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Short Notices.

The Jesuits in China. By Canon JENKINS. Pp. 165. London: Nutt.

No English theologian knows more of the internal history of the Roman Church than the learned author of "The Life of Valentine Alberti," "The Life and Times of Cardinal Julian," "The Creed of Pope Pius IV.," and "Pre-Tridentine Doctrine." The history of the Jesuits in China forms a very curious episode in the missions of the Roman Church. The controversy on the Chinese rites agitated the Church of Rome during the seventeenth century, and illustrates the internal machinery of that great and complex organization. Canon Jenkins writes with complete knowledge of his subject, and with studied impartiality. Such a monograph on one of the by-paths of Church history is not only interesting in itself, but, like a bone in the hands of Professor Owen, it throws light on the whole character and structure of Romanism.

A Churchman to Churchmen. By the Rev. A. E. BARNES-LAWRENCE. Pp. 112. Price 1s. Simpkin, Marshall and Co., 1893.

By some strange oversight this valuable little book has not been noticed before. It contains six papers on the points on which the followers of Dr. Newman have been leaving the teaching of the Church of England. These points are: The Church, The Ministry, Baptism, The Lord's Supper, The Prayer-Book, The Different Means of Grace. Mr. Barnes-Lawrence states with clearness and firmness the historical doctrine of the Reformed Church on these matters; and his work will put things plainly and decisively before many a perplexed mind.

The Churchman's Manual. By Bishop NUTTALL, of Jamaica. Pp. 318. S.P.C.K.

This little manual is a useful compendium of Church of England devotion and teaching. It consists of two parts: (1) Didactic and devotional; (2) Catechetical. The first part contains rules for holy living; the Lord's Prayer explained; the Apostles' Creed explained; private prayers; family prayers; children's prayers; preparation for Communion; companion to Communion; confirmation; marriage; doctrines and duties; a scheme for reading Scripture; history and explanation of the Prayer-Book; and a help to visiting.

The Primate of the West Indies writes as an evangelical member of the Church of England, and with learning, thought, and moderation.

Which Way? or, The Old Faith and the New. By Miss E. J. WHATELY. R.T.S. Pp. 127.

The Religious Tract Society have performed a good service to the Church in publishing these papers of the able and thoughtful daughter of the famous Archbishop of Dublin. The work should be on the list of the Church Pastoral Aid Society, and be circulated widely with that of Mr. Barnes-Lawrence. Miss Whately writes with great acuteness and excellent historical judgment on the difference between Romanists and Protestants; The Old Faith of the Apostles, and the New Faith of the Fourth Century; Rome's Claim to Supremacy; The Infallible Church; The Guardianship of the Scriptures; Idolatry; The Priesthood and the Altar; Confession and Priestly Intercession; The Five Additional Sacraments; Works of Merit; Venial and Mortal Sins; and Purgatory.

We earnestly pray for a blessing on this most useful volume.

Apostolical Succession tested by Holy Scripture. By Principal WALLER. Pp. 132. Price 1s. London: Thynne.

This is an admirable and convincing appeal to Scripture against mere human tradition on a very important subject.

The Catechism of the Orthodox Eastern Church. Pp. 63. S.P.C.K.

This is the shorter edition of 1888. It is very interesting by way of comparison with our own Catechism. It recognises the seven Sacraments, but its doctrine of the Eucharist appears moderate: "Great is the mystery of the Eucharist, because it represents the death and sacrifice of Jesus on the cross on our behalf."

Christian Creeds and Confessions. By Professor GÜMLICH. Pp. 136. London: Norgate and Co. 1893.

Without actually giving word for word these different documents, the learned author gives their chief characteristics and points of difference. People very often talk vaguely about differences of creed and opinion; but in this important handbook they will find these differences most clearly and tersely put.

A Briton's Birthright. By A. S. LAMB. Pp. 102. Price 1s. Nisbet and Co.

This useful and timely book calls attention to the privilege of belonging to a National Established Church, shows that this is intended to be Protestant, exhibits the fact that this character is now in danger, inquires with great perspicuity how this has been brought about, and shows that Disestablishment would be no remedy. The facts which the writer adduces are indisputable. One slight mistake, made by Lord Coleridge, is quoted, in which he said that the Virgin in the Reredos at St. Paul's Cathedral was crowned. She is simply a human figure.

The book places the aims of modern Sacerdotalism in a strong, clear, and unquestionable light.

Some Notable Archbishops of Canterbury. By the Rev. MONTAGUE FOWLER. Pp. 222. Price 3s. S.P.C.K.

These are careful and thoughtful studies by a writer who has had the advantage of living in the atmosphere of Lambeth. The primates selected are Augustine, Theodore, Anselm, Becket, Chicheley, Warham, Cranmer, Parker, Laud, Sancroft, Howley, Sumner, Longley, and Tait.

