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have taken up what we considered to be an eccentric and strange fanaticism. The examiners sat at a table together in the centre of the large hall of the Old Madras College, while the officers who were under examination were distributed at smaller tables preparing their papers; and we had frequent intervals for reading or conversation while these officers were so occupied. On one occasion Browne seemed to be much engrossed with a little book which he was reading, and I have a distinct recollection of the following conversation with one of his colleagues. 'Browne, what is that little book you are reading so diligently?' With his calm smile, he quietly handed it to his interrogator, who found it to be the well-known treatise, 'The Force of Truth,' by Thomas Scott. After a short inspection of its contents, it was returned to him with the remark, 'O, my dear Browne! I wish, instead of Thomas Scott, you would read Walter Scott, it would be much better for your mind.' And yet it happened, through God's wondrous grace and mercy, that before the four years of our association on that Military Examining Committee had expired, we were all three of one mind in the Lord, and the remaining two formed an attachment to our elder brother Browne, which was only terminated by his sudden and premature death."

Open this book where one may, appears some interesting incident or quotation. Reference—*e.g.*, is made to that sincere and earnest Christian, General Alexander. A sketch also is given of Major Henry O'Brien, uncle to the well-known Smith O'Brien. The General writes:—

He was, as I heard from old officers, long a leader in gay society, especially on the turf. As a cavalry officer, he was one of the best riders in the Madras Army, and pre-eminently brave. Having been wounded in the last Mahratta war, he was sent home on sick certificate, and while at home, was brought to a knowledge of his Saviour. He returned to India, accompanied by a young wife, lovely in person, and still more so in Christian character. Major O'Brien, being one, if not the first, of those old Indians referred to by the writer in the CHURCHMAN, had to endure an amount of persecution, to which others were not subsequently subjected.

How Lieutenants, Captains, and Colonels became converted, and in after years fought under the banner of "Christ crucified," as His faithful soldiers and servants, this little book narrates in a pleasing and profitable way.

Short Notices.

Dorothy's Daughters. By EMMA MARSHALL, Author of "Life's Aftermath," "Mrs. Mainwaring's Journal," &c. Seeley. Pp. 343. 1881.

Mrs. Marshall's stories are always good; and "Dorothy's Daughters" will be no exception to this general rule. Everyone will like and admire "Dorothy," in other words—Mrs. Singleton; and there is another widow, Mrs. Fairfax, equally good and saintly. But we think Mrs. Fairfax's son, the hero of the tale, a finer character than either of Dorothy's three daughters.

Practical Reflections on every verse of the Holy Gospels. By a Clergyman. With a Preface by H. P. LIDDON, D.D. Pp. 660. Rivington.

In the author's Preface to the first edition of this work (which is dedicated to one of the curates of St. Alban's, Holborn, he states that the Reflections are chiefly derived from Quesnel's "Réflexions Morales sur le Nouveau Testament," but that he has freely used several commentaries, "whether Catholic or Protestant" (by "Catholic" here, possibly, he

means "*Roman Catholic*"). A Preface for the second edition has been written by Canon Liddon, in which we read that, as to the value of such works as "*The Imitation of Christ*," or "*The Spiritual Combat*," or Taylor's "*Holy Living and Dying*," there is no question. Of the three "*masterpieces*" which Dr. Liddon mentions, it will be perceived, only one was written in the Church of England.

The Devotion of the Sacred Heart. An exposure of its errors and dangers. By R. C. Jenkins, M.A., Rector of Lyminge, Hon. Canon of Canterbury. Pp. 92. Religious Tract Society.

This is a really good book. Canon Jenkins has done well in writing it, and the R. T. S. in adding it to their store of serviceable Anti-Romanist works. The narrative concerning the Nun of Paray-le-Monial, Margaret Mary Alacoque, and the Jesuit Father de la Colombière has real interest. Canon Jenkins draws many practical lessons.

Scientific Sophism. A Review of Current Theories concerning Atoms, Apes, and Men. By SAMUEL WAINWRIGHT, D.D., Author of "*Christian Certainties*," "*The Modern Avernus*," &c. Pp. 300. Hodder & Stoughton, 1881.

