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away from Him, and beyond Him, and rises above Him, leaving the despised Nazarene behind it as a great figure in religious history, yet one whose greatness has passed for ever. We may embody this opposition in the following formula: What shall be the outcome of the Church? Shall it be a union of those who propagate religious hero-worship with Jesus, or the congregation of those who believe on Him, who freely and thankfully, but with absolute devotion, steadfastly behold Him as the only Way to the Father, who find in His blood the covering for their guilt, and who receive from His hand everlasting life.

Wellhausen's gospel and the gospel of the Epistle to the Romans are thus opposed. Between these two subsists a religious antithesis. In the nature of things, this opposition passes over to the Bible; for Christ and the Bible cannot be separated. Where faith finds its object in Christ, there also it turns to the Bible; and where it does not rest in Christ, there it also leaves the Bible behind. Whoever takes up this attitude towards the question, for him the question is decided. To me it was delightful to stand with those whose faith was one with mine. The differences between us on other points will be settled gradually by quiet work. But when our colleagues offer us the choice between faith in Christ and their science, between the faculties and the Church—the Church, that is, which does not belie Christ—then, in my opinion, the apostolic word holds good for the modern theologian, "I count it all but dross."

After a passage in which the Professor explains why he had not been able at a gathering of clergy to make clear his views on inspiration so fully as he would, he thus concludes: "So long as the grace of God is with me, I will kneel with the Church before the sleeping Infant in the manger, and before the Crucified One by God forsaken, with this confession, 'My Lord and my God.'" This is at present not quite in vogue with our theological faculties. Till there is improvement here the complaint of the National Church Assembly will remain unanswered, that the mediating theology of the day in part misinterprets and in part absolutely denies the Divine acts of salvation.

Short Notices.

Good Words. Volume for 1895. Pp. 860. Price 7s. 6d. Isbister and Co.

DR. DONALD MACLEOD'S delightful volume is as strong and attractive as ever. The illustrations seem yearly to increase in delicacy and beauty. One of the great attractions is Crockett's serial story, "The Men of the Moss-Hags." Clarke Russell also has a capital story, "Hearts of Oak." Among the biographical papers, John Murray writes on "Authors I have known"; Professor Blaikie on "Professor Blackie"; Sir Robert Ball on "Copernicus"; Mr. Buckland on "The Girl-Martyrs of Ku-cheng"; Sir Robert Ball on "Halley, Newton, and Lord Rosse"; Mrs. Cobb on "Henry Moore, R.A."; and Dean Lake on "Rugby and Oxford." The papers on Ely, Farnham, Lambeth, and Wells, are those which reappear in Messrs. Isbister's delightful volume on "Episcopal Homes." The Sunday Readings are by Dr. Stalker. In the whole volume there is not a dull page.

The Sunday Magazine. Volume for 1895. Pp. 96. Price 7s. 6d. Isbister and Co.

Messrs. Isbister's other volume is no less fascinating. The principal serial is by Christabel Coleridge. Some of the "Episcopal Homes" appear in this volume: Fulham, Norwich, and Salisbury. There are interviews with Dr. Pentecost, Dr. Marshall Lang, Dr. Donald Macleod, Professor Shuttleworth, Mr. Sabin Baring-Gould, Dr. John Smith, and Christabel Coleridge. Missionary travel and descriptive papers, others on natural history, others of great importance on philanthropic and social questions, make Mr. Waugh's volume a most desirable addition to Christmas literature for the people.

The Fireside. Volume for 1895. Pp. 858. Price 7s. 6d. *Home Words Office.*

This is, as usual, a capital annual. Dr. James continues his series of fables, "Æsop in England." Mrs. Marshall has a serial on "Cromwell's Grand-daughter." The Sunday Readings are by Mr. Power, Dean Vaughan, Gordon Calthrop, Archdeacon Moule, and others. Mr. Symington supplies "Chats about Authors and Books." There are the usual interesting Science Sketches, Biographies, and Present-day Topics.

The Day of Days. Volume for 1895. Pp. 240. Price 2s. 6d. *Home Words Office.*

The chief features of this charming volume are Professor Moule's Biographical Series on "Charles Simeon"; eleven papers on "Light on Church Matters," by Mr. Bullock; twelve papers on "Mission Work at Home and Abroad"; ten Pencil Sketches in Palestine; and some welcome and interesting biographies.