There are excellent chromolithograph portraits of Grindal, Warham, Cranmer, Parker, Laud and Whitgift. Also a succession of the Archbishops of Canterbury and a table of brief facts about each of the ninety-one. Mr. Fowler's style is pleasant, and his judgment sound and temperate.

Fallen Angels. By ONE OF THEM. Pp. 230. Gay and Bird.

The writer has thought long and seriously on the subject of human existence, sin, and suffering; and has deliberately adopted a theory of pre-existence. He believes that we are each being offered another chance in consequence of some previous fall, and that in this way all things at last will be subdued to the will of God. He has collected an enormous number of interesting opinions on this and kindred subjects, and writes with point and force. He asks the most unexpected questions on subjects usually taken for granted, and his writing is full of interesting suggestions.

The Review of the Churches. Vols. V. and VI. October, 1893—October, 1894. Pp. 386 and 449.

This very useful and beautifully illustrated publication has been changed from a monthly to a quarterly edition. The change is probably considerably regretted, as there was no other monthly review that brought the events of co-temporary English Christian life into one focus. The title was probably against a wider circulation, as the plural of the word "Church" is unpalatable to the High Church party. We cordially wish the new quarterly a successful and useful career.

The Householders' Treasure. By the Rev. F. BOURDILLON. Pp. 288. Price 2s. 6d. R.T.S.

Mr. Bourdillon's charm as a religious writer has long been acknowledged; and everything from his pen is received with gratitude. The present volume consists of forty-two papers on suggestive subjects, with printed titles. They would make capital subjects for addresses; and are full of that personal sympathy, and stroug, clear, and intelligent faith which in all Mr. Bourdillon's writings have been so helpful.

Sierra Leone after a Hundred Years. Bishop INGHAM, of Sierra Leone. Pp. 368. Seeley and Co.

This very interesting historical account begins with Governor Clarkson's diary; continues with gleanings from the company's reports and other records, and has sketches of the population, Christianity, and the general results.

The Bishop says: "There is much to be very thankful for. More progress would have been observable, as has been already indicated, but for the unsettlement caused by constant immigrations; and if children and fools, as they say, should never be allowed to see a work half finished, let us be careful not to judge too hastily by what we may at present observe in a people who are by no means of one original tribe or language, who are, however, in process of formation into one people, and who are passing through phases—sometimes unlovely ones—towards a more final development."

Such monographs on particular missions by those best acquainted with them are of high value.

Augustine and his Companions. By the BISHOP OF STEPNEY. Pp. 201. Price 1s. 6d. S.P.C.K.

The volume contains an admirable series of four lectures delivered in St. Paul's Cathedral in January, 1895. It follows the volume on "The Church in these Islands before the Coming of Augustine." There are few scholars so well qualified to speak on these earlier periods of Church history than the late Disney professor. His lectures are full of matter, and bright in style; the interest never once flags, and he may be depended on for absolute accuracy. There are two interesting notes: one on co-consecrators, in reference to the consecration of Archbishop Parker, and the other on the Pallium.

Foundation Stones of the Church of England. By AUSTEN CLARE. Pp. 187. Price 2s. 6d. S.P.C.K.

This interesting little volume contains fifteen lessons, with story-illustrations on the founding of the Church of England. They are written in a style interesting to children, and will serve a very useful purpose in the schoolroom. It is in five parts, each containing three lessons: The Ancient British Church; The Roman Mission; The Celtic Mission; The Spiritual Children of Landisfarne; Organization; and Consolidation.

The Following of Christ. By the Rev. CHARLES L. MARSON. Pp. 199. Price 5s. Elliot Stock.

This daintily-printed volume contains short extracts on a great variety of moral and religious subjects, by a great variety of writers, ancient and modern, in poetry and prose. The width of selection is illustrated by the fact that among the authors quoted are Bishop Lightfoot, Dr. Arnold, F. D. Maurice, J. S. Mill, Carlyle, Martineau, Jowett, T. H. Green, Newman, Pusey, Scott, Dr. Parker, and Stopford Brooke. The collection is helpful and suggestive.

The Life and Teachings of Jesus. By ARTHUR KENYON ROGERS. G. P. Putnam and Sons. 1894.

This book is divided into two parts, the first dealing with the source of the four Gospels, the second with the life and teachings of Jesus. The author proves, to his own satisfaction, if to that of nobody else, that the Fourth Gospel was not written by St. John, but probably by some presbyter of the early Church, who intended it to be read as an ideal work of fiction. Mr. Rogers also tells us that few, if any, of the miracles we read of in the Gospels occurred; that the fact of the Resurrection is extremely doubtful, and that Christ did not institute the Eucharist. On the whole, however, though there is much in it with which we can not agree, the book is well written, and, if read with care, should prove interesting.

Fables and Fabulists. By THOMAS NEWBIGGING. Pp. 152. Elliot Stock.

