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Literary Notes.

DR. R. P. DOWNES, the well-known editor of *Great Thoughts*, has written a book entitled "Mind and its Culture," which is intended to prove a help to those who have little time for reading, and yet wish to turn that time to the best advantage. The book will act as an introduction to general literature, and one feature, its classified list of books in various departments of knowledge, should be exceedingly useful to those in search of guidance towards a wider mental outlook. The work was published a little while ago by Messrs. Cassell.



No serious attempt has hitherto been made to tell the whole story of the book trade through the ages, in spite of the fact that Carlyle once wrote that "ten ordinary and courtiers' histories of kings and courtiers were well exchanged against the tenth part of one good history of booksellers." And so Mr. Frank A. Mumby has brought out, through Messrs. Chapman and Hall, an exceedingly interesting, readable work, entitled "The Romance of Bookselling: A History from the Earliest Times to the Twentieth Century." Curwen's so-called "History of Booksellers," apart from being nearly forty years old and long since out of print, is not, strictly speaking, a history at all, consisting mainly of a series of articles on the leading publishers and booksellers of his day. Mr. Mumby's book carries the story as far back as the baked-brick tablets of Assyria; traces the origin of the modern trade in the book world of Imperial Rome; follows its struggle for existence in the long night of the Dark Ages; throws new light on the early history of the Stationers' Company, and the ways of the pirates who flourished in Shakespeare's day, continuing the narrative thence through the later centuries, with an ever-increasing fund of entertaining anecdotes. The differences between authors and publishers on the one hand, and their rare friendships on the other; the trade wars of the past, which ended in bloodshed and imprisonment; the romantic records of the great publishing houses of to-day, and the secret history, as it were, of most of the masterpieces of English literature, complete a work which should appeal to every reader interested in this story of men and books.



Messrs. Rivington's "The Church Universal" series had a new volume added recently, and another one is still to come. The last one published has been written by Professor M. J. Hedley, who has entitled his volume "The Church and the Empire: Being an Outline of the History of the Church, A.D. 1003 to 1304." The remaining volume has been prepared by the Rev. Leighton Pullan. The title of this will be, "The Church in Modern Days: Being an Outline of the History of the Church from A.D. 1815 to 1900."



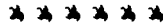
In Mr. Murray's new list will be found a new volume by Dr. Wace, Dean of Canterbury, entitled "The Warburton Lectures on Prophecy."



There are quite a number of excellent works in Mr. Murray's list. There is, for instance, Dr. Grundy's "Thucydides and the History of his Age." This volume contains a great deal of new matter with reference to Greek history in the sixth and fifth centuries B.C., such as can hardly fail to introduce considerable modifications into the current views of the history of this period. Sir Herbert Risley has also prepared an important book on "The Castes and Tribes of Eastern India." There is to be found in this work a description in popular language of the characteristics, history, traditions, social grouping, religion, and folklore of the people of the two provinces of Bengal and Eastern Bengal and Assam. It will embody the results of the ethnography survey of India, which was sanctioned by Lord Curzon nine years ago, and carried out under the author's supervision. The book is amply illustrated.



Likewise an important work is Sir Henry Trueman Wood's "Industrial England in the Middle of the Eighteenth Century." "Industrial England before the Industrial Revolution" is the scope of this work, and the various industries are all dealt with separately, with a certain amount of detail, and the object of the whole book is to present a picture of the manufacturing condition of the country about the period 1754, without going further than is necessary into the earlier history or the later development of our manufacturing system.



Three other works of Mr. Murray's are "Dulce Domum: Being an Account of Bishop Moberly and his Family," which has been written by his daughter, Miss C. A. E. Moberly. Bishop Moberly was for thirty years Headmaster of Winchester College, and this interesting book tells of the intercourse which subsisted for many years between him and Keble, Mark Pattison, Dean Church, George Ridding, Charlotte Yonge, and many others whose names rank high in the annals of English life and the Church. The two other books are "A Dictionary of Christian Biography, Literature, Sects, and Doctrines," edited by Dr. Wace and Rev. W. C. Piercy; and "Captains and Comrades in the Faith," being a collection of the sermons which the Archbishop of Canterbury has preached on special occasions.



We may expect at once "The Reminiscences of Goldwin Smith," which has been prepared by Dr. Goldwin Smith's secretary and literary executor, Mr. Arnold Haultain. The work is to be fully illustrated, and Messrs. Macmillan and Co. are the publishers.



The writer of these notes would like to draw the attention of the readers of the *CHURCHMAN* to the new volume which was published a little while since in "The Anglican Church Handbooks," edited by Dr. Griffith Thomas, Professor of Old Testament Literature, Wycliffe College, Toronto, entitled "New Testament Theology," by the Rev. F. S. Guy Warman, B.D., Principal of St. Aidan's, Birkenhead. The price of the books in this excellent series is one shilling net per volume. It is certainly worth while sending to the publishers, Messrs. Longmans, Green and Co., for a full list of the series.

