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Short Notices.

Thoughts on Union with Christ. By H. C. G. MOULE, M.A., Principal of Ridley Hall, and late Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, Author of "Thoughts on Christian Sanctity," etc. Seeley and Co.

THIS is a charming little book, winning, concise, and strong ; a true *multum in parvo*, and likely to be of singular service. The author is known not only as an accomplished classic, but as an erudite expositor of Scripture, with considerable insight and ability. The influence of these "Thoughts," however, will largely lie in their spirituality of tone and bearing. "Union with Christ," the subject, is indeed one of the treasures of the inner sanctuary of the Gospel ; and Mr. Moule has done well in preparing this book, which, brief as it is, is clear and, as we have said, rich, while in some respects it is fresh. At the present time it is of great importance that this subject should be clearly set forth by Christian Teachers. But they must perceive and grasp before they can teach. Mr. Moule's book will be of service to many of the younger clergy. All devout, thoughtful readers will enjoy it, and be edified by it.

The opening chapters are "In Christ," "Found in Him," and "Growth into Him."

The Children's Tour. Every-day Sights in a Sunny Land. By M. A. PAULL, Author of "Tim's Troubles," etc. With twelve illustrations. T. Nelson and Sons.

A first-class gift-book. The chatty descriptions are admirable ; both pleasing, and instructive. Fortunate will the young people be to whom this volume is presented.

Every-day Life in South India. The Story of Coopooswamey. The Religious Tract Society.

This is the autobiography of a Native Christian, prepared for the press probably by the Missionary ; it has life and information. Judged from a spiritual standpoint it strikes us as imperfect.

For James or George. A Schoolboy's Tale of 1745. By Rev. H. C. ADAMS, M.A., Author of "Schoolboy Honour," etc., etc. With twelve illustrations. Hodder and Stoughton.

Mr. Adams always writes with skill and point, making a very readable story. This historical Tale—an excellent gift-book—is both interesting and informing.

The Voyage of the Aurora. By H. COLLINGWOOD, Author of "The Meteor Flag," "The Pirate Island," etc. Illustrated. Sampson Low, Marston, Searle, and Rivington.

This story will not lessen the author's reputation. Captain Leicester, first in the merchant service, and then R.N. under King George III., is well drawn ; and his adventures—many and striking—will make boys rate the Tale very high. It is a handsome volume.

The Shrines of Lourdes, Zaragoza, The Holy Stairs at Rome, The Holy House of Loreto and Nazareth, and St. Ann at Jerusalem. By R. N. CUST, Member of the Committee of the C. M. S. With four photographs obtained on the spot. Pp. 62. Trübner and Co.

A publication with a value of its own.

The Sermon on the Mount. Illustrated. With Introduction by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of RIPPON. London : Hodder and Stoughton.

This is a splendid volume, surely one of the very choicest books of the season. The Introduction by the Bishop of Ripon opens thus : "The Sermon on the Mount has been called the Great Charter of the Kingdom of Heaven. It certainly proclaims freedom to the captives of anxious thought. . . . The words have a power to charm away the dull face of care ; tranquil thoughts come to us; the air is bright with many coloured flowers." Bishop Carpenter's poetic pen does justice to the scene and surroundings. In the list of Illustrations, with artists, appear the names of Mr. Fenn (from sketches made during a visit to the Holy Land), Mr. Sandham, Mr. Harper, and others. The decorative borders are by Mr. S. L. Smith, and the half-titles and engrossed Text by Mr. Copeland.

As to the manner in which this admirable work has been carried out we need say little. A glance will show the taste, judgment, and skill of this thoroughly artistic and very fascinating book.

Pictures of St. Paul Drawn in an English Home. By A. L. O. E. With many illustrations. Edinburgh : Gall and Inglis.

We have much pleasure in recommending this new work of the devoted Mission-worker in India, whose pen has proved for many years so useful. A "story"-thread binds together interesting conversations, and this is expository and suggestive. The volume has a tasteful cover, and some pleasing illustrations ; altogether an excellent publication.

