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Homiletic: Lectures on Preaching. By Professor CHRISTLIEB. Translated by the Rev. C. H. IRWIN. Pp. 390. Price 7s. 6d. T. and T. Clarke.

There is nothing so complete in the English language on the subject of preaching as this volume. It should be on the list of every bishop's books for ordination candidates. It deals with such subjects as the meaning, nature, scope, and aim of preaching; personal requisites for preaching; material and contents of the sermon; and rhetorical form and delivery of the sermon. At a time when many of the candidates for English Orders receive no instruction at all on this, one of the most important of their duties, it would indeed be desirable that this work should be placed in the hands of every deacon.

The Kingdom of Manhood. By HORACE G. GROSER. Pp. 250. Price 3s. 6d. Andrew Melrose.

This is a volume of excellent, vigorous addresses to young men, in strong and simple language and with striking illustrations. It deals with such subjects as looking forward; ideals; will and action; talents; enthusiasm; taking pains; flying the colours; forewarned; discipline; environment; decision; sense of honour; sympathy; friendships; self-respect; the body; reading, etc. These addresses will not only be useful to those who frequently have to speak to congregations of men, but are also in themselves interesting and profitable reading.

Childhood, for June, 1898. Price 1s. 2d. Stoneman: 38, Warwick Lane, E.C.

This number (the sixth in Volume IV.) contains a charming picture of the Queen taking the Coronation Oath, and a clever emblematical design of the sixty-one years of the reign, accompanied by some touching verses on different epochs in the Queen's life.

History of Early Christianity. By Rev. L. PULLAN, M.A. London: Service and Paton. Price 3s. 6d. Pp. 306.

After making all deductions, this work may yet fairly be regarded as the best history of early Christianity in existence. We do not agree with the strong sacerdotal tendencies of the writer, it is true; but, as a history, the book is excellent, both in method and execution.

The Month.

ARCHDEACON SINCLAIR delivered his Charge to the clergy and churchwardens of the archdeaconry of London at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, on Friday morning. The subject was "The Churches of the East," which was one of those commended to the consideration of Churchmen by the Lambeth Conference of 1897. The Charge, which has been published by Elliot Stock, is dedicated to Dr. Gifford, the Archdeacon's "eminent predecessor," and contains a statement of the general characteristics and doctrinal standards of the Eastern Churches.

The Archbishop of Canterbury is to preach at the thanksgiving service to be held in Salisbury Cathedral next month to commemorate the completion of the restoration of the beautiful tower and spire, which has been executed at a cost of £15,000.

The Bishop of Lichfield has appointed the Rev. Robert Hodgson, M.A., Rector of Handsworth, to be Archdeacon of Stafford, in succession to the late Archdeacon Scott.

A prominent Hampshire Churchman, Mr. W. Nicholson, of Alton, who recently gave £20,000 to the Winchester Diocesan Clergy Sustentation Fund, has just invested £9,000, in the names of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, for the purpose of increasing the incomes of Froxfield and Privett—two livings of which he is patron—to £300 a year each.

Canon Silvan Evans, on whom a Civil Service pension has just been bestowed, has distinguished himself principally by his gigantic task of compiling an exhaustive Welsh dictionary, illustrated with quotations from every period of Welsh literature.

The foundation-stone of the new church to be built in the recently-formed parish of St. Mary Magdalen's, Accrington, was laid, with full Masonic honours, on June 25. The cost of erection is £7,800, and it is proposed to proceed only with portions of the edifice as the money is obtained.

The Bishop of Carlisle, says the *Daily Mail*, is the recipient of a gratifying testimonial to the high appreciation in which he is held by the Nonconformists in his diocese. The Carlisle Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church of England have sent his lordship a letter of sympathy in connection with his recent severe illness, couched in very cordial and affectionate terms, and alluding in eulogistic words to his work since his appointment.

On June 13, at a meeting in connection with the Bristol Church Extension Commission, the Bishop unfolded an elaborate scheme of church extension, based upon the report of the commission. Capitalized, the whole amount required would be £250,000, and to begin adequately not less than £100,000 must be raised. The scheme was practically adopted, and before the meeting closed subscriptions were announced amounting to £11,000, headed by a contribution from the Venturers' Society of £2,500. There were several sums of £1,000 promised, and the Bishop gave £750.

The Duke of Portland has given a site for a church for Creswell, where the Church population is growing rapidly, and further accommodation is urgently needed.

The vacant Mastership of Selwyn College has been filled by the appointment of the Rev. Alexander Francis Kirkpatrick, D.D., Regius Professor of Hebrew, and Canon of Ely. The installation was performed on Monday week by the Bishop of Ely, acting on behalf of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Visitor of the College.