Hand and Heart. Volume for 1895. Pp. 188. *Home Words Office.*

Here we find eleven "Ten Minutes' Talks," by various popular writers; four papers on the Temperance Question; four on "Earning a Living," including Shorthand, Mining, Old Clothes, and Street-Music; and others on Parliamentary Life, After-Tea Chats, Philanthropic Work, and Dr. Nansen's Expedition.

The Church Worker. Pp. 192. Church of England Sunday-School Institute.

Every Sunday-school teacher will find himself the better for possessing this most useful volume. The series of lessons are on "The Acts of the Apostles," by John Palmer. The information conveyed in Notes and Comments is of a highly comprehensive character.

The Dawn of Day. Volume for 1895. Pp. 286. S.P.C.K.

This volume is so well known in many parishes that it hardly needs a recommendation. It contains a serial by the popular novelist, Mrs. L. B. Walford; papers on "The Prayer-Book," by Mr. Ottley, of Eastbourne; "Christian Martyrs," by Mr. Montague Fowler; and another series on "Worship," by Canon Garnier. The latter would have been better if the author had distinguished, with Waterland, what are the sacrifices that are offered in the Holy Communion.

The Child's Pictorial. Volume for 1895. Pp. 192. S.P.C.K.

The coloured as well as the plain illustrations are specially artistic and pretty. We wish, however, that the Scriptural illustrations could be given in a less mediæval spirit. Mrs. Molesworth, Theodore Wood, Mrs. Hallward, and Ascot Hope are the principal writers. The book is thoroughly sympathetic with the tastes and ideas of healthy-minded children.

The Boys and Girls' Companion. Volume for 1895. Pp. 192. Sunday-School Institute.

This excellent volume for Sunday scholars will help to increase their sense of the interest and importance of their Sunday work and relations to their teachers. There are two series of twelve papers of Bible Questions and on the Bible Reading Union. The principal serial is by Mrs. Marshall. There are papers on Hymn Writers—Kenn, Newman, Cowper, Charles Wesley, Toplady, Heber, Watts, Kirke White, Keble, Lyte, Charlotte Elliot, and Frances Havergal; others on the Eagle, Wren, Humming-bird, Cuckoo, Swallow, Sparrow, and other birds; also stories on the Lord's Prayer.

The British Workman. Volume XLI. for 1895. Pp. 96. Partridge and Co.

The *British Workman* keeps up its high character in illustrations, matter, and general fitness for its purpose. Its warnings and encouragements are eminently suited to all classes of working men.

Ever Westward through Heathen Lands. By EDITH BARING-GOULD. Pp. 104. Price 1s. 6d. C.M.S.

This is the society's Christmas book, and gives an inspiring illustrated narrative of the journey of Miss Edith and the Rev. B. Baring-Gould through the mission-field: North America, Japan, Mid-China, Hong-Kong, Southern India, Ceylon, and North Egypt. Encouraging glimpses are given of the present stage of missionary success.

Loch Ce and its Annals. By the Very Rev. FRANCIS BURKE, Dean of Elphin. Pp. 137. Price 7s. 6d. Hodges, Figgis, and Co., Dublin.

This is a valuable contribution to local Irish history, compiled with much learned research and patriotic affection by a competent ecclesiastical historian. The district concerned is North Roscommon, and the book is an explanation of the interesting and mysterious ruins of the region of Boyle. It is founded on "The Annals of Loch Ce," an early Celtic MS., compiled and continued about 1585 by Bryan MacDermot. In connection with MacDermot's Rock, a vivid glimpse is given of ancient tribal life. Ardcarne, near Rockingham House, the seat of the King-Harmans, was for some centuries a bishopric and a centre of religious life. There is a valuable chapter on St. Columba, who was much in this part of Ireland. The accounts of the great monasteries of Trinity Island and Boyle Abbey give a picture of mediæval religious life. The description of religious affairs in the Middle Ages shows how little sympathy the Celtic Catholics had for Papal supremacy. The important fact of the conformity of the Irish bishops to the change at the Reformation is narrated, and the disaffection of the Irish to that movement accounted for by the fact that it came before them in the guise of a command from the King of England. The book is completed by an important historical sketch of the Diocese of Elphin; it shows most clearly that the cry of reunion with Rome is very modern, and that the Irish Churchmen in the Middle Ages took the opposite view, and fought very hard against its supremacy.

By-paths of Bible Knowledge. Series No. XXI. "The Sanitary Code of the Pentateuch." By C. G. K. GILLESPIE, A.K.C., A.C.P. Pp. 96. R.T.S., 1894.