Arminius Vambery. His Life and Adventures, written by himself. With Introductory Chapter dedicated to the Boys of England. Portrait and seventeen illustrations. Pp. 350. T. Fisher Unwin.

A really interesting book, and one with much teaching-power.

Cassell's Family Magazine. Cassell and Co.

This volume, just published, is one of the fullest and most pleasing books of the season. The magazine is now and then mentioned in review pages of THE CHURCHMAN ; and we heartily recommend the Annual (richly illustrated) as a very cheap and admirable purchase or present.

Every-day Life. The Uneventful Journey. By C. H. WALLER, M.A., Principal of the London College of Divinity, author of "When ye Pray," "Silver Sockets," etc. Pp. 190. Shaw and Co.

Principal Waller is so well known as an able writer and commentator, that we need say little in commending this collection of expositions. There are seventeen papers ; and the title-page very well explains their character. The language is plain ; and although we may here and there note tokens of both learning and originality of thought, the expositions will be found very generally useful. Short, suggestive papers of this kind—not only "sound," but with an "every-day" common-sense and practical bearing—are by no means plentiful. Mr. Waller's new book should be made widely known.

The Case against Disestablishment. By the Rev. WILLIAM ODOM, Vicar of St. Simon's, Sheffield, author of "The Church of England : its Principles, Ministry, and Sacraments," etc. Reprinted, with additions, from "The Fireside News." London : "Homo Words" Office, 7, Paternoster Square, E.C.

We have pleasure in commending this little pamphlet.

Two Thousand Years Ago. The Adventures of a Roman Boy. By Professor A. J. CHURCH, author of "The Chantry Priest of Barnet," "Stories from Homer," etc., etc. With 12 full-paged illustrations. Blackie and Son.

Professor Church's Tales and "Stories" are well known. The book before us (date—72 B.C.) is not unworthy of his reputation. It is much more than a first-rate story, with striking adventures among pirates, gladiators, and so forth. Youths who read attentively will gather a good deal of information. The volume has a tasteful cover, and forms a good specimen of Messrs. Blackie's refined and tasteful gift-books.

Keyhole Country. A story about things you would certainly see if you went through the keyhole. By GERTRUDE JERDON. Sampson Low, Marston and Co.

This is one of the prettiest, "nicest" little books we have seen. A chatty, gossipy style, with very amusing illustrations.

The Wit and Humour of Life. Familiar talks with young Christians. By CHARLES STANFORD, D.D., Author of "Central Truths," "Joseph Alleine," etc., etc. Pp. 170. Elliot Stock.

There is a great deal of wise counsel and shrewd criticism in this book. What is Wit? What is Humour? And what have Christians to do with wit and humour? Where a thoughtful and devout reader differs from Dr. Stanford in answering these questions he will at least listen with respect.

Our High Priest in Heaven. The present action of Christ as High Priest, in its relation to the Worship of the Christian Church. By THOMAS THOMASON PEROWNE, B.D., Rector of Redenhall, and Archdeacon of Norwich. Pp. 100. Elliot Stock.

We earnestly invite the attention of our readers to this admirable little book. Archdeacon Perowne is known as a divine of high rank; and in this treatise, short and in a fashion simple, though very ably-written, the reader has the result of deep thought and extensive reading. For thoughtful Christians, men and women, no less than for students and Ministers, this is a valuable work. One of Mr. Elliot Stock's excellent if not unique series of cheap popular Church of England manuals, including "The Communicant," this should have a very wide circulation.

Some Discourses Bearing on the Nature of Man. By Rev. N. DIMOCK, A.M., Vicar of St. Paul's Church, Maidstone. Maidstone: W. S. Vivish.

An instructive and edifying book. Mr. Dimock is known by a few as one of the most learned divines in the Church of England.

Our Position and Our Dangers. An Address delivered at the Fourth Diocesan Conference of the Diocese of Liverpool, 1885. By JOHN CHARLES RYLE, D.D., Bishop of Liverpool. London: Hunt and Co.

By an inadvertence, which we regret, this valuable Address was not noticed in the December CHURCHMAN.