Dr. E. H. Perowne, the Master of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, has been appointed Chaplain in Ordinary to Her Majesty.

The Rev. J. T. Lang, having accepted the living of Christ Church, Finchley, is leaving Cambridge. He will be a great loss at Corpus, and throughout the University, especially in connection with Church Missionary work.

We are glad to notice that the Queen, on the recommendation of Mr. Balfour, has granted a pension of £100 a year from the Civil List to the Rev. J. C. Atkinson, Canon of York, and vicar of Danby-in-Cleveland, in recognition of his services to philology and scholarship. Canon Atkinson, who is now eighty-four years of age, is perhaps best known by his "Forty Years in a Moorland Parish," but his contributions to learning include a "History of Cleveland" and a "Glossary of the Cleveland Dialect," while he has edited for the Surtees Society the Chartularies of Whitby and of Rievaulx Abbeys, and for the North Riding Record Society nine volumes of the Records of Quarter Sessions. Canon Atkinson last year celebrated his jubilee as Vicar of Danby.

The annual festival of the Church Sunday School Choir was held at the Crystal Palace on Saturday, June 11.

On Saturday, St. Barnabas Day, at St. Paul's Cathedral, the Rev. Charles Henry Turner, Prebendary of St. Paul's Cathedral, and the Rev. Joseph Charles Hoare were consecrated respectively as Bishop Suffragan of Islington and as Bishop of Victoria, Hong Kong. There was a large congregation, including many of the London clergy, for whom seats had been reserved in front of the choir. In addition to the Archbishop of Canterbury, there were present the following Bishops: the Bishops of London, Winchester, Peterborough, Southwark, Travancore and Cochin, Marlborough and Stepney, and Bishop Barry. The sermon was preached by the Archdeacon of London from 1 Tim. vi. 11 and 12.

The Bishop of Hereford's recent charge at his Primary Visitation has, of course, given great offence in certain quarters. But in the eyes of loyal Churchmen it cannot but be welcomed, not only for its large-hearted utterances in general, but for its clear and cogent denial of modern sacerdotal pretensions, now all too prevalent in the Church of England.

CHURCH ARMY.

The Duke of Westminster will open the new "Morning Post" Embankment Home in Westminster on July 8. In this Home the waifs and outcasts who haunt the Thames Embankment and its vicinity at night—too poor to pay for a bed in even the commonest "dosa-house"—hungry and hopeless, yet helpable, will be succoured, and the chance of a fresh start in life given to each.

An anonymous donation of £500 has been paid into the Army's bankers in aid of the work among the outcast and destitute.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, speaking recently at the Church House respecting his mission to the Assyrian Church, remarked that there undoubtedly was some inclination on the part of the Assyrians to surrender themselves entirely to Russia, not because of any preference for Russian aid, but because they believed if they joined the Russians they could get material protection.

Some unauthorised priests had persuaded the people to join the Greek Church, but the Russian authorities were by no means prepared to accept them, and therefore it was impossible to discontinue the work of the mission.

It is stated that Sir William Muir has offered the C.M.S. securities, valued at nearly £5,000, with which to build a home for women at Allahabad, in memory of the late Lady Muir, and that the society has provisionally accepted the offer.

A unique presentation was made the other day at the Hampstead Conservatoire to the Rev. J. C. Hose, who has recently completed forty years of ministerial service as curate of St. Saviour's, South Hampstead. The testimonial consisted of a cheque for £1,000, together with an illuminated album containing the names of the 361 subscribers. With the exception of a few months' absence through illness, Mr. Hose has laboured without a break at St. Saviour's since his ordination in 1857. Offers of preferment had recently been made to him, but he rejected them, as he desired to remain among the people for whom he had lived and laboured so long. Archdeacon Sinclair, who presided, said he believed that to find another case of equal length of service in one parish as curate they would have to go back to mediæval times.

"The debate in the Upper House of the York Convocation this day week (i.e., June 8), was one of unusual interest and importance." So writes the *Guardian* in its issue of the 15th. We agree. Certainly the speeches of the veteran Bishop of Liverpool and of the Bishop of Sodor and Man have an unusual interest and importance at the present time—for those, at least, who see in certain of our latter-day ecclesiastical "developments" grave cause for apprehension.

APPEALS AND BEQUESTS.

The Bishops of Rochester and Southwark have issued an appeal for £6,000, wherewith to pay off the outstanding debt on St. Saviour's, Southwark. This grand old collegiate church was opened rather more than a year ago, it will be remembered. The debt is not a large one, if it be taken into account that the whole sum spent on restoration and fittings has been over £75,000.

