a truer conception of the Gospel of Christ, is, as it seems to me, the special office of the Church of England at the present moment in our national life."

There are twenty-one sermons and preachers, amongst whom are Chancellor P. V. Smith, Dr. Cunningham of Cambridge, J. W. Horsley, Professor Shuttleworth, Father Ignatius, Mr. Hay-Aitken, Canon Trench, Canon Rhodes-Bristow, Prebendary Shelford, the late Prebendary Grier, A. F. Winnington-Ingram, and R. R. Dolling. Among the subjects are

Undogmatic Religious Teaching ; the Education of Parents ; Sacredness of Property ; the Housing of the Poor ; Young People in Shops and Warehouses ; Labourers on Public Works ; the New Criticism ; Parochial Missions ; Restoring the Churches to the People ; Legislation ; the Classes and the Masses ; Democracy ; Justice and Charity ; Spiritual and Social Ideals ; Labour, Leisure, and Religion ; Monopolies. Art's Aid to Religion, by Mr. Arundell Whatton, is a difficult subject, thoughtfully and cautiously treated, and should be well considered by the artistic profession.

Pictures from Bohemia. By JAMES BAKER. Pp. 192. R.T.S.

The R.T.S. have added to their charming series of the different countries of Europe an interesting volume on Bohemia, admirably illustrated. The romantic country of John Huss is little known to Englishmen, and this will be a very pleasant and instructive introduction.

John Drummond Fraser. By PHILALETHES. Cheap Edition. Pp. 343. Price 1s. 6d. Cassell and Co.

This capital story of the relation between the mediæval movement in the Church of England and the secret and basilisk force in the Church of Rome has been published in a cheap edition, and should have a wide circulation.



THE MONTH.

IT is announced that the Bishop-designate of Colchester (Archdeacon Johnson) has accepted the Archdeaconry of Colchester, and that Canon Stevens, Vicar of St. John's, Stratford, has accepted the Archdeaconry of Essex. Canon Stevens (says the "Essex County Chronicle") is a man who has done yeoman service for the Church in London-over-the-Border. His own parish contains an enormous population. "The 'Essex Almanac' returns the value of the living at £250, but as a matter of fact the whole endowment of the parish is only £50 a year and a house. All else is precarious. Since Canon Stevens has been Vicar he has needed and has had at least three curates to assist him, and one in addition at Trinity [College, Oxford] Mission. The last number of the parish magazine contains the names of no fewer than six curates, while there are three paid women workers constantly engaged in visiting. The amount required annually to give a minimum living wage to the clergy working in the parish is more than ten times that of the endowment; while to take one branch of the work alone, the Stratford Refuge, founded by Mrs. Raymond Pelly, over £500 a year has to be raised. Practically, therefore, nearly all the work of this populous parish depends on voluntary effort."

The Crown living of Rector of Andreas and Archdeacon of Man, vacant by the resignation of Dr. Joshua Hughes-Games, who has been appointed Vicar of Holy Trinity, Hull, has been conferred upon the Rev. Hugh Stowell Gill, Vicar of Malew. Mr. Gill is a born Manxman, and the oldest beneficed clergyman in the island. For many years he has taken deep interest in poor-relief, and was a stern supporter of the old Manx voluntary system of relief. He graduated at Trinity College, Dublin, in 1853, and was ordained the same year to the chaplaincy of St. Luke's, Baldwin. He was Vicar of Rushen from 1859 to 1872, when he became Vicar of Malew. He served as diocesan inspector 1879-81, and is chaplain to the present Bishop, serving in a similar capacity to Bishop Bardsley. He is Rural Dean of Castletown, and one of the secretaries of the diocesan conference.