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the result of careful and patient thought, not of prejudice, and is founded upon a substructure of learning and sense, not of an idle love of contention and strife.



Short Notices.

The Temple: its Ministry and Services as they were at the Time of Jesus Christ. DR. EDERSHEIM. R.T.S. Pp. 414.

A very valuable store of illustration and information to readers of the New Testament by one well acquainted with the literature and history of the subject.

Golden Sunbeams. Vol. IV. S.P.C.K. Pp. 192. Price 1s. 4d.

This is a Church Magazine for children, and is very happily conceived and attractively illustrated.

Red-Letter Saints. S.P.C.K. Pp. 75. Seventeenth thousand.

Short accounts of the Saints, for whom proper Collects, Epistles, and Gospels are appointed by the Book of Common Prayer, illustrated with coloured and gilded designs after the type of painted windows; a very pretty and popular work.

John Dobby's Better Nature. EMILY PEARSON FINNEMORE. S.P.C.K. Pp. 221.

A well-told tale of village life: mistakes, instruction, improvement.

The Fireside Annual Volume. "Home Words" Publishing Office. Pp. 762. Price 7s. 6d.

A useful and interesting medley of sound and wholesome reading; stories, sermons, subject-papers, sketches, poems.

Hand and Heart Annual Volume, 1900. "Home Words" Publishing Office. Pp. 236. Price 2s.

This magazine, which is meant for family, social, and temperance purposes, has much variety and capital illustrations. It is a good two shillings' worth.

The Church Monthly Annual Volume, 1900. "Church Monthly" Office. Pp. 284.

Mr. Sherlock again presents us with a very delightful volume. Bishops, Deans, Archdeacons, Canons, novelists, essayists, poets, artists are among his contributors. "Rambles of a Naturalist," "Curiosities," "Our Parish Churches," Biographies, Bible Questions, Buried Truths, and new hymns and music are amongst its chief attractions.

The Quiver Yearly Volume. Cassell and Co. Pp. 1,152. Price 7s. 6d.

The beauty of the illustrations (there are 800 of them), the excellence of paper and type, the variety of the matter, and the high character of the contributors, continue to give this excellent collection a high place in monthly journalism. Among the writers are Archbishop Alexander, Bishop Chadwick, Bishop Ryle, Professor Marcus Dods, Professor Moule, Sir George Martin, and Sir Frederick Bridge. There are few topics of interest to general readers not touched in these pages.

The Life of Christian Service. A Book of Devotional Thoughts from the Writings of Dean Farrar. Selected by J. H. BURN, B.D. Elliot Stock. 1900. Pp. 200.

Few men have contributed more to the theological thought of their day than the eloquent Dean of Canterbury. His "Life of Christ" has done more to familiarize the great mass of English readers with the character and work of the Son of God than any other explanation of the Gospels, and his other numerous and brilliant writings have contributed in different degrees to the understanding of Christianity. This is a small and choice book of several hundreds of extracts on subjects important to the religious life.

The Book of the Future Life. By PAULINE ROOSE, assisted by DAVID ROOSE. Elliot Stock. 1900. Pp. 275.

Twenty-six thoughtful and suggestive chapters examining the eternal question of the immortality of man from various points of view— theological, philosophical, ethnological, historical, and poetical—and illustrated with prose and verse quotations from the greatest writers. Few could rise from reading this work without feeling that the balance of probability is in favour of the hope of believers.

The Crisis in the English Church. By the Rev. the Hon. W. E. BOWEN. Nisbet and Co. Pp. 282. Price 6s.

This is an important contribution to the literature of the counter-Reformation, in the midst of the successful and triumphant progress of which we find ourselves living. Mr. Bowen writes with full knowledge of the subject and with perfect temperateness and moderation. A very able and thoughtful preface is written by one of the greatest theologians of the Church of England, the Rev. J. Llewellyn Davies. Mr. Bowen shows keen critical acumen, with complete charity and good temper.

"*Unto You, Young Men.*" By Archdeacon SINCLAIR. Grant Richards. 1900. Third edition. Pp. 258. Price 3s. 6d.

This is a series of papers on Faith and Conduct addressed to young men of the present day. Some of them were addresses to undergraduates in the Universities of Oxford, Cambridge, and Edinburgh. The subjects are: The Meaning of Life, the Being of God, Witnesses to Christ, Led by the Spirit of God, the Power of Faith, Habits, Weaknesses, the Bread of Life, Purity, Chivalry, Courtesy, Amusement, the Future. The Preface says: "The age is one of inquiry and unsettlement; but I believe the Christian Church was never more strong for good than at present, and I am persuaded that the Christian faith is the most reasonable account of human life. That faith I earnestly wish that all young men should have the happiness of enjoying."

The Biblical Illustrator. By Rev. JOSEPH EXELL. Nisbet and Co. 1900. Pp. 72. Price 7s. 6d.

The present volume of this wonderful treasury of comment and illustration deals with Joshua, Judges, and Ruth. No preacher who has this in his hands can complain of want of material. It consists of anecdotes, similes, emblems, illustrations, expository, scientific, geographical, historical, and homiletic. It is a monument of painstaking reading and judicious selection.

Words from St. Paul's. By Archdeacon SINCLAIR. Thomas Burleigh, 1900. Pp. 176. Price 3s. 6d.

