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Jacobus. This volume also contains the essays that secured the prizes offered by Miss Helen Gould for the best statement of the difference between the two versions.



“Nunburnholme: its History and Antiquities,” by the Rev. M. C. F. Morris, is a new work which Mr. Frowde publishes. The author, who is Rector of Nunburnholme, explains that a somewhat close intercourse with East Yorkshire folk, extending now over many years, has led him forcibly to the conclusion that from a historical point of view local traditions are by no means to be despised. The volume is illustrated.



## Notices of Books.

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THE REPROACH OF THE GOSPEL. Being the Bampton Lectures for 1907. By the Rev. J. H. F. Peile, M.A. London: *Longmans*. Price 5s. 6d. net.

This is, undoubtedly, a book to reckon with. There is no slightest parade of scholarship throughout its pages; yet they bear evidence of scholarly thought. There is no attempt to startle the reader; yet the book is profoundly startling. There is no new device suggested whereby men, unaided, may—whether by scientific theory or social panacea—work out their own salvation; yet the cure for the sorrow of the world is not obscurely hinted at—nay, it is held before our eyes as the one and only solace, the one and only remedy. And what is that cure? Belief in the Lord Jesus Christ. The careless unbeliever, reading the title of the book, and hoping for some “new light” on the burning questions of the day, will, it may be, turn away in disgust or despair. The thoughtful and reverent among those who are not Christians will view the book otherwise; they may yet learn, after thinking over the great lesson of its pages, to echo the words of the lecturer when (on p. 193) he thus writes: “I believe the miracle which can alone deliver us from the inexorable tyranny of economic laws is the influence of Christ upon human character.” It is no new Gospel which Mr. Peile preaches (God be thanked!), but an old one, even that which we have heard from the beginning—the power and love of God, manifested in and through the Person of Jesus Christ. The book professes to be an inquiry into the apparent failure of Christianity as a general rule of life and conduct, especially in reference to our own days. We hope it will be read by every one to whom the ethical and religious outlook of our times appears discouraging, preposterous, sad. If a hurried reader—and who is not hurried now?—cannot make up his mind to study the whole book, let him at least peruse, and dwell patiently upon, the first two lectures; for these contain the best things in the book, as well as strike the keynote of all that is to follow. The book is starred with many pregnant words. Where there is so much that is helpful and admirable it is impossible to select, especially as

our space is limited. But we hope we have said enough to send our readers to a very notable book.

THE VIRGIN-BIRTH OF CHRIST. By James Orr, D.D. London: *Hodder and Stoughton*. Price 6s.

This book consists of eight lectures—delivered in April, 1907, at the Presbyterian Church, New York—together with an Appendix, in which are summarized a number of papers, by various scholars, dealing with the Virgin-birth. The aim of these lectures is to establish faith in this miracle (rather, one should say, *re-establish*), to meet objections, and to show the intimate connexion of fact and doctrine in this mystery. We have read every word of these lectures, with a profound conviction of their significance and a growing appreciation of Professor Orr's unanswerable logic. We willingly admit that those whose standpoint is frankly anti-supernatural—echoers of Matthew Arnold's easy negativism, "And miracles do *not* happen"—will remain, perhaps, untouched by Dr. Orr's presentation of the case. But those whose creed is not based on negativism of this sort will, we imagine, find it hard to resist the cumulative force of the lecturer's plea. Alike in the historical and the psychological reference the Professor's defence is admirably set forth. Dr. Orr's second chapter, "The Gospel Witnesses," is unusually helpful. In his discussion both of the Matthew Gospel and of the Luke Gospel he has useful suggestions to offer; and readers who hitherto have found it difficult, for example, to harmonize the statements of Papias as regards the composition of the former Gospel with the actual text as we have it should find their doubts set at rest in great measure. We see no reason, indeed, why Matthew should not have written *both* the "Logia" *and* the Gospel. Why not? There are many examples of writings issued to the world that have, later on, been expanded by their authors (*e.g.*, Lewis's "History of Philosophy"). Or, again, it may well be that the Gospel itself is the original work, and that the "Logia" are but a selection of passages from the Gospel, issued directly under the writer's own supervision. It seems, however, to be a canon of criticism with some writers that *ancient* authors never could, or never did, revise their own works. Are, then, "second editions" a peculiarity of our own times? We trow not. We are grateful to Professor Orr for pointing out (see pp. 117, 196) that the silence of St. Paul on the subject of the Virgin-birth is not so absolute as many choose to aver. There is *not a word* in any of St. Paul's Epistles which *excludes* the belief; and, bearing in mind that there is scarcely an allusion there to Christ's entry into human life that is not marked by some significant peculiarity of expression, it is not too much to assume that St. Paul was perfectly well acquainted with the mystery of the Redeemer's birth. Indeed, how could he help being so? The argument from silence is at best most precarious, and no far-reaching theory can be based upon it. Dr. Orr quotes from a very large number of scholars who have written on the subject of the Virgin-birth, but we miss a reference to Principal Randolph's useful little brochure. This book, then, we would venture to bring to Dr. Orr's notice, more especially as L**ö**bstein, in a recent edition of his well-known essay on the question, refers specially, and at length, to Dr. Randolph's book.

