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at Ourfa. We ask their prayers, and implore them to be steadfast in the faith of our ancient national Church, and to follow the example of our Lord and Saint Gregory. Glory be to Jesus, who has saved us by His blood.

(Signed) STEPHEN,  
*Arch-priest.*

*And four other priests of Ourfa.*

What is to be the end of these things? England cannot go to war with Turkey alone. We must put that out of our heads altogether. Turkey could easily call 1,000,000 of the bravest soldiers in the world into the field. Our own estimates are for 155,000, but the effective force is always far less than that.

Nor can England stir up a European war. It would be the most dreadful that ever was waged—far worse than the massacres. But there are four things that we can do:

1. We can stir up the feelings of the continental nations till they are unanimous with ourselves.

2. We can convince the continental nations that England is disinterested in the matter.

3. We can join in earnest prayer to Almighty God to consider our earnestness and sincerity, and to arise and help the helpless.

4. We can prove the sincerity of our prayers by subscribing liberally, with all our heart and soul, to the fund which the chivalrous and heroic Duke of Westminster, backed by the Lord Mayor, is raising for the 400,000 destitute, homeless, ruined, outraged, helpless Armenians on whom has fallen this awful and unspeakable woe.



## Short Notices.

*The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Bible.* Oxford University Press.

THE Oxford University Press has been bringing out lately some marvels of typography and of paper. Their editions of Burns, Tennyson, Browning, etc., each in one volume, in admirable type, and on the thinnest possible and yet perfectly strong paper, have been triumphs of English printing. They have now brought out the Bible in the same exquisitely beautiful form. The frontispiece has a photograph of Dawe's picture of the Queen in 1837, and a recent photograph of Her Majesty in 1897. It is also illustrated by photographs from Sir Joshua Reynolds' drawings of the cardinal virtues in New College window. Mrs. Sheridan sat for Charity, and Julia, 3rd Viscountess Dudley and Ward, for Fortitude.

*The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Prayer-Book.* Various sizes, bindings, and prices. Oxford University Press.

This edition of the Prayer-Book corresponds to the Bible. The double frontispiece has two photographs of the Queen, robed and crowned, in 1837, and after the long interval. There are also illustrations from the Passion, and the volume contains Hymns Ancient and Modern.

*Four Foundation Truths.* Pp. 104. Elliot Stock.

This little book gives sound instruction suitable to present controversies on four important and critical points: the Church and the Bible, the Church View of Baptism, the Lord's Supper, and the Prayer-Book and Absolution. They are by the Revs. Walter Abbott, A. E. Barnes-Lawrence, Canon R. B. Girdlestone, and Prebendary Eardley Wilmot. The standpoint is at once that of the Prayer-Book, the Reformation, and the Bible; and the treatment is thorough, and, it may be hoped, convincing.

*The Three Creeds.* By the REV. J. R. LESLIE. Pp. 132. Price 2s. 6d. Elliot Stock.

The writer is Principal of the Episcopal Training College at Edinburgh. His work is learned, careful, moderate, and orthodox, and is the result of much practice in teaching, and of wide reading. It is an excellent manual, both for teacher and student.

*Set to Obey.* By the REV. F. S. WEBSTER. Pp. 185. Price 2s. 6d. Nisbet and Co.

This is one of the useful "Deeper Life" Series, and consists of twenty-four chapters on taking Christ into the daily life. Mr. Webster's practical preaching has brought him great influence in Birmingham. His style is striking and vigorous, and his thoughts will be found helpful to many.

*Secrets of Sanctity.* ("The Deeper Life" Series.) By the REV. A. E. BARNES-LAWRENCE. Pp. 166. Price 2s. 6d. Nisbet and Co.

The writer has won a wide reputation as a thoughtful and experienced teacher, and his present work is wise, penetrating, and stimulating. It shows knowledge of contemporary life and conditions, and will be found a practical help to a genuine spirituality of mind.

*The Biblical Illustrator. 2 Corinthians.* By the REV. T. S. EXELL. Pp. 142. Price 7s. 6d. Nisbet and Co.

We are glad to welcome another of these indefatigable compilations as a valuable help to the preacher, when far from libraries and books of reference. The work is done with great care and thought.

*Lectures on Disendowment.* By the BISHOPS OF LONDON, BANGOR, and STEPNEY, the ARCHDEACON OF LONDON, PREBENDARY HARRY JONES, and the REV. J. MOORE. Pp. 118. S.P.C.K.

