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erected during [the last fifty years in each Rural Deanery of the Metropolis, as well as of the temporary churches in which mission services are now held. The churches previously existing are also shown, and are distinguished by a different type.

A LAYMAN.

Short Notices.

Through Central Asia. With a Map and Appendix on the Diplomacy and Delimitation of the Russo-Afghan Frontier. By HENRY LANSDSELL, D.D., M.R.A.S., F.R.G.S., author of "Through Siberia," etc., etc. With seventy-four illustrations. Pp. 650. Sampson Low, Marston, Searle, and Rivington.

This is a book to buy, and read, and keep. It will bear a second reading, and repay it, inasmuch as it is informing and interesting in a high degree. The work of a most energetic explorer, to whose courage, shrewdness, endurance, and pious purpose no reference is now necessary in these pages, it is mainly a personal narrative; and the traveller's story takes its course from London to the Urals, to Omsk, to Tashkend, to Khokand, to Samarkand, to Bokhara, and so forth, without the slightest break, full of incident, readable and suggestive to the very last line of the journey homewards. Dr. Lansdell's "Russian Central Asia, including Kuldja, Bokhara, Khiva, and Merv" (warmly commended in *THE CHURCHMAN* as soon as it appeared), contains very copious information on the ethnology, antiquities, geology, zoology, etc., etc., of an immense region. But the present "popular" edition, as we have said, is a book of travel, thoroughly enjoyable, not at all dry from learned allusions or tedious detail. The notes which refer to patriarchal and Persian customs will have a special interest for Bible students.

Right Onward; or, Boys and Boys. By ISMAY THORN, author of "The Emperor's Boys," etc.

Goldengates; or, Rex Mortimer's Friend. By M. L. RIDLEY, author of "Our Captain," etc. John F. Shaw and Co.

These are two really good Tales. "Right Onward" has for hero Theodore, only son of Sir Lionel Rivington. His mother was dead, and he was delicate, and not understood by his father. He goes to a private tutor's, and gets into trouble. But all ends well. The second story also ends happily. "Rex" is the son of the Squire of Goldengates, and his friendship with his foster-brother, "an ordinary captain's son," displeases his father. After well-told adventures the Squire is reconciled.

The Royal Year: a Chronicle of our Queen's Jubilee. A Sequel to "The Queen's Resolve." Compiled by the Rev. CHARLES BULLOCK, B.D., editor of "Home Words," author of "England's Royal Home," etc. Pp. 200. "Home Words" office.

This is an interesting and useful little book. "The Queen's Resolve" anticipated the coming Jubilee, and the present work chronicles the main features and incidents of the wonderful celebration. Dr. Maguire writes on the Day. Other chapters tell of the Children's Fête in Hyde Park, of the Imperial Institute gathering, of Jubilee Hymns, Presents, Incidents and Anecdotes, etc., etc. Such a book, well printed with a pretty cover, ought to have—and no doubt *will* have—a very extensive circulation.

Recollections of a Winter in the Sunny South. By MARTHA RIGDEN, Author of "By a Way they knew not," etc. Pp. 24. G. Stoneman, 67, Paternoster Row.

This tiny volume will be welcomed by many to whom Miss Rigden's books and tracts—suggestive and spiritual—have for years been known, but especially of course by those who have some knowledge of health-resorts in the "sunny south."

The Life and Words of Christ. By CUNNINGHAM GEIKIE, D.D., Vicar of St. Martin's-at-Palace, Norwich. Pp. 736. Cassell and Company.

Our own opinion of this great work has more than once been given. Of the new edition—one volume—which has just reached us, we may simply state that it is a "handy" book, well printed and remarkably cheap. Every Bible student and Sunday School teacher (who cannot procure the illustrated and large print editions) ought to have this popular edition of a noble work. It is a treasure-house of wholesome teaching.

Vert de Vert's Eton Days, and other Sketches and Memories. By the Rev. A. G. L'ESTRANGE. Elliot Stock.

This tasteful volume will attract many Etonians. There is nothing particularly new about Eton in it, but its descriptions are chatty and amusing.

Caswell. A Paradox. 2 vols. T. Fisher Unwin.