CHRIST AND THE OLD TESTAMENT. By B. W. Randolph, D.D. With an Introduction by the Bishop of Salisbury. London: *Longmans*. Price 4s.

A timely and excellent little book, marked by all Canon Randolph's spirituality of tone and persuasiveness of presentation. These "Short Readings on some Messianic Passages" will be valued by all who love to see Christ in the Old Testament, and not least by those who are strongly opposed to the author's Church views, which occasionally find expression in these pages.

PERSONAL IDEALISM AND MYSTICISM. By W. R. Inge, D.D. London: *Longmans*. Price 3s. 6d.

This book contains the Paddock Lectures for 1906, delivered in New York. Anything from Professor Inge's pen is sure to be worth reading, and will certainly require *attentive* reading. Nor is this volume an exception. At the same time, there is a certain sense of disappointment as we read it. Perhaps Dr. Inge's Bampton Lectures for 1899 have compelled us to demand a very high standard indeed from their writer; but certain it is that, in comparison with that notable work, the present volume seems a little thin. The concluding lecture, "The Problem of Sin," is the one to which—in view of some recent publications—we turn to with most interest. We are glad to see that Dr. Inge quietly repudiates Dr. Rashdall's conclusions on this intricate question. Dr. Rashdall has impaled himself on one of the horns of the dilemma proposed by Augustine. Now hear Professor Inge: "The only alternative, if we refuse this dilemma, is to deny, in some degree, the absolute existence of evil, regarding it as an appearance incidental to the actualization of moral purpose as vital activity." What does "in some degree" signify? Statements like this afford no clue to our difficulties. In answering certain questions, it is better oftentimes to be decidedly wrong than indecidedly right.

PROBLEMS OF PRAYER. By Rev. J. G. James, D.Litt. London: *Hodder and Stoughton*. Price 6s.

So many books have been written on the question of prayer that it would seem almost superfluous to add another to an already overcrowded list; yet Dr. James has managed to give us a book that we would not willingly have missed. He justly says (Preface, p. vi): "Prayer and its answer should furnish a fine field for psychological research"; and he goes on to point out that the movements in philosophic thought which are taking place so rapidly at the present time have a direct and most important bearing upon our attitude towards this subject. On the whole, these movements are favourable to a reasoned belief and confidence in a God who answers prayer. In an extremely interesting chapter entitled "Is Prayer Always Answered?" the writer comes to the main crux of the question. He believes—what, indeed, every sincere Christian always has believed—that it is God's will that true prayer should be answered, and answered in the bestowal of the *real* good we desire. This means that, while what we ask for is *really* given us, God answers prayer by an interpretation of the heart's *real* desire. The truth of this conclusion is so aptly worked out that we should like to call

special attention to Dr. James's chapter in its entirety. But, indeed, the book as a whole is well worth the most earnest consideration.

