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Those who desire more information respecting the long series of forgeries may consult Père Gratry's letters to the Archbishop of Malines (which, even after his submission, he still said were true), or "The Pope and the Council," by Janus, or vol. i. of Professor Friedrich's "Geschichte des Vatikanischen Konzils." But the numerous readers who have no time for research, and yet wish to have clear ideas as to the central question, will find abundant instruction in these twenty-three lectures of the ex-Regius Professor of Divinity at Dublin.

A. PLUMMER.

Short Notices.

Christ and His People. Hodder and Stoughton.

IN this volume, printed in large type, are thirteen Sermons and Addresses which have appeared at intervals in the columns of the *Record*. The authors are Canons Hoare and Bardsley, Principal Moule, Rev. G. Everard, Prebendary Edmonds, Rev. Sir Emilius Laurie, Archdeacon Richardson, Dean Fremantle, and Bishop Ryle. The subjects are well-chosen. One of them, "Christ and the Gospel of the Workshop," has a special interest at the present moment.

The Epistle to the Hebrews. By T. C. EDWARDS, D.D., Principal of the University College of Wales. Hodder and Stoughton.

Principal Edwards has fittingly conceived and admirably executed his duties, as one of the writers in the series of "The Expositor's Bible." In his preface he states what his aim is; and the whole of his work bears witness to its very complete realization. "I have endeavoured to picture my reader as a thoughtful Christian layman; who has no Greek, and desires only to be assisted in his efforts to come at the real bearing and force of words, and to understand the connection of the sacred author's ideas." The expositions of "The Allegory of Melchizedek" and "The Trial of Abraham's Faith" contain passages of great power, and a certain chastened eloquence, reminding us at times of Dr. Westcott.

Samuel Crowther, the Slave Boy who became Bishop of the Niger. By JESSE PAGE, author of "Bishop Patteson, the Martyr of Melanesia." S. W. Partridge and Co.

This interesting little book has an introductory note by Bishop Crowther. It is well written, has illustrations and a map, and is printed in clear type.

Heroes of Every-day Life. By LAURA M. LANE. Cassell and Co.

An admirable piece of work; the best of its kind. The "heroes" are colliers, sailors, soldiers, women, and policemen. Every Parish Library should have this little book.

The King's Daughters. How Two Girls kept the Faith. By EMILY S. HOLT. Shaw and Co.

An interesting and edifying Tale of the closing days of Queen Mary's reign; a good specimen number of a truly valuable series, in some respects unique.

Wild Life in the Land of the Giants. By GORDON STABLES, M.D., C.M., R.N. With eight illustrations. Hodder and Stoughton.

A handsome volume, full of incident and graphic description. The "Land" is Patagonia.

Birds and Beasts. By Rev. J. G. WOOD. Shaw and Co.

This is a delightful "Christmas Book." Large illustrations, with pleasant "reading," and a tasteful cover.

A Short Life of Christ for Old and Young. By CUNNINGHAM GEIKIE, D.D., Vicar of St. Martin's-at-Palace, Norwich. With fifty illustrations. Hatchards. 1889.

In his Preface, the eminent author says :—" This is a new book, not an abridgment, and is written for the multitudes, older or younger, who, while shrinking from a Life of Christ in two volumes, would be very glad to read and master the amazing story, if presented vividly, and with adequate knowledge, in a moderate compass." The work supplies this much-felt want. We heartily recommend it.

Houses on Wheels. A Story for Children. By EMMA MARSHALL. Jas. Nisbet and Co.

A new Tale by this popular writer is always welcome. Many will be greatly pleased with this book about life in vans.

Blue Lights. Hot Work in the Soudan. By R. M. BALLANTYNE. With Illustrations. J. Nisbet and Co.

Year after year comes a Tale from Mr. Ballantyne, and we see no sign of falling off. This is a really useful story.

From Messrs. Campbell and Tudhope we have received, as usual about this time, several packets of Cards for Sunday Schools; good and cheap.

From the Church of England Sunday School Institute we have received the Annuals of *The Church Worker*, and *The Boys' and Girls' Companion*.

We have received from Messrs. Nisbet and Co. several good gift-books. *Threefold Praise*, a very tasteful volume, was commended in the November CHURCHMAN. *Dulcibel's Day-Dreams*, by Mrs. Marshall (second edition); *Her Life's Work*, by Lady Dunboyne; *Will it Lift?* or the Story of a London Fog, by J. Jackson Wray—partly about Australia; *The Middy and the Moors*, one of Mr. Ballantyne's lively stories (a reprint from the "Boy's Own Paper"); *Ready, aye Ready*, by Miss Giberne.