"The critical investigations of recent years," says Mr. Gillespie, "have done much to bring together the past and the present in matters of language, history, and even science. About the last, the belief too commonly exists that our age is immeasurably ahead of all preceding times."

For some centuries the population of Palestine was over 1,000 per

square mile, the district of Galilee being comparable in density of population with our own Lancashire. If the smoke of a modern town were removed and the sewers rendered innocuous, very much in the Levitical code, thinks Mr. Gillespie, might with great advantage be adopted in each English home.

Mr. Gillespie shows how much very modern sanitary legislation was anticipated in the Levitical code. The prohibition of burial within a city boundary, the cleansing of the streets, the isolation of those suffering from infectious diseases, the illegality of food, and even of textile, adulteration, are among the many striking instances adduced in this most interesting book.

The Bread of Life. A Communicant's Book for Busy People. By Mrs. HASELHURST. Pp. 39. S.P.C.K.

A useful manual for the Lord's Supper. There is a short and simple introduction, and throughout the office there are short suggestions and meditations on the opposite page, which is kept blank for the purpose.

Album of Sixteen Views of St. Paul's Cathedral. Price: Paper cover, 1s.; cloth, 2s. 6d. and 5s. Photographs by J. FREEMAN DOVASTON; Descriptive Notes by the Rev. W. SPARROW-SIMPSON, D.D. Taylor and Co., Warwick Lane, E.C.

This large and important volume contains sixteen new and absolutely perfect views of the great Protestant cathedral of the age, which may be considered the central home of Church life in the British Empire. Mr. Dovaston is an amateur who has taken immense pains in visiting the cathedral at all times and getting photographs in all the best lights.

Never has the interior of St. Paul's been so thoroughly and perfectly photographed. A series on old and new St. Paul's from Longman's "Three Cathedrals of St. Paul," and from this series, would be a valuable addition to Messrs. Newton's collection of lantern-slides.

The descriptive notes are from the experienced and able pen of one who has been for more than a quarter of a century in the service of St. Paul's, and is one of her most learned and loyal sons—Dr. Sparrow-Simpson, the librarian and subdean.

Ralph Roxburgh's Revenge. By E. EVERETT GREEN. Pp. 186. Andrew Melrose.

This popular writer has taken an ordinary incident of social jealousy in village life, and expanded it into a capital and interesting story of self-conquest.

Stories of North Pole Adventure. By FRANK MUNDELL. Pp. 160. Price 1s. 6d. Sunday-School Union.

A series of fascinating glimpses into the chief Arctic expeditions of the last two centuries.

Shaven Crown. A Story of the Conversion of the Surrey Border. By M. BRAMSTON. Price 2s. S.P.C.K.

A skilful and charming picture by an accomplished writer of the conversion of the Saxons in Surrey about Addington. Miss Bramston realizes with imaginative power the difficulties which the pioneers of the Gospel had to meet in this country.

The Story of Princess Alice. By ELIZA F. POLLARD. Pp. 144. Price 1s. Sunday-School Union.

This royal lady was an ideal character, reproducing the virtues and characteristics of her illustrious father, and this excellent biography will do a useful work in spreading the influence of her noble unselfishness amongst the people.

A Popular Handbook to the Microscope. By LEWIS WRIGHT. Pp. 256. R.T.S.

The marvels of the creation are continually more and more revealed in the wonders of the microscope. The present volume is a beautifully illustrated manual, explaining first the instrument and its construction and properties, and then giving introductions to the various fields where microscopic investigations are interesting and profitable.

Nowell. By MRS. HADDEN PARKER. Pp. 95. Price 1s. S.P.C.K.

Like Enoch Arden, the father, after a long absence, returns to his home. Believing his wife to be dead, he goes back to France; but his son Nowell is the means of reuniting the husband and wife, who have been so long separated. The tale is brightly written.

Probable Sons. By the Author of "Eric's Good News." Pp. 80.

This book is sure to be a favourite. The heroine is a lovable little maiden, who wins her way to the heart of her old bachelor uncle. In her quaint sayings the child reminds us of *Æditha* in Mrs. Hodgson Burnett's charming story. Here is a sample: Milly sees a birch-tree among some firs looking "comfortable and warm, they hadn't lost their leaves like the other trees," but the birch-tree looked "so lonely and unhappy," that she "put her arms right round him and cuddled him tight," and told him "God would take care of him, and give him a beautiful new green dress next summer." Milly is a very "up-to-date" child, with the old-fashioned ways expected of children of the present day.