Dr. Wainwright is known as a singularly fluent and impressive speaker, and his work, "*Christian Certainties*," displays no small ability. The book before us is vigorous, and timely, with many amusing passages; impartial reviewers, whether "*Scientific*" or no, will admit that it is clever, sparkling [some will say rather superficial], and, from an orthodox point of view, very effective. For ourselves, we have read most of it with interest. Not a page have we seen either dull or pointless. Whether the author "*shows up*" Professor Haeckel, a pundit who asserts that "*WITHOUT ANY DOUBT, a long series of worms were our direct ancestors*," and Buchner, whose materialism reverences "*a snail*," as "*an exalted symbol of mind, slumbering deeply within itself*," or grapples with the assertions of Professor Huxley, and Dr. Tyndall, his remarks are not only readable, but eminently reasonable. In the chapter headed "*A House of Cards*," he refers to Mr. Spencer's suppositions, Mr. Darwin's conceptions, and Professor Tyndall's imagination. He says:—"Mr. Spencer '*supposes*'; Dr. Tyndall '*imagines*'; Mr. Darwin '*conceives*.' Tier on tier, the towering fabric "*totters to its fall*: no stability in the foundation, no continuity in the "*superstructure*"; "*a flimsy framework of hypothesis, constructed upon "*imaginary or irrelevant facts, with a complete departure from every "*established canon of scientific investigation*."*" Among the notes we observe an extract from "*British Birds*" (Mortimer Collins), which runs thus:—*

There was an APE in the days that were earlier;
Centuries passed, and his hair became curlier;
Centuries more gave a thumb to his wrist—
Then he was MAN, and a Positivist.

The Cat. An Introduction to the Study of Back-boned Animals, especially Mammals. By ST. GEORGE MIVART, Ph.D., F.R.S. With 200 Illustrations. Pp. 550. John Murray. 1881.

Upon several points in the Preface to this bulky volume, and on the statement, page 526, concerning a mode of origin—opposed to the hypothesis of natural selection—which may "*be fitly termed PSYCHO-GENESIS*" (*sic*), we need not even touch. The author's views as to "*Natural Selection*" are tolerably well-known; and a protest from a Roman Catholic evolutionist against the crass Materialism, which is the logical result of the prevailing Evolutionism, has a certain interest. For none

but scientific readers, however, is the book designed. Two or three pages in the Introduction give some curious facts. The word "cat," the Professor thinks, is of Roman origin: Latin, *catus*; Greek, *κάρρα*; old German, *chazza*; French, *chat*. The wild cat continued to be common in England during the Middle Ages; it was an object of chase in royal forests, as is shown by a licence to hunt it of the date 1239, and by a similar charter given by Richard II. to the Abbot of Peterborough. In some districts of Scotland it is still far from uncommon. Our domestic cat is "probably a descendant of the old domestic cat of Egypt." An anecdote is quoted from Captain Noble. A cat was in the habit of catching starlings by getting on to a cow's back and waiting till the cow happened to approach the birds, which little suspected what the approaching inoffensive beast bore crouching upon it. Captain Noble saw the cat catch a good many starlings by this trick.

Thoughts on the Lord's Prayer. By the Rev. F. C. BLYTH, M.A., Vicar of Quatford, Salop. Pp. 384. Cassell, Petter, and Galpin. 1881.

There are many good and wholesome passages in this book, which is well written. The author has evidently been a diligent and careful reader, specially of old books. He quotes chiefly from St. Augustine, from Bernard, Jerome, Cyprian, Chrysostom, Tertullian, and Bengel; in illustration, he quotes Seneca, Shakespeare, Aristotle, and many others. His own theological lines will be perceived when we remark, in addition, that he quotes largely from Bishop Andrewes, T. à Kempis, Donne, and Jeremy Taylor. The classical references are apt and interesting; the quotations from Latin and Greek authors are translated, but the original is given in foot-notes. We cannot agree that the Church of England "encourages the use of private confession." In the "Order for the Visitation of the Sick," it is true, there is an Absolution; but where else? On p. 208, in his comments on "Give us this day our daily bread," Mr. Blyth says:—"S. Augustine in one place rejects all decided reference to the Holy Eucharist here, *because this Prayer could not then be offered up in the evening*" (*sic*). And he makes a passing protest against evening Communion, but he does not give a reference to this "one place" in the writings of the illustrious Father.

Church and State in England: its Origin and Use. By the Rev. JOHN H. MACMAHON, A.M., LL.D. Pp. 169. Stock.

In this essay many points are well put; some telling extracts are given; and the class of students who need, so to speak, sign-posts of direction in highways and by-ways of Church History, will find the references to standard authorities of some value. The author's special endeavour was to show from "records of the past that the Church has become identified with British jurisprudence and the fabric of government," and that "an institution which has penetrated so deep into English life" could not be eradicated without irreparable injury to the nation. The argument of Burke concerning a Religious Establishment, with the points of which Dr. Chalmers made such use, is set forth; and the aphorism, *Ecclesia nascitur non fit*, is expounded. What has become, we wonder, of Bishop Magee's work on the Voluntary System?

Hugh McNeile, and Reformation Truth. With a Biographical Sketch by the Rev. Charles Bullock, B.D. "Home Words" Publishing Offices, 1, Paternoster Buildings, E.C.