THE LIFE OF EDWARD HENRY BICKERSTETH, D.D. By Rev. F. K. Aglionby, D.D. With photogravure portrait and five illustrations. London: *Longmans*. Price 6s. 6d.

Uneventful as Bishop Bickersteth's life was, in the ordinary sense, it was worth writing, because it was the life of a true Christian, a true poet, and a true worker in the cause of Evangelical Christianity. Mr. Aglionby has performed his task with discrimination and kindly care. We hope the book will have many readers. The author of "Peace, perfect peace," is secure of a niche in the temple of Fame. Better, maybe, to have written those lines—speaking, as they do, to the hearts of Christians all the world over—than to be the writer of far more ambitious books, known and cherished by a mere handful of students.

LIGHT AND LIFE. Sermons by the late Rev. J. W. Shepard, M.A. With a portrait of the author, and Prefatory Memoir by Archdeacon Bevan. London: *Macmillan and Co.* Price 6s.

The name of the author of these sermons will be unknown to most people. Too modest ever to intrude himself on the notice of the world by the usual self-advertising methods of to-day, Mr. Shepard turned a deaf ear to "the loud impertinence of fame." His ideal was a nobler one: "to scorn delights and live laborious days." A gracious and helpful Christian personality was his, as Archdeacon Bevan remarks in his brief but admirable memoir; and we think, too, that careful readers of these sermons will draw a like conclusion. They are not exactly brilliant; they are not recondite; they are not, in a sense, eloquent. Yet they flash out truths of life and truths of doctrine, and are eloquent with the eloquence of profound conviction. No reader will consult these sermons without coming away helped.

GOD AND MAN IN THE LIGHT OF TO-DAY. By the Rev. A. R. Henderson, M.A. London: *Hodder and Stoughton*. Price 5s.

This is a helpful book in many ways. It is divided into three main divisions: (1) "What Men Think of God"; (2) "The God of Salvation"; (3) "The Christian Experience of God." The first part deals with the "five views of God" commonly held in the world—viz., the Atheistic, the Pantheistic, the Deistic, the Agnostic, and the Christian. Naturally, these "creeds" are dealt with only slightly and superficially; but this does not imply that the treatment is inadequate. Many of the writer's thoughts are "germinal," and will bear fruit in a thoughtful mind—not at once, but "after many days." The concluding chapter of Mr. Henderson's book should be compared with the recent Bampton Lectures of Mr. Peile. Both the writers touch a common theme.

LIFE'S IDEALS. By the Rev. W. Dickie, D.D. London: *Hodder and Stoughton*. Price 3s. 6d.

This beautiful little volume will be treasured by every reader who has tried to make the ideals which it inculcates his own. The writer is favourably known to us by a volume of "Studies in St. Paul's Teaching"; and

we think that the present book will enhance his reputation for clear, sane teaching, and for forcible expression of that teaching. "Forcible," because pellucidly clear and logical. It would be difficult to improve on the first two essays, "The Pursuit of Ideals" and "Idealism in Life." One feels, as one reads, that for the writer "ideals" are no lifeless and cold abstractions, but living realities, holding sway over the consciences and hearts of Christian men.

TALKS ON ST. LUKE'S GOSPEL. By Eugene Stock. London: R.T.S. Price 3s. 6d.

An admirable book, specially designed to assist teachers of Sunday and Bible classes. Like everything by Mr. Stock, it is marked by great freshness of outlook and real suggestiveness for further Bible study.

THE LIFE OF CHRIST ACCORDING TO ST. MARK. By W. H. Bennett, M.A., D.D. London: *Hodder and Stoughton*. 1907. Price 6s.

The object of this book, says its author, is to present the impression of Christ which would be derived from St. Mark's Gospel by a reader who had no other source of information—a reader who knew nothing of the other Gospels or of Christian theology. Of course, as Professor Bennett fully admits, such an impression is inadequate; but there is virtue in the attempt on our part to realize the actual impression that would have been given. Professor Bennett writes, apparently, from a neological standpoint, and the reader must make due allowance for this. Thus, for him, the Temptation is to be regarded from a purely human point of view; the Transfiguration is a subjective vision, and so on. Nevertheless, the book has a value of its own, and may profitably be consulted.

