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Short Notices.

The Church and Town Problems. By Canon W. MOORE EDE. Pp. 131. Price 2s. 6d. Cambridge University Press.

THE Hulsean Lectures for 1895, with a Prefatory Note by the Bishop of Durham. We have read these four lectures with complete interest and approval. In a brief compass many valuable facts and arguments are presented, with exemplary calmness and with constant regard to the ethical teaching of the New Testament.

Addresses on the Lord's Prayer. By the Rev. W. J. SPARROW SIMPSON. Pp. 150. J. Masters and Co.

Books on the Lord's Prayer are numerous. This addition to the number is not superfluous, for it contains both original thought and some striking excerpts from Patristic sources.

The Fallacy of Sacramental Confession. By the Rev. CHARLES NEIL. Pp. 89. Simpkin, Marshall and Co.

This is a good presentation of the main points of the controversy in a few pages. There are some excellent notes and a useful list of the chief literature on the subject.

The Life of Communion. By the Rev. JESSE BRETT, L.Th. Pp. 91. S.P.C.K.

While there are some sentences which we could wish differently worded, this booklet contains many striking and beautiful thoughts which will not fail to be both suggestive and helpful.

The Story of an Old Oak Tree. By C. T. FANCOURT. Pp. 127. Elliot Stock.

George Eliot once in a charming letter to Mrs. Bray, author of "The Wounded Bird," begged her to write "something that would bring the emotions, sufferings, and possible consolations of the dear brutes vividly home to the imaginations of children." This is just such a little book, personifying "birds and beasts and flowers" in a way the young folk love.

The Heights of the Gospel. By the Rev. ARTHUR T. PIERSON, D.D. Pp. 236. Price 2s. 6d. Passmore and Alabaster.

Twelve sermons preached in the Metropolitan Tabernacle. They contain that grasp of Scripture meaning and spirit, together with clear exposition and forcible illustration, for which Dr. Pierson is so greatly valued as a teacher. As the title expresses, each sermon deals with some subject of the believer's heritage of blessing set forth in God's Word.

Parish Church Tracts. By MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND. J. Gardner Hill.

This is a collection in booklet form of twenty-four much circulated tracts on evangelistic and every-day subjects. Weak theology and worse writing are the characteristics of many tracts, but the contrary is true of these. A space is left at the head of each for the name of the parish adopting them for circulation.

Steps to the Throne. By Rev. HY. LAW HARKNESS and Rev. PHILIP NORTON. Pp. 120. Nisbet and Co.

A book of Family Prayers for four weeks, published under the auspices of the Daily Prayer Union. The Holy Spirit's place in prayer is acknowledged throughout, and the prayers are both devout and comprehensive.

Five Years' Course of Bible and Prayer-Book Teaching. By Rev. J. W. GEDGE and Rev. J. WAGSTAFF. Pp. 133. Price 2s. Church of England Sunday-School Institute.

These lessons for the third year of an admirable course seem in every way equal to the previous ones, and should prove of real use to Sunday-School teachers.

Ways of Working. By Rev. A. F. SCHAUFFLER, D.D. Pp. 139. Price 1s. 6d. Sunday-School Union.

This is a reprint in a condensed form of a recent American book for Sunday-School teachers, and we heartily commend it to the study of even the most experienced. The hints on Object Lessons and the use of the Blackboard are specially useful. Superintendents should buy the book and lend it to their teachers. It may work a revolution for good in their schools.

Church Teaching on Foundation Truths. By the Rev. H. W. DEARDEN. Pp. 147. Elliot Stock.

We earnestly commend this learned, temperate, and accurate work to the attention of all Churchmen. It consists of eighteen papers on the most important Church doctrines, and is founded on the concurrent testimony of Holy Scripture, the Primitive Church, and the English Prayer-Book. By all candid persons who have been attracted by the Manuals of Sadler and Staley it should be studied side by side with those works, as it contains the true principles of the Catholic faith before they were developed and distorted by mediæval tendencies.

We would call special attention to the chapters on the Church Catholic, the Church of England Schism, the Apostolic Ministry, Public Worship, the Sacraments, Baptism, and Communion, and the Lord's Supper; and to the notes in the appendix on Auricular Confession, the Word "Catholic," Errors of the Church of Rome, Regeneration, Sacramental Presence of Christ, and Apostolical Succession.

Missarum Sacrificia. By the Rev. N. DIMOCK. Pp. 246. Elliot Stock.