We warmly welcome this interesting book, and earnestly recommend it. Mr. Bullock has done well in writing a summary Memoir of Hugh McNeile—pity it is so short!—and publishing it together with the Exeter

Hall lecture in 1848, on "Reformation Truth: the Characteristics of Romanism and Protestantism." As to this Lecture the esteemed Editor, with reason remarks: "I question whether any writer ever compressed so much important matter in so brief a space." In his Preface, Mr. Bullock refers to the correspondence which appeared in the *Times* when McNeile entered into rest; the letters of Dean Close and Canon Ryle were masterly. We may add that the statements in the Paper by Canon Ryle, in the first number of this Magazine, on Evangelicals now and fifty years ago, pooh-poohed as was that vigorous Paper by writers to whom the success of THE CHURCHMAN was—to say the least—not grateful, have remained unanswered.

The Public Life of the Right Hon. the Earl of Beaconsfield, K.G. By FRANCIS HITCHMAN. Second and revised edition. Pp. 584. Sampson, Low, Marston, Searle & Rivington. 1881.

Against this biography, an improved edition, brought down to the present time, many criticisms, no doubt, will be directed. One element of blame, however, will certainly be absent. The book is very readable; it is never dull or dry. Open its pages where one may, one is sure to find the narrative brisk, and bright with incident or epigram, or attractive quotation.

Opening the volume at page 424, we light upon some interesting extracts from Mr. Disraeli's speech at Merchant Taylors' Hall, in the year 1868, concerning Church and State. It was a remarkable speech; and its sentences will seem, probably to some readers, even more striking than they did at that time.

On page 425, Mr. Hitchman writes:—

The Session drew to a close under circumstances hardly calculated to impress the observer with the high character of English party warfare . . . and by the time that Parliament dispersed, the unpopularity of Mr. Disraeli was at its height. In accordance with the usual custom he was, however, entertained by the Lord Mayor, at a banquet on the eve of prorogation, and he then made a very striking and interesting speech.

In that speech Mr. Disraeli spoke with confidence. The Irish Church, however, was doomed. The result of the elections proved that Mr. Gladstone had well chosen his point of attack on the Ministry, and Mr. Disraeli, making a precedent, resigned, without waiting till the meeting of Parliament. The present writer heard Mr. Disraeli's two great speeches on the Church of Ireland, Feb. and May, 1869 (he has heard, indeed, most of the famous speeches of that statesman), protesting against Mr. Gladstone's policy of confiscation. "Confiscation is contagious." The policy of the Government, said the Leader of the Opposition, "is practically Socialism; its tendency, I fear, is to civil war." Mr. Gladstone, however, compared the glory of the Disestablished Church of the future, with the glory of the second Temple at Jerusalem; and the triumph of what Mr. Hitchman terms "the revolutionary policy" was assured by a majority of 114.

Outlines of the Life of Christ. A Guide to the Study of the Chronology, Harmony, and Purpose of the Gospels. By EUSTACE R. CONDER, M.A. Pp. 206. Religious Tract Society.

A useful "Guide;" compact, clear, and correct.

Witton's Main, and other Stories. By Miss FANNY SURTEES. Pp. 76. S. W. Partridge.

We can recommend this book. Miss Surtees has written two or three good Tales—"Home Spun Stories"—*e.g.*, concerning the evils of Intemperance.

Half-Hearted Churchmen. A Correspondence in *Church Bells* with various writers. By the Rev. C. BULLOCK, B.D. Home Words Office.

The phrase "half-heartedness" occurred in a letter from some Doctor of Divinity in *Church Bells*. This little book should be read together with Mr. Bullock's "What Church?" now in its fourth edition.

Monaco and its Gaming Tables. By JOHN POLSON. Third edition, enlarged and illustrated. Elliot Stock.

We are not surprised to see a third edition of this well-written book. There is an "International Association," it appears, "for the suppression of the gaming tables at Monte Carlo."

"*Rung in,*" and other Poems. By Mrs. HENRY FAUSSETT, with Preface by the Lord Bishop of Ossory. Belfast: McCaw, Stevenson & Orr.

This very tasteful little volume, commended by the Bishop of Ossory, contains many pleasing strains.

"*Follow thou Me.*" *Discipleship.* By Mrs. PENNEFATHER. Pp. 180. Shaw & Co.

A searching book. All who really pray "Unite my heart. . . ." may read it with profit: those who are unaware of their inconsistencies may be startled, and stimulated.

The Gospel according to St. John. With Maps, Notes, and Introduction. By the Rev. A. PLUMMER, M.A., Master of University College, Durham. Pp. 390. The Cambridge Warehouse, 17, Paternoster Row. 1881.

This is a volume of that very useful series, "The Cambridge Bible for Schools," edited by Dean Perowne. With Mr. Plummer's Notes, in every passage which we have examined, we are much pleased.