Knowledge about the material facts of the Church of England should be diligently pressed in this present time of quiet before another general election. These lectures were delivered under the auspices of the National Church Reading Union, and deal with such topics as the Clergy and Party Politics, the Church and the Welsh People, Continuity of

Possession at the Reformation, How the Church received Her Property, Village Disendowment, and the Uselessness of Confiscation.

They may, perhaps, be useful for repetition or adaptation in the Provinces.

*Christian Men of Science.* By various authors. R.T.S.

The biographical series of the R.T.S. is one of the most admirable features of its work. In his introduction Professor Gladstone says: "It was no part of God's purpose to teach natural science through inspired men of old, but to leave men to ascertain it through the reverent study of Nature itself. Such students of both Nature and the Bible are, happily, far from rare, and it may be hoped that the examples given in this book will do good service in increasing their number."

Many people have in general a notion that some of the most important scientists have been genuine Christians; here they will find some of the most notable, ready for illustration and quotation. The list includes Bacon, Pascal, Robert Boyle, Sir Isaac Newton, Baron Von Haller, Dr. Abercrombie, Sir David Brewster, Adam Sedgwick, Michael Faraday, Sir James Simpson, George Wilson, and Professor Clarke Maxwell.

*Confessions of St Augustine.* Pp. 331. Price 2s. 6d. Andrew Melrose.

This immortal work has been brought out in choice type, readable form, and graceful appearance.

*Among the Menabe.* By the REV. G. H. SMITH. Pp. 112. S.P.C.K.

The writer has been a missionary for the S.P.G. on the west coast of Madagascar, and gives his experience of thirteen months' work in that region. At a time when Madagascar has been going through such startling experiences, this record of a missionary will have a special interest.

*In the House of the Pilgrimage.* By PRINCIPAL MOULE. Pp. 106. Price 2s. 6d. Seeley and Co.

The poems of the divine and scholar are always interesting. The Principal of Ridley has a happy gift of poetic thought and melodious versification, and has made a lasting contribution to English sacred verse.

*The Four Temperaments.* By DR. ALEXANDER WHYTE. Pp. 101. Price 1s. 6d. Hodder and Stoughton.

This work belongs to the series of "Little Books on Religion." The temperaments are the sanguine, the choleric, the phlegmatic, and the melancholy. Most people come under one or other of these heads; and they will find something useful and discriminating for themselves in the treatment of their case by an experienced hand.

*Jubilee of the Evangelical Alliance.* Pp. 519. Shaw and Co., Paternoster Row.

This is the record of the tenth International Conference, held in London in June and July, 1896. It is admirably got up, and capitally illustrated. It is well worth possessing, for here men of Reformation principles from all parts of the world have given the cream of their experience and knowledge.

*Some Criticism of the Text of the New Testament.* By GEORGE SALMON, D.D., Provost of Trinity College, Dublin. Pp. 161. Price 3s. 6d. John Murray.

Modest as are the proportions of this book, the contents are weighty in the extreme. The effect, if not the intention of the work, is to cast doubt upon some of the conclusions arrived at by Westcott and Hort in the matters of New Testament criticism, and put forward by them as almost final and impregnable. The book is sure to be widely read, and we are justified in hoping that Bishop Westcott will publish a rejoinder. The qualities which made Dr. Salmon's lectures on the Introduction to the New Testament and on the Infallibility of the Church such delightful reading are apparent in the present work in equal fulness. We miss nothing of the lucidity of style, the ripeness of learning, the circumspect sobriety of judgment, the easy strength, and the Irish gaiety which distinguished the Provost's larger treatises. It needs not to be added that where Dr. Salmon differs most decisively from the Bishop of Durham and the late Professor Hort, he differs only as one Christian scholar and loving friend may always and must sometimes differ from another.

*The Institutions of Italy.* By JOHN P. COLDSTREAM. Pp. 147. Price 2s. Archibald Constable and Co.

This writer is the author of a corresponding book on "The Institutions of Austria," which was very well received. We know very little of the way in which our Continental neighbours live, except superficially; and these little handbooks are full of light and illustration. The subjects dealt with are: History and Geography, Justice, Betrothal and Marriage, Succession, Parents and Children, Nobility, Religion, Education, Land, Army and Navy, Commerce, Trade, and Relief. The style is simple and interesting, and the treatment free from pedantry. It forms a pleasant inlook into the internal life of a charming and friendly nation.