The Knight and the Lady, published by Messrs. Eyre and Spottiswoode, is a companion volume—uniform in size and style—to the "Jackdaw of Rheims" and the "Lay of St. Aloys," warmly commended in the January CHURCHMAN, 1884 and 1885. The letters and illustrations are again the work of Mr. Ernest M. Jessop. It is a very tasteful volume. "The Knight and the Lady," of course, is an Ingoldsby Legend.

A well-written Tale, *Oldham*, by L. E. GUERNSEY, which has for its second title "Beside all Waters," shows the power of Christian sympathy. The author of "Lady Betty's Governess," and other Stories which have been commended in these pages, has a graphic pen; her present work, the scene of which lies in the States, is not unworthy of her reputation. *Oldham* will be welcomed by many young women. Another pleasing gift-book, also published by Messrs. Shaw and Co., is *Five Little Partridges*, by that popular writer "Brenda;" juvenile critics in more than one clerical circle have pronounced it "very good."

Margaret Casson's Resolve, one of the wholesome gift-books of Messrs. Shaw, shows the evils of "drink." The Squire turns the village public-house into a coffee tavern.—Another Tale, shorter and cheaper—suitable for lads—is *That Boy Tom*. Tom ran away from his "granny," but he soon came back again.—*Afloat*, a Tale recommended in the last CHURCHMAN, was written—it should have been stated—by MRS. STANLEY LEATHES, author of "The Caged Linnet," "Jack and Jill," and other capital story-books issued by the same firm.

Few readers of THE CHURCHMAN probably are unacquainted with some or other volumes of the works of MRS. CAREY BROCK. "Sunday Echoes in Week-day Hours," first series, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth series—how many thousands of each have been published! Then of "Stories"—"Margaret's Secret," "Working and Waiting," etc.—several volumes, how large a circulation! All those who appreciate the Tales illustrative of the Collects, of the Catechism, of the Epistles and Gospels, and other volumes of "Sunday Echoes," will welcome a new work, the volume before us—*Church Echoes*, a Tale illustrative of the order for Morning and Evening Prayer. It is an excellent addition to a valuable and indeed unique series. *Church Echoes*, like each preceding volume, comes from the eminent firm, now of Essex Street, so long known in Fleet Street, Messrs. Seeley.

A new book by Professor CHURCH will be welcomed by many who have enjoyed his "Stories from Homer," "Stories from Virgil," etc.—a series charming and unique—and his historical story "The Chantry Priest of Barnet." His *With the King at Oxford*, a "Tale of the Great Rebellion," is admirably written, and contains much information. There are sixteen coloured illustrations, and the volume is beautifully printed.

The publications of the Church Sunday School Institute have reached us too late for a notice in our present impression. They are excellent.

"Dawn of Creation and of Worship." In the December number of the *Nineteenth Century*, Professor Huxley replies to the article of Mr. Gladstone in the previous number. In our notice of this article we alluded to those scientific errors in the Mosaic Cosmogony as adduced by Dr. Réville, and which in our judgment were entirely disproved by Mr. Gladstone, and shown to rest on no solid data. Professor Huxley does not enter upon this branch of the inquiry. His main object is to show that the sequence of events recorded in Genesis as to the order of the vegetable and animal kingdoms is not reconcilable with the discoveries of modern science. On this subject much has been and may yet be written. Theologians and scientists may still have much to learn each in their own field. But in reply to Professor Huxley we feel bound to state that no theologian worthy of the name has any desire to impose "the burden of false science in the name of religion." All that he requires is definite proof of error. The order of events in the first chapter of Genesis may be—we do not admit it is—not in harmony with the present deductions of science, but further investigations may lead to different conclusions.

W. E. R.

Words to Workers (Hamilton, Adams, and Co.), We heartily recommend this modest pamphlet ; sketches of ten addresses given at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford, by Revs. R. B. GIRDLESTONE (Principal), F. J. CHAVASSE, H. JAMES, and F. BAYLIS. Our advice would be "Read it, lend it, recommend it."