ELEVATION IN THE EUCHARIST. By the Rev. T. W. Drury, D.D. Cambridge: *University Press Warehouse*. Price 3s. 6d. net.

Certain discussions arising out of the evidence given before the Royal Commission led to an inquiry into the various types of Elevation practised in Christendom, and the meaning attached to it. The result is seen in the work now before us. After a general introduction, the view of Elevation taken in the Eastern Liturgies is carefully stated and discussed. The second chapter deals in the same way with Western Liturgies. A third chapter treats of the Rationale of Elevation, while the last chapter is concerned with "Elevation and the Book of Common Prayer." Dr. Drury very rightly says that the significance of Elevation cannot be regarded as a matter of private interpretation, for the simple reason that it is "a ceremonial intimately wrapped up with a doctrine repudiated at the Reformation." It is essential, therefore, to consider as carefully as possible not only its historical purpose, but the impression produced by it on the popular mind, now that it is "being restored, without authority, at the very point of the service where it is most likely to be misunderstood" (Preface, p. x). It goes without saying that Bishop Drury's treatment is scholarly, clear, and balanced. He lets the facts speak for themselves, and they certainly do speak with no uncertain sound. The outcome of his investigations is to confirm the finding of the Royal Commission on this point—that Elevation marks distinctly one "line of deep cleavage" between the Churches of England and Rome. Like the

author's former volume, *Confession and Absolution*, this work at once takes rank as one of our primary authorities on its subject. No one who wishes to know the truth on this important matter can overlook this truly valuable discussion.

JESUS CHRIST AND THE CIVILIZATION OF TO-DAY. By J. A. Leighton, Ph.D.  
London: *Macmillan and Co., Ltd.* Price 6s. 6d. net.

An attempt to apply the ethical teaching of our Lord to the moral foundations of modern culture. In a series of ten chapters various aspects of the social question are discussed in the light of the teaching of Christ. The book is very suggestive and marked by real thought and insight. We are not prepared to say that its view of Jesus Christ is entirely adequate and complete, and in particular we deprecate the almost unvarying use of the term "Jesus," the human name of our Lord; but within its own lines the book is of great value, and calls for the careful attention of all who are concerned with the great social questions of our day. As the author well says in his concluding words: "If the principles of Jesus Christ are absolutely supreme, then His kingdom must come both to the individual and the world. The only alternative to this assumption is a moral indifference and pessimism."

SOLOMON'S TEMPLE: ITS HISTORY AND ITS STRUCTURE. By the Rev. W. S. Caldecott. London: *The Religious Tract Society.* Price 6s.

The author is already known by his valuable work on the Tabernacle, in which he endeavoured to prove, and in the opinion of many did prove, the existence of a triple cubic of measurement in the Old Testament. The present work is a companion volume dealing with Solomon's Temple. In an introduction to Part I. the relative value as history of Kings and Chronicles is carefully considered, and reasons are given for holding a very different view of Chronicles from that which is prominent to-day in certain critical circles. Students of chronology will also be interested in the author's new chronological scheme of the Hebrew Kings. Part I. treats of the history of Solomon's Temple from its dedication to its destruction by Nebuchadnezzar. Part II. discusses the structure of the Temple, and in this will be found the author's most characteristic work. He seems to us to give very valid reasons for believing in the triple cubic, and among other interesting points is the statement that the Temple had no trenched foundations, but was built upon a raised platform. Professor Sayce, in his introduction, calls special attention to this. We commend the book to the careful study of all those who believe that conservative criticism has still a good deal to say for itself. What Professor Sayce truly says of Mr. Caldecott's former work is equally true of this: it shows "how much there is still to be discovered in the Old Testament by those who will study it without prepossessions and untrammelled by commentaries." It is a noteworthy contribution to true Biblical criticism, and will be indispensable to all students of the history of the monarchy of Israel and Judah.

SCIENTIFIC CONFIRMATIONS OF OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY. By G. Frederick Wright, D.D. London: *Hodder and Stoughton.* Price 6s.