This novel is undoubtedly clever, and has much of religious intensity. The author will probably do better hereafter. It is a sad story of sin and shame; not at all pleasant reading. Here and there its style is forced and artificial. There is a good deal of Ritualism in it.

Of the "Ancient and Modern Library of Theological Literature" (Griffith, Farran and Co.) one volume has already been noticed by us. *Baxter's Saints' Rest* (2 vols.) is now issued.

The Annual of *Cassell's Family Magazine* is, as usual, full of good stuff, and in every way attractive. There is a large number of illustrations. There are many clever "pen and pencil" papers, as, for instance, "More about Mr. Smith" ("a half-bred Dachshund") by Evelyn Everett-Green. The Tales, we are told, are excellent. The whole book is bright. In our monthly notices an occasional reference is made to this ably-edited and very interesting Magazine.—The Annual of the *Quiver* should have been commended in our last impression.

We have received from the Cambridge University Press copies of the Revised Version New Testament and the Bible, issued at a cheaper rate.

The Child's Pictorial annual volume for 1887 (S.P.C.K.), is a charming gift-book; coloured pictures are numerous and admirable, while the bits of natural history are delightful. This high-class Magazine has been several times commended in these pages.

The first part of the new and enlarged series of the *Quiver* (Cassell and Co.) can hardly fail to satisfy the most searching critic. The paper, the illustrations, the number of pages, the variety of interesting and informing matter, the tone and temper—all call for praise. For ourselves, we have so often commended this favourite Magazine that we need only say of the number now before us that it gives good promise of a really admirable volume. One of its papers, "The Bishop of Liverpool and his work," by the *Quiver* special correspondent, with several engravings, will interest and please many in the very large circle of Dr. Ryle's admirers.

Of *The Weekly Pulpit*, Vol. II. (Elliot Stock), we must say the same as of the first volume. It contains many excellent discourses, and much matter that is sound and suggestive. The book is well printed.

We have pleasure in recommending an interesting little volume, *Building for God*, or "Houses not made with Hands," by Mrs. A. R. Simpson, whose "Gates and Doors" was praised in these pages when published. All Mrs. Simpson's little books bear notes of spirituality and refinement. (Nisbet and Co.)

From the Sunday School Union (56, Old Bailey) we have received, as usual, some Annuals and Tales. *Young England* contains wholesome teaching with pleasing stories and many illustrations. An attractive gift-book, well-illustrated, with tasteful cover and gilt edges, is *In the Land of the Great Snow-Bear*, by Dr. Gordon Stables. The *Child's Own Magazine* is very bright and pleasing.

To the Annuals of *The Fireside*, *The Day of Days*, and *Home Words* we must give, to say the least, our usual commendation. The three Magazines conducted by the Rev. Charles Bullock, B.D., are not probably as well known or as highly appreciated as many who admire his energy and agree with his Church principles must wish them to be.—The eleventh volume of *Hand and Heart* will do good service, no doubt, in many a parish library and many a workman's home here and there throughout the land.

We have received from Mr. T. Fisher Unwin a new cheap edition of *Manners malyth Man*, by the author of that very successful book, "How to be Happy though Married." The first edition received a very cordial notice in this magazine.

The *Dawn of Day* volume for 1887 (S.P.C.K.) is cheap, well illustrated, and has a good deal of interesting matter. Several papers are pointed and practical. But considering that the *Dawn of Day* is a "Magazine for Sunday School and Parish use," is a Memoir of the late Dean Ranken, with mention of "a stone altar," "the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament," "an out and out Jacobite," etc., in its proper place here?

Messrs. Campbell and Tudhope, 45, Cranston Street, Glasgow, have sent us as usual some specimens of their new Text Cards for Christmas and New Year, well executed and very cheap.

The Annual Volume of *Our Darlings* (Shaw and Co.) is cheap and good. *Joyce Graham's History and Brook and River* are two good Tales (R.T.S.).

Dr. Macduff's new book, *St. Paul in Athens* (Nisbet and Co.), will be welcomed by many. Athens and St. Paul, the city and the discourse, are the two divisions of the work, which, like most of Dr. Macduff's writings, is well worth reading.