Adam Hepburn's Lure is "a Tale of Kirk and Covenant" (Cassell). It contains much that will interest Presbyterian readers ; and others will compare its sketches of Drumclog and Bothwell Brig with Sir Walter Scott's.

The Child's Pictorial, Vol. I., May—December, 1885 (S.P.C.K.), is in all ways attractive ; there are many coloured illustrations, chatty papers, and amusing stories. This magazine may be called unique. The annual forms a high-class gift-book.

East and West, or "The Strolling Artist," by Miss BRODIE (Shaw and Co.), has for a frontispiece an illustration with these words : "Your child needs the butcher, not the doctor." A story likely to do good service.

In the Shadow of His Hand and My Morning Word (a daily text-book) are two good members of Messrs. Shaw's shilling parchment series.

A well-written tale is *Simon Holmes*, or, "The Carpenter of Aspendale," by the Rev. J. J. WRAY, whose "Peter Pengelly" and other stories are very well known. (Nisbet.)

Stories of Wild Beasts, published by Messrs. Gall and Inglis (Pater-noster Square), with several illustrations, is an attractive gift-book. Mr. ASCOTT R. HOPE, a well-known writer, has collected and woven some striking "stories" about lions, bears, elephants, and so forth.

The author of "Consecrated Women," "Christian Womanhood," etc., has written *Faithful Service* (Hodder and Stoughton). Sketches of Ruth Clark, Sophie Zeller, Sarah Upton, Sarah Judson, and other devoted women. An interesting and edifying book.

With *Daisy Plains*, by the author of "The Wide, Wide World" (Nisbet and Co.), many readers will be much pleased. It is cleverly written and the interest is well sustained.

Keep to the Right, a parable for the New Year (Brighton : D. B. Friend, 77, Western Road), we can thoroughly recommend. It is a tractate which can be easily inserted in an envelope.

A Course of Training for a Country Sunday School, by J. C. WHISH, M.A., Vicar of Trinity Church, East Peckham, is published by the Systematic Bible Teaching Mission (67, Paternoster Row).

The History of Israel and Judah, by DR. EEDERSHEIM, is one of the valuable volumes of "The Bible History" series, published by the Religious Tract Society. Vol. V. covered the period from the birth of Solomon to the reign of Ahab.

Trifles and Miscellaneous Poems, by the Vicar of Emmanuel Church, Liverpool, the Rev. T. BURBIDGE, is a capital little book, and at its cheap price ought to be widely circulated. (London : Marshall Brothers, 3, Amen Corner ; Liverpool : Thompson, 24, Elliot Street.)

We have before us the publications of the Church Missionary Society, and it is a sincere pleasure to bear testimony to the literary skill, vigour, good judgment, and faithfulness, of the editorial management and control. Every staunch supporter of the C.M.S. may well take pride in its periodicals, and all its publications. The volume of the *Intelligencer* is a treasury.

In *Blackwood's Magazine* appears Part III. of "Reminiscences of an Attaché;" very readable, as usual. "The Great Britain Industrial Company" is amusing, with a good deal of interesting information about trade. What should be levied on foreign imports? What imports? These questions must be looked at. The special article in *Blackwood* is "Establishment and Disestablishment." The writer concludes the portion which relates to the Church of England by suggesting reforms, specially redistribution. "The sons and grandsons of Hodge, who have drifted into "the dark alleys and low purlieus of large towns, still find, when in sickness "or poverty or distress the clergy seek them out, that they have no better "friends after all. And the black shadow of discontent that settles down "over them in the squalid dens where they congregate, in numbers that "the Church's extension has not yet overtaken, will break and brighten "into respect and grateful support, if it can be shown that a wise and "timely redistribution of the Church's revenues and boundaries can be "made, to bring clerical energy and influence from the little villages where "it is now half wasted on a dwindling population, to bear upon the fast- "increasing multitudes of our towns, and neutralize the misery and vice "and discontent that are the real and growing dangers of modern society. "But all this points to Reform, not Disestablishment. That alternative, "indeed, may be in store for us, and come with startling rapidity (for "events move very quickly in a democracy), unless the anomalies and "abuses of the present state of the Church can be remedied, and her great "powers and vast revenues turned to the best uses and real requirements "of the age, by some measures of prudent and timely reform, on sound "Church principles. But if such reforms can be wisely carried out, they "may give the Church a hold upon the new electorate that will never be "shaken off. And through all fluctuations and vicissitudes of State that "may be in store for us, and amid all oscillations of the balance of con- "stitutional power, the Church may be preserved as the Church of the "Christian English nation, whatever form of secular government may be "shaped by the coming democracy." *Blackwood* writes strongly about those "Free Churchmen" who have renounced the principle which Dr. Chalmers so stoutly maintained, and other "Liberationists" of Scotland. We hope that he is right in regard to the feeling of "intelligent and liberal-minded" Scotchmen, who view with apprehension the onward success of the great wave of secularism, and are prepared to make a struggle for preserving the Christian character of the State.