The English edition of an American work reviewed in these columns in July last, to which we then gave and now again give a hearty welcome. It

is by one of the foremost of the geological authorities of the day, and is full of valuable information on several points connected with Old Testament history. To repeat what we said in July: "It is a most interesting and valuable contribution to our knowledge. It cannot fail to prove of service to the cause of truth."

CHRIST'S SERVICE OF LOVE. By Hugh Black. London: *Hodder and Stoughton*. 1907. Crown 8vo., cloth. Price 6s.

Another volume of sermons by this welcome author—this time "designed for devotional reading in keeping with the great occasion of Communion." "Celebration," "Communion," "Eucharist," "Unity," "Consecration," are stated in the preface to be the main aspects of the teaching. "There is nothing here that is not in the Gospel itself, nothing new added to the Gospel." "O si sic omnes!" We have here evangelical and spiritual teaching in thirty choice discourses.

HEROES OF MISSIONARY ENTERPRISE. By Claud Field, M.A., sometime C.M.S. Missionary in the Punjab. London: *Seeley and Co.* Extra crown 8vo. Price 5s.

Biographical sketches of missionary heroism concisely and admirably told. If a certain numerous type of boy and girl—and, we will add, of adults—is to be really interested in foreign missions, these stirring incidents of self-sacrifice for Christ, exciting in the best sense, may prove just "the thing."

THE EMPIRE OF LOVE. By W. J. Dawson. London: *Hodder and Stoughton*. Price 3s. 6d.

No doubt our great need as Christians is to be converted to Christianity. The confession made in this book might well fall from the pen of many another so-called "Christian" man and woman. The writer draws us back to Christ. Love is the root of all. Love to God expressing itself in love to man must transpose our personal, social, national, and international life. Justice must be based on love. Love will rebuild the shattered ruins of a life. Love will build a mighty, lasting empire. Therefore, confess your need of love to Christ and love to your fellow, and get love. May God write the truths, so beautifully and faithfully expressed in this volume, in lasting characters upon all our hearts!

THE PARABLES OF THE KINGDOM. By G. Campbell Morgan, D.D. London: *Hodder and Stoughton*. Price 2s. 6d.

The parables of Matt. xiii. form the subject-matter here. Three canons of interpretation are laid down at the outset, one of which—consistency in the use of Scriptural figures—practically begets this book. Popular views of the parables are completely set aside. The seed in the parable of the Sower is men, as in that of the Tares. Birds are always a symbol of evil. The soil is the world. A tree is a symbol of widespread worldly power. Leaven is always a type of evil. In the parable of the Hid Treasure, He who purchased the field is the King Himself. The treasure hidden is the latent possibility of human nature. The "pearl" is not Christ, for He is God's free gift; it is the Bride of Christ, viewed as in Him. The interpretations are suggestive, and in many ways convincing.



THE WORLD AND ITS GOD. By P. Mauro. London: *Morgan and Scott*. Price 6d.

The book is small, but the witness strong. The writer, an American lawyer, who has tried materialism and found it wanting, is a strong upholder of God's Word. His purpose is to apply the philosophic test to the Bible account of creation, particularly to that part which deals with the origin of evil. The contribution is lucid and forceful.

THE BURLINGTON ART MINIATURES OF THE WORLD'S GREAT MASTERPIECES. No. 1. London: *The Fine Arts Publishing Company*. Price 1s. 6d.

This is the first of twenty small portfolios, each containing ten mezzogravures of famous pictures. The first comprises His Majesty's collection of paintings, and subsequent numbers will illustrate the finest pictures in all the important galleries in the Continent and the British Isles. Each list will be accompanied with descriptive letterpress, the present one being by Mr. Lionel Cust. These miniatures are beautifully produced, and bring for the first time before the general public a collection of art treasures for a very insignificant sum. If succeeding numbers are maintained at the high standard of the present portfolio, the entire collection will prove of very real interest and value. A handy case is provided to hold all twenty portfolios, which are being published at fortnightly intervals.