As we have a full article on this important issue, it is only necessary to call attention to it as a collection of the testimonies of English divines to the fact that the Reformers one and all condemned the Sacrifice of the Mass in so many words; and that the reason why they use the plural in the Article was as a contra-distinction to the one sacrifice of Christ once offered. No more invaluable contribution to contemporary controversy has appeared for long. It is absolutely decisive of the question, and shows that Newman's contention was, like so much else of his doctrinal writings, a sheer mistake through imperfect information.

The Church of England. A History for the People. By H. D. M. SPENCE, Dean of Gloucester. Part I. Pp. 80. Price 7d. Cassell and Co.

We welcome the first instalment of Dean Spence's important work. He has long devoted himself to the special study of Church history, which to an intelligent and sympathetic mind would hardly fail to be suggested by the local glories and traditions of Gloucester, and his own most interesting Norman and Gothic house, with its rooms which were occupied by William Rufus and by Henry VIII. and Anne Boleyn. The work is adorned with all the wealth of illustration which the vast and enterprising house of Cassell and Co. can supply. The Dean approaches his subject with an open and impartial mind, and is inclined to say a good word for everybody who deserves it. The first part deals with the British Church, the Missions of the British Church, the Evangelization of Ireland, Scotland, and Northern England, and the second approach of

Christianity in the Roman Mission of Augustine. This first part augurs most favourably for the rest of this important work.

The Dean writes in a pleasant, graphic, and popular style; and while basing his story on antiquarian research, does not allow his narrative to be overloaded with antiquarianism.

Young Men's Christian Magazine. Vol. XVII. Pp. 236. Christian Institute, Glasgow.

This is the organ of the Society and its allied unions in Scotland. It contains numerous portraits and biographical sketches, reports of conferences, illustrations of associatiou buildings, essays by members, memorial notices, and other papers interesting to the intelligent youth of Scotland.

The Quiver. Annual Vol. for 1896. Pp. 984. Price 7s. 6d. Cassell and Co.

The annual volume of *The Quiver* has long had so high a reputation that it is difficult to find any fresh special characteristics for encomium. Two special features are numerous portraits with short biographical notices, and the long series of topical paragraphs, under the head of "Short Arrows." The contents of the whole volume are most varied, and it does not contain a dull page.

Young England. Vol. XVII. 1896. Pp. 475. Price 5s. Sunday-School Union.

This excellent volume contains three capital continued stories—"The Boys of Battledown," "Hunted through Fiji," and "Told from the Ranks." It has serial sketches of our Colonial Cousins; Health, and how to keep it; Natural History articles; and the Sunday Hour. The illustrations are of the usual careful and high character.

The Silver Link. Vol. for 1896. Pp. 236. Price 2s. Sunday-School Union.

This appropriate collection of papers for children contains series on "The Perfumes of the Bible," "Child-life in Foreign Lands," "Old Stories of Chaldea," two capital serial stories, the Sunday Half-Hour, and some very pleasing poetry and music.

The Dawn of Day. Vol. for 1896. Pp. 286. Price 2s. S.P.C.K.

The principal features of this interesting volume are "The Church of England and the Catholic Faith," by Dr. Maclean, which will give great opportunities for discussion; "The Anglican Communion," by Mary Cochrane; a series on "Faith," by Professor Swete; "The Passover and Holy Communion," by E. M.; Note on the Black-Letter Saints, and Notes on the Calendar.

An immense amount of ecclesiastical information is conveyed in small compass.

The Child's Pictorial. Vol. for 1896. Pp. 86. S.P.C.K.

The illustrations, coloured and otherwise, of this publication are, as usual, very attractive. Among the contributors are Mrs. Molesworth, the Rev. Theodore Wood, Ascot Hope, Mrs. Hallward, and other friends of children. Stories of children and animals alternate with religious teaching.

No. 11, *Chesterton Street.* By E. JAMESON. Pp. 119. Price 1s. S.P.C.K.

This is a capital story for the purpose for which it is intended, namely, the Mothers' Meeting, and will also be a good addition to the parochial lending library. If, as we gather from the title-page, this is a first effort, we shall hope to meet with some more of Miss Jameson's work in the future. The dialogue is life-like, and the characters, with the exception of Nellie Craven, are very fairly true to Nature.

A Great Forgiveness. By M. A. M. Pp. 80. Price 6d. S.P.C.K.

We think M. A. M. will improve as she writes more. The story is not devoid of interest, but there are too many characters for its small compass, which leads to confusion, and three sudden illnesses are rather too much. Still, the moral is excellent, and it may safely be given to elder boys or girls as a Christmas reward-book.

World's Gain. By HELEN SHIPTON. Pp. 124. Price 1s. S.P.C.K.