It was a happy idea of the writer to gather together accounts of those who, in the long history of literature, have used this charming form for imparting wisdom. He writes agreeably of Æsop, Phau Babr, Pilpay, Lockman, La Fontaine, Gay, Dodsley, Northcote, Lessing, Yriarte, Krilot, and the old Hindoo, Arabian, and Persian fables. It is an instructive introduction to a fascinating department of literature.

Public School Text Books of Religious Instruction :

The Pentateuch. By the late BISHOP OF BATH AND WELLS and the Rev. C. HOLE. Pp. 240. Price 2s. 6d.

The Gospel of St. Mark. By the Hon. and Rev. E. LYTTTELTON. Pp. 180. Price 2s. Longman and Co.

No safer guide could be found for the literature of the Pentateuch than Lord Arthur Hervey. His work was uncompleted, but was finished by a most careful and experienced scholar, Mr. Hole.

The notes to St. Mark are very brief. According to the preface, they are meant to help the reader if he is willing to work; but they assuredly will not deceive him if he is not. They merely suggest lines of thought, giving references for the following out of the suggestions. Mr. Lyttelton is deeply interested in the religious teaching of public schools, and may be trusted to know how much it is useful to give the boy.

Handbooks for Bible-classes :

From the Exile to the Advent. By the Rev. WILLIAM FAIRWEATHER. Pp. 210. Price 2s. Edinburgh : T. and T. Clark.

The centuries covered by this manual are little known by readers of the Bible. This volume is an extremely useful and careful summary of events, tendencies, and influences of the time between Ezra and our Lord.

Present-Day Primers :

A Primer of Assyriology. By Professor SAYCE. Pp. 127. R.T.S.

The wonderful story of the discovery and decipherment of Babylonian and Assyrian inscriptions is here concisely and ably given. The harmony of the history of these two great countries and the Bible is sketched, and the results of the inscription in point of religion and literature are supplied. There are seven excellent illustrations. The little book shows clear light on a subject of profound importance, even to the elementary student of the Bible.

MAGAZINES.

We have received the following (August) magazines :

The Thinker, The Expository Times, The Religious Review of Reviews, The Anglican Church Magazine, The Church Missionary Intelligencer, The National Church, The Foreign Church Chronicle, The Evangelical Churchman, The Gospel Magazine, The Church Magazine, 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.

ON St. Peter's Day, at St. Paul's Cathedral, the Archbishop of Canterbury, with several assistant Bishops, consecrated the Rev. Canon Awdry as Bishop Suffragan of Southampton, Archdeacon Maples as Bishop of Likoma, the Rev. W. M. Richardson as Bishop of Zanzibar, the Rev. John Dart as Bishop of New Westminster, and the Rev. E. A. Anderson as Bishop of Riverina. The sermon was preached by Canon Jacob, Vicar of Portsea.

The Very Rev. Frank Rosebrook Millspaugh has been elected Bishop of Kansas, in succession to the late Bishop Thomas. The Bishop-elect is an American by birth, and has passed his life in the United States. He was educated at first at the Shattuck Military School, but, coming under the influence of Dr. Breck, the pioneer missionary of Minnesota, and of the late Bishop of Kansas, he entered the Seabury Divinity School, and was eventually ordained to a church in the diocese of Minnesota. Afterwards, however, at the suggestion of Bishop Whipple, he took up missionary work in a part of the diocese. He was appointed Dean of Trinity Cathedral, Omaha, in 1876; and during his ten years' tenure of the office the cathedral was erected. He afterwards accepted the charge of St. Paul's, Minneapolis, where he did an important work for many years. In April, 1894, he accepted an invitation from the late Bishop of Kansas and became Dean of Grace Cathedral.

Archdeacon Bardsley, D.D., Vicar of Bradford, has informed his congregation of his intended resignation. He has been Vicar of Bradford for fifteen years, and has been appointed by the Bishop of Ripon to the vacant residential canonry in the cathedral of the diocese.

The recent annual report of the Church Missionary Society shows that the society now occupies 434 stations, of which 47 are in West Africa, 15 in Eastern Equatorial Africa, 2 in Egypt and Arabia, 16 in Palestine, 2 in Persia and Bagdad, 176 in India, 22 in Ceylon, 10 in Mauritius, 28 in China, 14 in Japan, 41 in New Zealand, 52 in North-West America, and 9 in the district of the North Pacific. The total number of workers in connection with the society now amounts to 5,973. The European missionaries consist of 344 clergy, 93 laymen, and 466 females, of whom 274 are the wives of missionaries. There are 20 Eurasian clergy, while the native workers consist of 309 clergy, 3,744 laymen, and 997 females. The native Christian adherents number 210,624, of whom 187,586 have been baptized. The communicants number 56,538. The returns of baptisms during the year are necessarily incomplete, but 12,467 have been recorded—viz., 4,478 adult, and 7,989 infant baptisms. The society has 2,016 schools and seminaries, with a total of 84,725 native scholars. The medical missions of the society provided relief for 4,846 in-patients and 373,355 out-patients.