PUSEY'S MINOR PROPHETS. Vol. VIII. ZECARIAH. London: *James Nisbet and Co., Ltd.* Price 2s. 6d. net.

The present volume concludes the series of this cheap, well-printed, and handy reissue. We hope Pusey's great work on Daniel will follow in the same series. For thoroughness of exegesis, combined with spiritual teaching, it is not too much to say that Pusey's "Minor Prophets" will never become obsolete.

SONGS OF THE DAWN. By Anna Woodcock, Virginia Mount, Malvern Well. Price 6d.; post free, 7d. 60 pages.

A little book by a young woman in humble circumstances who is bedridden. Devotional verses, full of the love of the Saviour.

MULTIPLIED BLESSINGS. Eighteen Short Readings by the late Canon Hoare, of Tunbridge Wells. London: *S.P.C.K.* Price 1s.

It will delight the hearts of those who love and revere his memory, and have rejoiced in his ministry, to see these extracts from the written sermons of such a beloved and wise leader, teacher, and preacher of Evangelical truth here printed for the first time for a wider circulation. God speed it!

CHRISTIAN LIFE. By G. Egerton Warburton. London: *S.P.C.K.* Price 1s. 6d.

Contains sixty-eight "Suggestions for Thought" in the form of short sermon extracts.

BIBLE CLASSES. By Lady Hammick. London: *S.P.C.K.* Price 6d.

Six papers read before workers in connexion with the Girls' Friendly Society, to insist upon the necessity of teaching the Bible. It gives suggestions as to what this should mean, emphasizing spiritual qualifications and aims.

**MATTER AND INTELLECT.** By Andrew Allen. London: *Owen and Co.*

This volume is, the writer tells us, an attempt to reconcile the Bible and science. So far, so good. But we very much doubt if the furtherance of such reconciliation is likely to be effected by Mr. Allen's volume. What are we to say of such a statement as this (p. 190): "Christ called Himself the Son of man, using the word 'man' as a convenient synonym for Matter or the Father"?

**THE MASTER OF THE MAGICIANS: The Story of Daniel Retold.** By "Lumen." London: *Elliot Stock.*

This is a bulky book, and must have cost its (anonymous) writer considerable pains in piecing it together. We are sorry, however, we cannot commend it. Much of it is obviously futile; and, as a contribution to our historical knowledge of the times of Daniel, it is quite untrustworthy.

**ORIGEN THE TEACHER.** Translated by W. Metcalfe, B.D. London: *S.P.C.K.* Price 1s. 6d.

This contains Gregory Thaumaturgus's address to Origen his master, and the latter's reply. The pupil's praise extends to forty-five pages, the reply to four. A light is shed on Origen and his habits of thought, as well as on Christian learning. We are indebted to the translator.

**THE THREE CROSSES.** By Rev. J. W. Falconer, B.D. London: *Hodder and Stoughton.* Price 3s. 6d.

The first cross is punishment, and witnesses to the defiance of the impenitent thief; the second is penitence and the penitent thief's awakening of soul; the third is holiness, and is Christ's cross. The book is beautifully written, full of tender thoughts, solemn warnings, and essential truths.

**BANNERS OF THE BARRACK-ROOM.** By Rev. W. E. Bristow. London: *S.P.C.K.* Price 6d.

These short papers are thoroughly commendable, and should be read by soldiers and others. They tell of temperance, soberness, chastity, and religion.

**THE PEOPLE'S PSALTER.** Arranged by Rev. G. H. S. Walpole, D.D. London: *Elliot Stock.* Price 3s. 6d.

The most approved pointing is here combined with notes that can be read at a glance. No doubt it is thus possible to enter more intelligently into the true meaning of the Psalms, and therefore more devoutly. The Litany, canticles, and hymns of the Church are also included. We are sure the book will be widely useful.

### GIFT BOOKS.

**THE GATE OF HAPPINESS.** By C. E. C. Weigall. London: *Religious Tract Society.* Price 3s. 6d.

As may be anticipated from the very commencement of this story, the path of duty leads to the Gate of Happiness. Perhaps the heroine is just a little too perfect, though this is a good fault in an ideal. Her unselfish devotion, first to a very unworthy father who is a gambler, and then to disagreeable relatives, shows her to be a very conscientious and sweet character. Of course there is a love-story, which at first does not run smoothly, but comes all right in the end. This book is sure to prove interesting to many. It is full of incident and brightly written.