We are much pleased with *The Home of a Naturalist* (Nisbet and Co.), by the Rev. Biot Edmondston and his sister Jessie. The "Naturalist" was Dr. Edmondston, their father. This is a deeply interesting book.

Bishop's Crumworth, by Mrs. Marshall (Shaw and Co.), is a pleasing picture of life in a country clergyman's family.

Twice Rescued, or "The Story of Little Tino," is one of the smaller of the many attractive new books of Messrs. Shaw and Co.

From Adam to Abraham is an admirable set of Lessons on Genesis i.-xiv. by the Rev. J. Gurney Hoare, M.A., Vicar of Aylsham. Nisbet and Co.

We have much pleasure in commending the Annuals of the *Child's Companion*, the *Tract Magazine*, and the *Cottager and Artizan*. Also from the Religious Tract Society we have received two charming gift-books for young people: *Our Little Dots*, full of pretty pictures and pleasing stories for little girls and boys; *Talkative Friends in Field, Farm, and Forest*, informing as well as attractive.

Puff, with coloured illustrations, is a very tasteful gift-book (S.P.C.K.). *Puff* is a remarkable dog, and young people will be pleased to read about him.

Jingles and Chimes and Nursery Rhymes (Shaw and Co.) is capital.

The Annual of *Bo-Peep* is truly termed a "Treasury for the Little Ones." (Cassell and Co.) A charming volume, amazingly cheap.

Uncle Steve's Locker is, perhaps, the best of "Brenda's" Tales. It is excellent. (Shaw and Co.) We cordially commend also Miss Giberne's *The Earls of the Village*.

The fourth volume of the *Weekly Pulpit* (Elliot Stock) is full of good stuff.



THE MONTH.

THE Bishop of Lincoln has issued an address to the clergy and laity of his diocese on the subject of his prosecution. We insert without comment several extracts. His Lordship says :

(1) Leaving the details to be maintained, if need be, by the lawyers, I believe that the Ornaments Rubric is the law of the Church ; I might say of the Prayer-book, and therefore the law of the land also.

(2) To break any law is, no doubt, a serious thing to a thoughtful person, for law ought to be regarded with a special reverence, as there is in truth but one Lawgiver ; and yet we do not and cannot claim absolute obedience to every detail of human law.

(3) The true way of dealing with such lesser infractions of law would seem to be (i) to endeavour to estimate the danger of the result of such infractions, and (ii) to determine the spirit and intention of the law-breakers.

(4) While thus professing true loyalty to the Crown we are compelled to maintain that the experience of history proves the necessity of the Church preserving her own rights and liberties in her relation to the State ; and this duty certainly has not become less urgent at the present time, when Parliament, representing equally the people of the three United Kingdoms, whatever their religious belief, is no longer composed only of members of the Church of England, but of Roman Catholics, Presbyterians, and many Nonconformists ; nay, when the members of our Parliament are no longer required even to be Christians.

(5) Any individual suffering which may arise from this line of thought and action is too insignificant to be mentioned, when our hope is that the people of England may thus be enabled to realize the inestimable blessings which God has provided and preserved for them in the English Church.

One result of recent criticism on the C.M.S. has been an increase of favourable testimony.¹ Mr. Stock's reply to Canon Taylor, as to finance, is excellent.

The result of the London School Board Election is said to be, on the whole, very satisfactory.

The *Guardian* comments on "a very striking sermon preached in Exeter Cathedral (September 30th) by the Rev. W. J. Edmonds, one of its Prebendaries."²

¹ The *Record* (December 14th) says : The Bishop of Chester (Dr. Stubbs), presiding at the sixty-ninth anniversary of the Chester Association of the Church Missionary Society, spoke of the C.M.S. as that dear old society to which they all of them owed all their first interest in missionary work. There never was a time, he proceeded, at which the necessity for missionary exertion was greater than it was now. He did not for a moment believe the assertion which had been made as to the importance of Mohammedanism as offering a stage towards civilizing and Christianizing, and therefore a thing to be winked at or even applauded in its treatment of African nations.

² The *Guardian* says : September 30th is St. Jerome's Day in our Calendar, and some telling sentences are devoted by Mr. Edmonds to the juxtaposition of St. Jerome with St. Michael and All Angels—"the most superhuman of angels, the mightiest in all the hosts of God," and "the most human, the most historical, the most passionate, the most modern of all the Fathers of the Church ;" "the faulty monk next to the flawless archangel." Mr. Edmonds lays out his chief strength, however, upon what he says about the Latin Bible, Jerome's great work, which for a thousand years represented the Word of God to the whole great West of Christendom.