This simple and unpretending little book will be a good one to put in the hands of boys leaving school and starting in life, as the tone is excellent, though the writer harps rather too much on one string.

The Light of Melanesia. By the BISHOP OF TASMANIA. Pp. 256. S.P.C.K.

A delightful account by Bishop Montgomery of the work of Bishop Pattison and Bishop Selwyn, during a tour which he himself made among the islands, and from information collected by himself.

Story of David Livingstone. Pp. 144. Price 1s. Sunday-School Union.

Another excellent specimen of the "Splendid Life" series. A capital gift for a boy just entering life.

An Ill-matched Pair. By AUSTIN CLARE. Pp. 242. Price 2s. 6d. S.P.C.K.

A clever, graphic, and original story. The writer shows a thorough acquaintance with the Northumbrian country and dialogue, though whether the latter will be appreciated by all readers is doubtful. The book is deserving of better illustrations.

The Fortunes of the Fairlies. By LUCY HARDY. Pp. 78. Price 6d. S.P.C.K.

This very pretty, if not altogether probable, little story is sure to be appreciated by the girls for whom it is written. One or two of the characters are very well described.

Little Books on Religion. Price 1s. 6d. Hodder and Stoughton.

1. *The Seven Words from the Cross.* By the Rev. W. ROBERTSON NICOL. Pp. 112.

These thoughtful meditations are illustrations of the principles of our Lord's knowledge with regard to the laws of Sin, Redemption, Bereavement, etc. They will be found full of help towards, and appreciation of, His being and character.

2. *The Voices of a Prophet.* By Dr. MARCUS DODS. Pp. 185.

These are penetrating studies, bringing out the permanent elements in the great Prophet of the Return.

Christ and the Future Life. By R. W. DALE, LL.D. Pp. 160.

These thoughtful papers are full of hope, encouragement, and invigoration in an indifferent and agnostic age.

The Upper Room. By JOHN WATSON. Pp. 124.

These pages will be found full of spiritual teaching, graceful and pointed writing, and knowledge of character.

Gospel Questions and Answers. By JAMES DENNY, D.D. Pp. 143.

Seven papers answering in a true spiritual and sympathetic manner the question of misgiving, doubt, failure, poverty, remonstrance, ambition, and of folly.

The Unity and Symmetry of the Bible. By JOHN M. GIBSON, D.D. Pp. 125.

The able and experienced author brings out the characteristics of the Old and New Testament, compares them with each other, and also com-

compares one Book with another. Lord Hatherley once wrote a book on the continuity of the Holy Scriptures. This booklet is a lecture on the same idea, and will help to throw light on the sacred literature of the Hebrews with its harmony in diversity.

Whispers of Truth from the Stars. By the Rev. SEPTIMUS HEBERT. Pp. 214. Price 2s. 6d. Nisbet and Co.

Mr. Hebert has been a lifelong student of astronomy, and has found, as might be expected, numerous illustrations of revealed truth from what he has observed on science. Some of these subjects are such as these: Invariability, Individuality, Influence, Progress, Wanderers, Eclipses, Reflectors, Lights, Perpetual Light, Ceaseless Praise, the Great Multitude. The whole book will be found deeply interesting and suggestive, and the lines of thought will be probably quite new to most of its readers.

Apostles of Medieval Europe. By Dr. MACLEAR. Pp. 332. Macmillan.

Among these vivid and valuable sketches are Patrick, Columba, Columban, Eligius, Augustine, Willibrord, Boniface of Utrecht, and many others of real interest. The book will throw a pleasant light on ages of the Church which to the general reader are an absolute blank. It will also be encouraging to all who are interested in modern missions, to compare with them the methods and rate of progress of the missions to Europe itself.

Letts' Diaries for 1897.

We have great pleasure in mentioning:

- (1) Scribbling Diary, interleaved with blotting-paper (No. 39), a week in an opening. Price 1s. 6d.
- (2) Rough Diary. Price 1s. 4d. No. 33.
- (3) Rough Diary. Price 1s. No. 34.
- (4) Clerical Diary. Price 1s. 6d.
- (5) Clerical Tablet Diary. Price 1s.

All of them most useful for their different purposes. They are exceedingly well and strongly got up, and are full of constantly needed information. The Pocket Diaries, of various sizes and prices, are the best of their kind that we have seen.

MAGAZINES.

We have received the following (November) magazines:

The Thinker, The Expository Times, The Religious Review of Reviews, 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, Boys and Girl's Companion, The Children's World, Daybreak, Day of Days, Home Words, and Hand and Heart.