The Annual Volumes of the *Leisure Hour* and *Sunday at Home* are as handsome as usual; full of good stuff, bright, and pleasing from beginning to end. The contents of these ably-edited and valuable periodicals, for which so many throughout the English-speaking world are indebted to the Religious Tract Society, have been frequently noted in our pages during the year.

The *Art Journal* is interesting as usual. A charming artistic present is the *Art Annual* for 1887, the Christmas number of the *Art Journal*, consisting of the life and work of J. L. Meissonier. There are three full-page plates and numerous illustrations in the text.

From the National Society Depository (Broad Sanctuary, Westminster) we have received, too late for notice in our present impression, several pleasant-looking gift-books. We are much pleased with Miss Palgrave's Tale, *A Promise Kept*.

From the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge we have received six good story-books for this prize and gift-book season. They are got up with taste. *Kathleen*, by Cecilia S. Lowndes, is a well-written Tale.

Promises and Vows, by Helen Shipton, is stronger, and of greater interest. A worthy notice has for the present failed us.

From Messrs. John F. Shaw and Co. we have received a number of their new publications : Tales by justly-popular authors, Stories, Picture-books, and cheap issues of various kinds. This year's parcel seems to be if anything more attractive than usual. The books are well printed, have tasteful covers, and in all ways are worthy of a foremost place among presents suitable for the season. Wherever the religious element appears in the Tales—and happily that is a real note of them—it is sound and of common sense.—Miss Holt's new Tale, *In Convent Walls*, "the story of the Despensers," should have a longer notice than can now be given to it. A handsome volume ; its merits are of the highest.—*His Adopted Daughter*, by Miss Giberne, has many charms. The frontispiece, a "lost" little girl asked for her name, gives the clue to the story, which is told with all Miss Giberne's suggestiveness and skill.—In *City Snowdrops*, by M. E. Winchester, Author of "A Nest of Sparrows," and other justly esteemed tales, the first illustration is of some children with an old negress, who says, "Dese, ma'am ; what are dese thar ? Why, dey is the Lord's snowdrops."—A racy book, which will be a prime favourite with most boys, or for the matter of that with many girls, is *In the Dashing Days of Old*, or "The World-wide Adventures of Willie Grant, between 1806 and 1815," by Gordon Stables, C.M., M.D., R.N., whose Tales are so well known. The "adventures" are well told, and the *ring* is clear and cheery.—Among the many smaller, cheaper Christmas books, by well-known writers, we may name *The Shepherd's Darling*, by Brenda ; *Cousin Dora*, by Emily Brodie ; and *Over the Hills and Far Away*, by Mrs. Stanley Leathes. Further notice must be postponed.—We heartily commend an illustrated large-print edition of Brenda's popular story, *Froggy's Little Brother*. The illustration, "Froggy writing to the Queen," is delightful.

From Messrs. Hildesheimer and Faulkner a great variety of most delightful Cards and Artistic treasures, of singular beauty, has reached us. Our notice will appear in the next CHURCHMAN.

The very able article in the *Quarterly Review* on Lord Selborne's book, which from lack of time we were unable to notice at length in the last CHURCHMAN, has naturally attracted much attention. In the *Guardian* (Nov. 2), e.g., appears a brief but noteworthy paper headed "The *Quarterly Review* on the direction of the Liberationist attack." The *Guardian* says :

Some months ago we expressed our conviction that the real strength of the Disestablishment movement lies, not in the secular and purely political allies it has secured, but in the conscientious convictions that devout Dissenters entertain in regard to the relations of the Church to the State. The *Quarterly Reviewer* takes the same view : "Such (he remarks) is the power of conscience in England, "that one honest scruple constitutes a far graver peril to the union of Church and State than all the accumulated temptations to plunder, and vulgar incitements to jealousy, and elaborate exaggeration of grievances of a whole generation of Liberationists."

The writer in the *Quarterly*, adds the *Guardian*, "himself manifestly possesses 'the trained intelligence and the stores of knowledge' of an accomplished ecclesiastical lawyer." It is now an open secret that the *Quarterly* article was written by Chancellor Dibdin.

..* Dr. Chaplin writes to us : "By an unfortunate slip it is stated in my article on 'Modern Palestine,' page 88, that the Turks have forbidden foreign Jews who go to that country 'being allowed to disembark.' This is an error. It should read 'to remain.'"