**THE ADVENTURES OF TIMOTHY.** By E. C. Kenyon. London: *Religious Tract Society*. Price 2s. 6d.

When we saw the author's name we expected to enjoy this book, and we were not disappointed. It is not a book for boys only, as the title may suggest. The scene is laid in the days of the Civil War between the Royalists and Roundheads. The descriptions are very interesting, the story is full of hairbreadth adventures, and a delightful love-story adds to the enjoyment of the book. The religious tone is clear and true, and though the hero is a Roundhead, the author introduces many Royalists of beautiful character, and succeeds in depicting the awful horrors of war, and of civil war in particular. We heartily recommend the book to those who wish to add a wholesome, historical story to the family bookshelf.

**ADNAH.** A Tale of the Time of Christ. By T. Breckenidge Ellis. London: *Religious Tract Society*. Price 2s.

There is no question about the interest of this story, though we do not quite like the suppositions that are introduced in connexion with the New Testament characters. The book is distinctly clever, and affords some glimpses of the changes wrought in the life by the power of the words and life of Jesus. The descriptions of various incidents concerned with slavery, the gladiatorial combats of the amphitheatre, and the Roman life and customs introduced into Judæa, are all of thrilling dramatic interest. There is much that is very impressive and of religious, Christian value.

**IN A DEEP-WATER SHIP.** By Ernest Richards. London: *Andrew Melrose*. Price 3s 6d. net.

A personal narrative of a year's voyage as apprentice in a British clipper ship. It is a graphically told story of daily life at sea, with the ordinary duties of the sailor described with great fullness. We are also told of "Father Neptune's" visit on crossing "the line," of shark-catching, fishing for albatross, sea-lion hunting, and of a terrible storm off Valparaiso. This is just the book for those interested in "life on the ocean wave." It is well written, and there is not a dull page in it.

**DIANA IN DUODECIMO.** By A. R. Hope. London: *Adam and Charles Black*. Price 3s. 6d.

Another book by a well-known writer of schoolboy stories. The talks have to do chiefly with grammar-schools and commercial schools. Some are very amusing; one or two are rather improbable.

**CAPTAIN VIVANTI'S PURSUIT.** By G. S. Godkin. London: *Elliot Stock*.

A story of Italy in the seventies. The hero is a Carabiniere officer. The heroine is a bright Irish girl. There is plenty of excitement, including a fire at a hotel and a brigand capture, and the hunting down by the hero of a friend who had slandered him. What we like most in the book is its knowledge and excellent description of Italian life.

**SLAVERS AND CRUISERS.** By S. W. Sadler, R.N. **BORN TO COMMAND.** By Gordon Stables. **THE CARVED CARTOON.** By Austin Clare. **SAIL HO!** and **CROWN AND SCEPTRE.** By Manville Fenn. **THE PIRATE SLAVER.** By Harry Collingwood. London: S.P.C.K. Paper covers. 6d. each.

In these days of the sixpenny novel we are glad to see these excellent stories, well told, reverent, and full of thrilling adventure, put within reach of all. The outer cover seems particularly tasteful.

## PAMPHLETS AND PERIODICALS.

**THE OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE REVIEW.** London: *Archibald Constable and Co., Ltd.* Price 2s. 6d. net.

The second number of this new quarterly, intended specially for members of our two oldest Universities. The present issue has eleven articles, and appeals to a very wide constituency. Mr. J. Butler Burke, of Cambridge, writes usefully on "Haeckel and Haeckelism," in the course of which the great German scientist comes in for some severe comment. Mr. F. C. S. Schiller discusses "Freedom and Responsibility, with Special Reference to Mr. Blackford's Determinism." Mr. Schiller subjects that crude and impossible position to a very trenchant criticism. "Oxford's Antiquated Machinery" is the subject of a plain-spoken article by "Jam Senior," and a particularly useful contribution is one by Mr. W. H. Beveridge on "Settlements and Social Reform." We shall watch with interest the succeeding numbers of this very useful review.