Thirteen sermons preached by the Archdeacon of London, as Canon in Residence, to the afternoon congregation at St. Paul's Cathedral during

1899. The subjects are: The Voice of God in Holy Scripture, the Witness of the Prophets, the Work of the Spirit before Christ, the Witness of the Beauty of Nature, the Reasonableness of Prayer, the Meaning of the Word "Catholic," Bondage and Freedom, the Witness of Conscience, the Ship that found Herself; or, the Training of the Church; In Time of War, Content, the Spirit of Gossip, and Our Children. The Preface says: "The teaching of our Lord and His Apostles, the great doctrines of the Creeds, and the infinite variety of their application to human conduct, afford the preacher inexhaustible materials. And the Church of this country, as a provisional branch of Christ's Holy Catholic Church, is certainly intended to be as like the original Church of Christ as it possibly can. My enthusiasm and zeal for it as such are lifelong and whole-hearted. It is within these limits that these sermons are intended to move."

Pro Patria. Sermons on special occasions in England and America. By C. W. STUBBS, Dean of Ely. Elliot Stock. Pp. 182.

Twelve interesting sermons on national, literary, and social topics. They are stimulating to the conscience, and suggestive to the mind of further inquiry into the very important subjects with which they deal.

William Herschel and his Work. By JAMES SIME, M.A., F.R.S.E. T. and T. Clark, Edinburgh. Pp. 265. Price 3s.

This is one of a valuable series of the world's epoch-makers. The life, character, and work of the great astronomer are well and carefully estimated. We leave off with regret, and with genuine admiration for a lovable man, as well as captivation to a most entrancing science.

St. Kilda. By NORMAN HEATHCOTE. Longmans, Green and Co. Price 10s. 6d.

Considerable interest has been shown of late years in the small and out-of-the-way island of St. Kilda; and in this charming work by the grandson of McLeod the kind-hearted we have a complete and fascinating description of the island—its scenery, people, and birds, the latter forming one of the most attractive features of the place. The book contains also many beautiful illustrations. We congratulate Mr. Heathcote on the success of what has evidently been a labour of love.

Repton and its Neighbourhood. By F. C. HIPKINS. Lawrence, Ripton. Pp. 142.

A charming and well-illustrated account of that delightful school and country in the valley of the Trent, and the south of Derbyshire, a region rich in historical and ecclesiastical remains from the time of the Mercians onwards.

Twenty-five Agrepha. By Prebendary BLOMFIELD JACKSON. S.P.C.K. Pp. 77.

A text-book of extra-canonical sayings of our Lord, explained and annotated with the spirit of a devout scholar. A very interesting collection.

Fair as a Lily. By EDITH HARVEY-BROOKS. S.P.C.K. Pp. 94.

Thoughts suggested by the various parts of a Madonna lily, worked out with imagination and devotion, and suitable for reading to a girls' class.

Irene Petrie, Missionary to Kashmir. By Mrs. ASHLEY CARUS-WILSON. Hodder and Stoughton. 1900. Pp. 343. Price 6s.

An inspiring narrative of the life of a recent heroine of the missionary field, Irene, daughter of Colonel Petrie, the hero of the *Vesta*, examiner

in Military Administration at the Staff College. Happy and popular in social life, she felt the call, and went to Kashmir, where, after some years of very interesting and valuable work, she succumbed to an attack of typhoid fever when on a difficult journey. A bright, attractive spirit.

The King and His Servants. By E. M. DEWHURST. Elliot Stock. 1900. Pp. 247.

A series of short readings, for family use, suggested by the services for every Sunday in the year. They are devotional, orthodox and practical.

From Aldershot to Pretoria. By Rev. W. E. SELLERS. R.T.S. Pp. 224.

A most interesting record of heroic and successful work done among the soldiers during the South African campaign by chaplains and agents of various denominations.

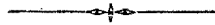
The Princess's Story-book. Edited by G. L. GOMME. Constable and Co. Pp. 443. Price 6s.

This is a series of twenty-three well-chosen passages from historical novels, illustrating as many different reigns. Many of the stories and episodes are almost complete in themselves, and all of them are favourable introductions to the works they represent. It was a very happy idea.

The Vicarage Children (by CATHERINE MARY MACSORLEY, S.P.C.K., pp. 80), *Sand-larks* (by O. ROBERT WYNNE, D.D., S.P.C.K., pp. 96), and *Six Little Soldiers*. (by C. M. VINCENT, S.P.C.K., pp. 62) are three bright and healthy little books for young children.

The Boys' and Girls' Companion. Annual volume for 1900. Church of England Sunday-School Institute. Pp. 192.

A pretty and interesting collection of stories and papers suited to children.



The Month.

LORD WOLSELEY has retired from the duties of Commander-in-Chief, and has been succeeded, temporarily, by Sir Evelyn Wood, who will undertake the duties of the post till the return of Lord Roberts. Lord Roberts himself, after a right royal send-off from Cape Town, has sailed at length for England, after accomplishing as arduous a task as has fallen to an English soldier since the Mutiny. By means of quiet firmness and exquisite grace and tact, Lord Roberts has put the coping-stone to that work which he had all but begun eighteen years ago, and which only the vacillation of the Ministry of that day prevented from being carried out—namely, the assertion of the paramountcy of England in South Africa. Lord Roberts has done what probably no one else living could have done so wisely or so well—that is, has convinced the world of the reality of England's military power by his brilliant successes in the field, and maintained her reputation for justice and equity by his admirable temper as a civil administrator. Truly a great man this—

Grande et conspicuum quoque nostro tempore nomen !