Church Courts. An Historical Inquiry into the Status of the Ecclesiastical Courts. Pp. 62. By LEWIS T. DIBDIN, M.A., of Lincoln's Inn, Barrister-at-Law. Hatchard & Co.

This pamphlet has reached us too late for a review in our October number. It contains eight chapters: viz. (1) Introductory. (2) Legislation as to the Discipline of the Church in Matters of Doctrine. (3) Legislation as to the Doctrine and Substance of the Church. (4) Mr. Gladstone's Pamphlet on the Royal Supremacy. (5) The Visitation or Corrective Jurisdiction of the Crown. (6) Convocation. (7) "Ecclesiastical Judges." (8) Church and State in Early Times. Mr. Dibdin shows not only ability, but good judgment and a kindly spirit. We read his Papers, as they appeared in the *Record*, with interest, and, on the whole, with satisfaction. In the last *CHURCHMAN*, pp. 469-470, we quoted Bishop Wordsworth as to the Reformation Settlement; and Mr. Dibdin's remarks run on the same lines. We have gladly noticed that the *Record* has come to write upon Diocesan Conferences in an appreciative tone; and several timely and vigorous articles on ecclesiastical questions have lately appeared in its columns.

TEXT OF THE R.V.—*In the September CHURCHMAN*, p. 411, lines 9, 10, omit the words. "The Vulgate, all the forms of the old Latin and the Gothic."

A year or more ago appeared in these columns a notice of *The Church Hymnal*, an excellent selection, published by permission of "The General Synod of the Church of Ireland." Dublin: 37, Dawson Street, Depository

of "The Association for Promoting Christian Knowledge." The edition of the *Church Hymnal* with tunes, is edited by Professor Sir ROBERT STEWART. A few words, additional, concerning so valuable a Hymn-book may well appear in the CHURCHMAN, read, as this Magazine is, by many members of the Church of Ireland. We very gladly recommend the Hymnal, as on all grounds entitled to unqualified praise. The Organ edition, containing a biographical index of Authors and Composers, admirably arranged, printed in clear type on good paper, is very cheap. The Musical Editor, Dr. STEWART, has shown taste and ability of a high order.

The last number of *The Church Quarterly Review*, by some mischance, did not reach us in time for a notice in the September CHURCHMAN. Some of the articles are ably written, and really interesting. In Mr. Hatch's "Bampton Lectures for 1881," recently reviewed in these columns, and in Dean Stanley's "Christian Institutions," the *Church Quarterly* picks a good many holes. An article headed "Failure of the Common School System in America," contains many striking quotations. In "Father Ryder and Dr. Littledale," a vigorous defence of *Plain Reasons* (S.P.C.K.), appears an extract from Father Curci. Curci states that "in Italy the laity do not even know that the New Testament exists, and the clergy for the most part know no more of the Bible than what they have to read in the Missal and Breviary." (Spottiswoode & Co.)

A lecture at Sheffield by the Bishop of CARLISLE, *The Church of England Past and Present* (S.P.C.K.), gives a good deal of information. Upon one point, we think, his lordship's remarks are defective, if not misleading. The extreme "Puritans," Puritans and something more, had much to do, no doubt, with the downfall of "Church and Throne." But was the crash really brought about by their "fanatical zeal"? Bishop Goodwin says not a word about Laud.

The New Testament in the Original Greek. The Text Revised by B. F. WESTCOTT, D.D., and E. J. A. HORT, D.D. Introduction. Appendix. Cambridge and London. Macmillans.

We must content ourselves, at present, with a mere mention of this important portion of a great work.

Mr. SYMINGTON's two volumes of *Wordsworth* (Blackie & Son) we may hereafter notice at due length.

A well written sketch, *Sir Robert Peel* (Wm. Isbister) by Mr. G. B. SMITH, is the first volume of a series of "English Political Leaders."

A popular edition of *Plain Proofs of the Great Facts of Christianity.* By Mr. WYNNE, (Incumbent of St. Mathias, Dublin) has been published by Messrs. Hodder and Stoughton. A striking and suggestive summary; may be of use to many who are "perplexed with difficulties."

A reprint from *The Theological Quarterly*, entitled "The Lord's Supper," is a review of Dr. HEBERT's learned and valuable work, published by Messrs. Seeley. This pamphlet (Isbister & Co., Ludgate Hill), written, if we mistake not, by Dr. JACOB, is well worth reading.

We find *The Cottager and Artizan* and *Friendly Papers* (R.T.S.) very useful.

In the *Foreign Church Chronicle*, a quarterly (Rivingtons), appears an interesting Italian article, "Padre Curci and the Vatican." "It is known with some certainty that Leo wept on reading some pages of Curci on the state of the Church. What grief must it have been to him to condemn a book, the cruel truth of whose contents had drawn tears from him!"