Among Messrs. Putnam's forthcoming publications are several of particular interest to our readers. "Papers of the American Society of Church History," being the reports and papers of the second and third annual meetings held in New York City in December, 1908, and December, 1909, is a work down for immediate publication. Then the same house is publishing Mr. Roosevelt's "African and European Addresses," delivered during this year; a seventh series of "Shelburne Essays," by Paul Elmer More; "Cathedrals and Cloisters of the Isle de France," by Elise Whitlock Rose and Vida Hunt Francis, with a map, four photogravures, and 200 other illustrations from original photographs; "The Lady," a series of studies, scholarly as well as entertaining, of the woman of social position from the Greek days to the twentieth century; two splendidly produced and particularly low-priced presentation books for Christmas—Goldsmith's "She Stoops to Conquer" and "The Good-natured Man"; and a delightful children's gift-book, entitled "The Chicken World," capitably illustrated, by E. Boyd Smith.



Alpine resorts are in such demand as winter comes round that to hear of a new and delightful one is a real boon. Mr. Lampen, who is resident English chaplain in Switzerland, and therefore in a position to know, describes very minutely, in his new book, entitled "The Chateau d'Ex," which Messrs. Methuen and Co. have recently published, the beauties and characteristics of that delightful spot, which is becoming such a happy hunting-ground—and how suitable the phrase is!—of English visitors. Chateaux d'Ex is beautifully situated in the Pays d'Enhaut, within easy reach of Berne. It can also be reached from Montreux by the Montreux and Bernese Oberland Railway, up through the magnificent Les Avants.



Messrs. Methuen have also just issued, under the title of "Innocence and Death," a little anthology of verse and prose extracts on the loss of little children, in the hope that some of the thoughts it contains may bring beams of light and comfort to fathers and mothers who mourn. Mrs. Dent has prepared the little work.



"The English Church in the Nineteenth Century," by Mr. F. W. Cornish, Vice-Provost of Eton College, brings to a conclusion the complete history of the Church, edited by the late Dean Stephens and Dr. William Hunt, the seven earlier volumes of which are written by Dr. W. Hunt, Dean Stephens, Canon Capes, Dr. J. Gairdner, the Rev. W. H. Frere, the Rev. W. H. Hutton, and Canon Overton (assisted by the Rev. F. Relton). The present work is in two parts, for it was found impossible to deal with the nineteenth century within the compass of a single volume. The first part carries the story down to 1851, and embraces, therefore, the Oxford Movement, to which several chapters are devoted. The history ends with the death of Canon Liddon, in 1890, and Archbishop Benson's judgment in the Bishop of Lincoln's case.



The foregoing book is published by Messrs. Macmillan and Co. We wonder if our readers have seen another book issued by this firm? It is a new book on missionary effort in India, by Mr. Bernard Lucas, author of "The Faith of a Christian" and "The Empire of Christ." It will probably find many readers, especially among those who are acquainted with the author's earlier book. "Christ for India" is the title, and it is "chiefly interesting because it combines with remarkable skill an illuminating criticism of the current Hindu theologies with an attempt at the presentation of Christianity in a form most likely to meet the needs of the people of India." Certainly the volume will find readers among those who are interested in missionary work in India. The sub-title of the work is: "Being a Presentation of the Christian Message to the Religious Thought in India." We have not read the book at the time of writing this note, and we are unable to say exactly what stand the author takes, or how he endeavours to present Christianity to the people of India.



"Life in the Roman World of Nero and St. Paul," by Professor T. G. Tucker, is a new work which, besides being an examination of the Imperial City, attempts to realize the conditions of life in the Empire as a whole. The book is certainly a comprehensive work, and deals with a period of history of the ancient world which is, perhaps, more interesting to the general reader than any other, and in writing his book Professor Tucker states that he has had special regard for this class. The work is provided with a good index, three maps and plans, and over 120 illustrations.



Somewhat in the Bensonian way, Major Gambier Passy has written a book which he has pleasantly called "The Pageant of My Day." These essays deal with thoughts and feelings with which many are familiar, and that most people experience at one time or another in their lives: the scenes depicted are those of every day. But through the chapters, held together as they are by threads more or less slender, runs so much of the story of a life as seems worth indication and serves some purpose. Messrs. Smith, Elder and Co. are the publishers.



Notices of Books.

ENGLISH CHURCH MANUALS.

THE CHURCH AND THE BIBLE. By the Rev. Principal Tait. London: Longmans, Green and Co.

If God has revealed Himself to man in Christ, where is the final authoritative expression of that revelation to be found? Principal Tait makes this question the basis of his treatise. The New Testament revelation is final and all-sufficient; therefore the Pope is deposed from the seat of final authority. The New Testament writers speak as messengers, not of the