The Lady's Manor. By EMMA MARSHALL. Pp. 323. Price 5s. James Nisbet & Co.

This is one of Mrs. Marshall's happiest efforts, a story of the present day, which can be safely put into the hands of any girl in her teens. The characters of the three girls "between brook and river," are admirably lifelike, and the whole tone of the book very healthy and bracing. The illustrations are charming.

Fifteen Minutes' Sermons for the People. By S. H. FLEMING, Vicar of St. James', Croydon. Pp. 198. Price 5s. Elliot Stock.

The writer is well known for his desire to combine hearty musical services with courageous personal preaching. The title is well borne out by the contents of the volume, which contains forty-five short discourses on interesting religious topics. The teaching is thoroughly Scriptural, and the treatment original, suggestive, and popular. The language is simple and pointed; and the book will bring help and encouragement to many.

New China and Old. By the Venerable ARTHUR MOULE, D.D., Archdeacon in Mid-China. Seeley and Co., 1892.

We call attention with pleasure at this juncture to Archdeacon Moule's work on China, as it contains valuable personal recollections and observations during thirty years.

There are thirty-one capital illustrations, chiefly from photographs.

When we consider that the Chinese are a third portion of the human race, it is desirable that we should know more of them. The Archdeacon has many kind things to say about them, and is hopeful about the future, although the little specks of Christianity which exist at present are scarcely perceptible when compared with idolatry and unbelief. A correspondent of the *Times* is quoted, who says "The good effected by missionaries is by no means to be measured by a list of conversions. They are the true pioneers of civilization. It is to them we have to look to carry the reputation of foreigners into the heart of the country; and it is on their wisdom, justice, and power of sympathy that the Renaissance of China largely depends."

MAGAZINES.

We have received the following (December) 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 Evangelical Churchman, The Church Sunday-School Magazine, Blackwood, The Cornhill, Sunday Magazine, The Fireside, The Quiver, Cassell's Family Magazine, 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, Light in the Home, Awake, India's Women, The Parish Helper, Parish Magazine, The Bible Society's Gleanings for the Young, The Bible Society's Monthly Reporter, The Zenana, The Cottager and Artisan, Friendly Greetings, Little Folks, Our Little Dots, The Child's Companion, Boy's and Girl's Companion, The Children's World, Daybreak, Day of Days, Home Words, and Hand and Heart.



THE MONTH.

THE committee of the National Club have just issued, in connection with the jubilee of the club, an address "to the Protestants of the Empire." They point out that the crisis in the Church, caused by the inroads of Romanism, is more acute now than it was in 1845. The address proceeds : "A growing party in the English Church is committed to the sacerdotal, and consequently Romeward, movement. Many Bishops and clergy are either afraid to check it or are in actual sympathy with its progress. The laity are in many places driven either to indifference or to dissent by pulpit teaching with which they cannot agree, and by a gorgeous ritual which in their judgment savours more of Rome than of England. And yet we must not mistake the issue of this internecine warfare against what is false and disloyal both to God's honour and our own peace. Our struggle is not only about vestments, candles, incense, and the accessories of the Mass. The issue is far more serious. It is this : Is the pure Word of God restored to us at the Reformation to be deposed from its supremacy in our worship in favour of such erroneous teachings as those which underlie these debased externals? Further, is our Scriptural Prayer-Book, instinct from one end to the other with Gospel truth, to be altered and emasculated until it becomes a reproduction of the 'Use' of Sarum or of the mediæval Mass-Book of Rome? We hear already expressions of opinion among members of the Romanizing school that it is time to alter the Prayer-Book, so as to bring it more into line with the doctrines and practices which they advocate. Prayer-Book revision is once more in the air, but in a sense opposite to that with which we have been so long familiar. But the aims and objects of the sacerdotalists within the Church have become more defined than ever in this our jubilee year. The speech of Lord Halifax, the chairman of the English Church Union, at Bristol, has opened the eyes of many who before would neither see nor believe the real drift and aim of the organization which is so unfaithful to the Reformation and so anxious to destroy the unity of our beloved Church." The address also refers to the use of manuals for the Holy Communion framed upon purely Romish lines, and calls upon all Protestants "to wage war with prevailing errors, maintained by Rome from without and by the sacerdotalists within our National Church." In conclusion, the committee insist upon the need of union amongst all who feel the importance of the crisis.—*Times*.