The *York Diocesan Magazine* for June states that the Archbishop of York has, under the provisions of Mr. Marriott's will, made the following grants: Denaby Main, £1,500; Goole, £1,500; Normanton, £1,000; York, St. Thomas, £1,000; Featherstone, £1,000; Skelton-in-Cleveland, £500; Brotton, £500; Eston-for-Grangetown, £1,500; Middlesbrough (three churches), £4,000; Thornaby, St. Luke, £1,500; Hull, St. Mark, £1,500; Hull, St. Andrew, £1,500; Hull, Newington, £1,500; Driffeld, £1,500; Scarborough, All Saints', £1,500; Sheffield, St. Philip, £1,500; Sheffield, Brightside and Pitsmoor, £1,500; Wadsley Bridge, £500; Rotherham, Canklow, £750; Aston, Swallow Nest, £150; Northfield, £1,500; Mexborough, £1,000; Kimberworth, £750; and Swinton, £750.

A grant of £1,000, supplementing a previous grant of £2,000, has been made by the executors of the late Mr. W. T. Mann, of Tarporley, Cheshire, to the Chester Diocesan Benefice Augmentation Fund, out of the legacy placed at their disposal.

Under the will of the late Mr. William Holliday, of Birmingham, the following legacies are bequeathed: £1,000 to the Church of England Incumbents' Sustentation Fund; £1,000 to the Home Missions of the Church of England Additional Curates Society; £1,000 to the National Society for Promoting the Education of the Poor in the Principles of the Established Church; £500 to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts.

NEW BOOKS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- The Hope of Immortality.* By the Rev. J. E. C. WELLDON, Headmaster of Harrow. London: Seeley. Price 6s.
The School System of the Talmud. By Rev. B. SPIERS. London: Elliot Stock. Price 4s. 6d.

Studies of a Biographer. By LESLIE STEPHEN. In 2 vols. London : Duckworth, Ltd. Price 12s.

History of China. By D. C. BOULGER. In 2 vols. London : Thacker and Co. Price £1 4s.

This Wonderful Century. By Dr. A. R. WALLACE. London : Sonnenschein. Price 7s. 6d.

The Key of Truth. A manual of the Paulician Church of Armenia. By F. C. CONYBEARE, M.A. Oxford : Clarendon Press. Price 15s. net.

The Sacrifice of Christ. By HENRY WACE, D.D. Seeley. Price 1s. A brief but most helpful book.

The Rev. E. W. Bullinger, D.D., will shortly issue a work for which he has long been making collections—"Figures of Speech used in the Bible : Explained and Illustrated." The book will be published in 12 parts at 2s. each.

The first volume of the "English Dialect Dictionary," is completed by Mr. Henry Frowde's issue of part 5. The colossal nature of the undertaking may be realized from the fact that it has taken some hundreds of people twenty-three years to compile it. This last instalment contains an introduction to the volume, and a detailed description of the progress of the dictionary from its initiation.

Obituary.

WE deeply regret to record the death of that well-known supporter of Church work, Mr. Abel Smith, M.P., which took place after a brief illness, from internal inflammation, the result of a chill. The eldest son of the late Mr. Abel Smith, of Woodhall Park, formerly M.P. for Hertfordshire, he was educated at Harrow and Trinity College, Cambridge. He himself represented Hertfordshire in Parliament, as a Conservative, from 1854 to 1857, from 1859 to 1865, and from 1866 to 1885. Since that date he sat for East Herts. By his death the Church Missionary Society in particular loses a generous supporter. He was the patron of several livings, and both built and endowed Christ Church, Hertford.

The Ven. Melville Horne Scott, Archdeacon of Stafford, and Canon Residentiary of Lichfield Cathedral, died suddenly at his house in the Close, Lichfield, on June 3. The Archdeacon was a son of the Rev. Thomas Scott, Rector of Wappenham, Northants. He was a nephew of the great commentator and brother of Sir Gilbert Scott, the famous architect. He was born in 1827, and was educated at Christ's Hospital, and as a scholar of that foundation saw the Queen's entry into London to be crowned. He was successively Vicar of Ocbrook, near Derby, of St. Andrew's, Litchurch, Derby, where he did useful work amongst the railwaymen, and of St. Mary's, Lichfield, where he continued for sixteen years. From 1877 to 1894 he was Prebendary of Bohenhall in Lichfield Cathedral, and in 1888 Bishop (now Archbishop) Maclagan selected him to succeed Archdeacon Iles as Archdeacon of Stafford. In 1894 he was appointed Canon Residentiary of Lichfield Cathedral on the death of Canon Curteis. From 1885 to 1888 he served as Proctor in Convocation for the diocese of Lichfield.