CHURCH QUESTIONS. By the Rev. Gilbert Karney. London: *Charles Murray*. Price—cloth, 9d. net; paper, 6d. net.

A third and cheap edition of a little handbook dealing with six current topics of discussion among Churchmen. The author's treatment is admirably clear, faithful, and convincing. The book should have a wide circulation.

CLEAR STATEMENTS ON CONTROVERSIAL SUBJECTS. By the Rev. Innes B. Wane. London: *Charles Murray*. Price—cloth, 9d. net.; paper, 3d.

The author describes his work as "a pamphlet presenting on some points the positive position and protest of a Churchman who professes the principles of the Reformation." We agree with Dean Wace, who writes the Preface, that this little book will be "found to justify its title." It provides a clear, definite, and well-balanced statement of the main points at issue in our Church at the present day. Clergy and other Christian workers who are asking from time to time for handbooks should make a special note of this capital pamphlet.

JANET CLARK. Edited by the Rev. J. P. Clark. London: *Morgan and Scott; Marshall Bros.* Price 1s. net.

A touching and beautiful memoir of a truly consecrated life. Mrs. Clark was a woman of great natural gifts and deep spiritual experience, and this sketch is written with taste and real freshness. It will prove a spiritual blessing to every thoughtful reader.

THE CHURCH MONTHLY. London: *F. Sherlock*. Price 2s.

Mr. Sherlock's monthly magazine continues to provide capital reading matter for home and parish. There is something for everybody. The illustrations are particularly good.

LONDON UNIVERSITY GUIDE. London: *University Correspondence College*. Price 1s.

We are glad to have this latest number of a handbook indispensable to all who seek a London degree under the guidance of the University Correspondence College.

FUNDAMENTAL CHRISTIANITY. By Rev. Barton R. V. Mills. London: *Masters and Co.* Price 1s. net.

The papers comprised in this volume appeared in our columns last year as a series of articles entitled "What is Christianity?" Many who read and valued the articles will be glad to have them in this convenient form.

THE ROYAL ANNUAL. London: *Sunday-School Union*. Price 2s.

The yearly volume of the *Golden Rule*, an illustrated magazine for young people. Full of interesting material, well illustrated. Just the volume to give to boys and girls.

THE DAWN OF DAY. London: *S.P.C.K.* Price 1s.

The annual volume of the well-known parish magazine published by the S.P.C.K. Its theological and ecclesiastical standpoint is very largely opposed to our own, but, this apart, there is not a little in the volume of general interest.

GOLDEN SUNBEAMS. London: *S.P.C.K.* Price 1s. 4d.

The annual volume of a monthly *Church Magazine for Children*.

NEW THEOLOGY AND SOCIALISM. By Rev. W. Cunliffe. London: *Percy Lund, Humphries and Co., Ltd.* Price 3d. net.

A searching criticism of a recent lecture by the Rev. R. J. Campbell; admirably suited for general distribution.

THOUGHTS ABOUT GOD, MAN, EVIL. By the Rev. C. G. Ashwin. London: *Elliot Stock*. Price 6d. net.

A cheap edition of a little work recently reviewed in these columns.

MINISTER'S DIARY FOR 1908. London: *Hodder and Stoughton*. Prices 3s. and 2s.

This pocket-book for clergy and ministers did not reach us in time for notice last month. It is an old and familiar friend to many, and seems to provide for almost everything that can be needed in connexion with pastoral and parochial work.

RELIGIOUS TRAINING IN THE HOME. By M. Wolseley-Lewis. London: *S.P.C.K.* Price 1d.

We have received the always welcome parcel of THE CHURCHMAN'S ALMANACK (*S.P.C.K.*), which is published in no less than nine different forms—as a sheet almanack, in ordinary book form, interleaved and otherwise, in forms suitable for use on prayer-desks, and as a pocket-book. In these different ways, and at various prices, the needs of all must surely be met.