*The Popular Religion and Folk-Lore of Northern India.* By W. CROOKE, B.A. 2 vols. Pp. 653. Price 21s. net. Archibald Constable and Co.

The author, who belongs to the Bengal Civil Service, has spent the spare time of his life as a district officer in India on an examination into the early and popular beliefs of the Hindus, apart from the official creed of Brahmanism. His object has been to discover the basis on which Hinduism has been founded. Many of these beliefs and opinions are held to have come from races which were not Aryan. Hinduism was probably itself a Nature-worship introduced by Aryan missionaries; but it has assimilated an enormous amount of demonolatry, fetishism, and kindred forms of primitive religion belonging to older races which can only be described as aboriginal or autochthonous. The general interest of the book can be seen by a glance at its contents: "The Godlings of Nature," "Heroic and Village Godlings," "Godlings of Disease," "Worship of the Sainted Dead," "Worship of the Malevolent Dead," "Evil Eye," "Scaring of Ghosts," "Tree and Serpent Worship," "Totemism" (worship of the Family Badge), "Fetishism," "Animal Worship," "Magic," "Rural Festivals and Ceremonies." There is also a comprehensive bibliography on the subject, and a good index. Mr. Crooke has made a valuable contribution to the history of natural religion.

*Records of the South American Missionary Society.* By Mrs. ALLEN GARDINER. Pp. 101. Home Words Office.

Englishmen have not yet taken sufficient interest in the great South American continent, or recognised the serious obligations which the development of our trade and commerce in that region has brought to

this country. This is the record of fifty years' work, and should help to arouse attention to that most splendid and remarkable of all the divisions of the earth.

*The Literature of Music.* By JAMES E. MATTHEW. Pp. 281. Elliot Stock.

This volume is one of "The Book Lover's Library," and is by the author of "A Manual of Musical History." He tells us in a very interesting manner about the literature of ancient music, the mediæval writers on music, early works on music after the invention of printing, musical literature in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, musical histories, biographies and dictionaries, the literature of sacred music, opera, musical instruments, and science; and the last chapter gives us a bibliography of the subject. It is a pleasant excursion into one of the by-paths of knowledge.

*York Minster.* By DEAN PUSEY-CUST. Illustrated by Ansted. Pp. 66. Price 1s.

*Winchester Cathedral.* By CANON BENHAM. Illustrated by Herbert RAILTON. Pp. 59. Price 1s.

*St. Alban's Abbey.* By CANON LIDDELL. Illustrated by F. G. Kitton. Pp. 59. Price 1s. Isbister and Co.

These fascinating little monographs are valuable either as an introduction or as a remembrance of the great buildings and the wealth of associations which they commemorate. They are all written by those who love their subject and are familiar with it, and the illustrations are exquisite and characteristic.

*The Official Year-Book of the Church of England.* Pp. 370. S.P.C.K.

It is impossible to praise too highly the diligence and method of Canon Burnside, the editor of this invaluable work. There could hardly be a better witness for Church defence than this wonderful and clearly-arranged record.

*Albert the Good.* By W. J. WINTLE. Pp. 143. Price 1s. S.-S.U.

Short as the Prince Consort's life unhappily was, yet from his unique position and his admirable intellect few men have had so much influence for good during the present century. This charming volume, which recounts the main facts of his life and character, is appropriately issued in this year of the Diamond Jubilee. Mr. Wintle has done his work with sympathy and ability.

*Ethics of Temperance.* By A. E. GARBIE. Pp. 80. Price 1s. S.-S.U.

This is a series of eight very thoughtful papers, which go to the very root of the various questions involved.

We have also received the following magazines: *Blackwood's, Cornhill, Good Words, Quiver, Sunday Magazine, The Leisure Hour, The Critical Review, The Anglican Church Magazine, The Church Missionary Intelligencer, The Evangelical Churchman, The Church Sunday-School Magazine, The Fireside, Sunday at Home, The Girl's Own Paper, The Boy's Own Paper, Sunday Hours, The Church Worker, The Church Monthly, The Church Missionary Gleaner, Light in the Home, Awake, India's Women, 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, Hand and Heart, and Church and People.*