From the Sunday School Union (56, Old Bailey) we have received *Bible Pictures for Little People*, illustrating Old Testament scenes and incidents. Also good and cheap is *The Child's Own Magazine*. For elder boys and girls, who can appreciate historical tales, may be commended *Bayard the Dauntless. Anecdotes on Bible Texts; St. Matthew*, is a good shillingsworth.

The annual volumes of the *Sunday at Home* and *Leisure Hour*, which lie upon our library table, are, to say the least, in no respect below the usual high average of these excellent magazines. We have had the pleasure of noticing in *THE CHURCHMAN*, month after month, some of the contents of either the one or other, or of both. We very heartily recommend the Annuals; they reflect high credit upon all concerned in their preparation.

To *The Rosebud Annual* we gladly accord, as we have in previous years, the praise which it richly merits. The volume contains some three hundred illustrations, and gives a large amount of wholesome teaching in a pleasing fashion. "It's a very pret' y book." It is good and cheap. (James Clarke and Co., 13, Fleet Street.)

The Art Annual for 1885 (J. S. Virtue and Co.), being the Christmas number of the *Art Journal*, is on the life and work of Sir J. E. Millais. It is admirable, and exceedingly cheap. One of the full-page engravings is "Chill October." The December number of the *Art Journal*, it may here be stated, is very good, and well concludes a capital year.

From Messrs. Suttaby and Co. (Amen Corner) we have received, as usual, *A Christian Remembrancer*. This is the sixty-sixth year of the publication of this excellent pocket-book. We have also received from Messrs. Suttaby a very tasteful edition of *The Imitation of Christ*, one of their red-line editions of devotional works. The fourth book, on Holy Communion, is included in this edition; and the reader will perceive how far apart, monk as he was, Thomas à Kempis stands from the Romanism of our time.

Peter Parley's Annual (Ben. George, 47. Hatton Garden) is as attractive as usual. Capital stories, chatty papers, bits of hunting, bird's-nesting, and so forth; with a tasteful cover, gilt edges, and many coloured pictures. This is the forty-fifth year of "Peter Parley." Boys will not "desert the old man."

We have pleasure in recommending the *Annual of Sunday* (Wells, Gardner, Darton and Co.). A valued friend of some young people we know, it is in their opinion even better and brighter than last year. There are 250 illustrations, as a rule "first-rate." Certainly, a very cheap gift-book.

From Messrs. Routledge we have received, as usual, the three attractive yearly volumes, *Every Boy's Annual*, *Every Girl's Annual* edited by ALICIA H. LEITH, and *Little Wideawake*. The volume for Boys (edited by EDWARD ROUTLEDGE, F.R.G.S.) opens with "The Big Otter," a Tale by Mr. Ballantyne, which runs throughout. There is an excellent mingling of the instructive and the amusing. Each of the three volumes is in every respect equal to its fellows in previous years. High-class gift-books, fortunate indeed will be the young people on whose shelves they may be placed. The magazine for young ladies, we observe, is now being published by Messrs. Hatchard; it is still edited by Miss LEITH. We heartily wish *Every Girl's Magazine* a yet more prosperous career.

We have pleasure in again commending *The Clergyman and Church Workers' Visiting List* (John Smith and Co., 52, Long Acre), a general register and complete record of periodical work; it stands at the head of all clerical Pocket Books.—*The Pastor's Diary* (Edinburgh: J. Gemmell) is "non-denominational."—*The Minister's Pocket Diary* is published by Messrs. Hodder and Stoughton.

From Messrs. Wells, Gardner, Darton and Co. we have received three charming little volumes, dainty, bright, and pleasing. *Tiles from Dame Marjorie's Chimney-Corner*, with blue china picture, and verses; *A B C*, drawn and coloured by T. PYM, excellent for the nursery; and *Mixed Pickles*, a story for boys and girls, by Mrs. FULD, also illustrated by Mr. Pym. Each of these three books, in its own way, is delightful.

From Messrs. Sampson Low, Marston and Co. we have received *Harper's Young People* for 1885, in every respect an attractive volume. There are some beautiful coloured pictures, with a host of illustrations; the stories are good, and the chatty papers pleasing and wholesome. Here and there are some specially amusing bits. The *Annual of Harper's* is surely one of the brightest and cheapest of Christmas Books.—*The King of the Tigers*, a Tale of Indian life, by LOUIS ROUSSELET, will be acceptable to the elder among public-schoolboys; there is plenty of stir and "go."

From Messrs. Isbister and Company we have received the *Annuals of Good Words* and the *Sunday Magazine*, handsome volumes, in every way attractive. In *Good Words* appears a story by the eminent novelist, Mr. Payn. The Rev. H. R. Haweis writes on Brahmanism, and there are several religious papers by representative writers, not only of the "Broad" school. Here and there appears a valuable article—social, historical, biographical, and so forth. The *Sunday Magazine*, so far as we have read, well maintains its literary reputation. The Bishop of Ripon, Dr. Macmillan, Professor Blaikie, Dr. Cox, and Archdeacon Farrar are among the contributors.

From Mr. Hawkins (17, Paternoster Row) we have received our usual December assortment of his thoroughly good and pleasing Cards. Of Floral Cards, "Peace in Believing,"—Scripture Cards, "The Lord our King;" of "Treasures of the Snow," six charming Cards by E. St. B. HOLLAND, Deaconess Home, Mildmay Park; and of the large Coloured Cards with landscapes, we can only write in warmest praise. The price of many of the packets is very low.

THE MONTH.

THE General Election is over. Of the 670 Members of the House of Commons there are 250 Conservatives, 333 Liberals, and 86 Parnellites or Nationalists. Mr. Parnell is therefore, in some degree, master of the situation.

The Church Reform memorial to the Archbishops from members of the Cambridge Senate, printed in the newspapers of the 2nd,¹ has since been largely signed. A "Liberal" declaration has also received influential signatures.

Another important Memorial, bearing many influential

¹ We, the undersigned resident members of the Senate of the University of Cambridge, desire to lay respectfully before you the expression of our belief that the Church of England has long suffered serious injury from the postponement of necessary reforms, and of our earnest desire that advantage may be taken of the revival of public interest in ecclesiastical questions for the authoritative consideration of temperate measures of Church reform, in order that they may be carried into effect with the least possible delay.

Certain definite evils affecting portions of the administration of the Church appear to us to need prompt correction. As examples may be given abuses connected with the sale of patronage, excessive inequalities or anomalies in the distribution of revenues, and difficulties in the way of the removal of criminous and incompetent clerks.

But the reform which we believe to be most urgently needed is a more complete development of the constitution and government of the Church, central, diocesan, and parochial; and especially the admission of laymen of all classes, who are *bonâ fide* Churchmen, to a substantial share in the control of Church affairs.

Such a reform as this would, in our opinion, find a cordial welcome from clergymen and laymen of all schools of theology in the Church of England and from the nation at large. It would do no injury to the organization which the Church has inherited from earlier ages, but would rather bring