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their own flocks, they have no reason to be surprised if the rest of English Christians are firm in their resolve to stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ has made them free. I will conclude with the words used by Archbishop Tait, when preaching at the consecration of All Saints', Margaret Street: "I truly believe," he said, "that in these days, both amongst High Church and Low Church, there are persons who are tired of the miserable controversies which have long divided Christendom, and who simply desire, while using the liberty allowed them, to follow their own tastes in things indifferent, to worship the Lord Jesus Christ faithfully, and to follow Him in their lives. Beware, lest in your zeal for antiquity, you would be not ancient enough, going back to the wavering followers of the Apostles and not to the Apostles themselves."

WILLIAM SINCLAIR.

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## Short Notices.

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*The Siege of Derry.* Edited by the Rev. PHILIP DWYER. Pp. 255. Elliot Stock.

THIS is a very admirable and interesting reprint of the celebrated George Walker's account of the siege, his vindication of the account, and other original documents about that momentous epoch. Mr. Dwyer has worked hard at his subject, and got together 133 pages of notes and additional information. There are also some excellent portraits. The whole forms a capital collection for the student of original historical sources, and a complete memento of one of the most notable events of British history.

*Our Bible—how it has come to us.* By Canon R. T. TALBOT. Pp. 128. Price 1s. Isbister and Co.

A clear and scholarly account, in simple language and for popular readers, of MSS., texts, versions, translations, and the canon. There is not a schoolroom, private or public, in these days where some knowledge of this kind ought not to be available for the senior scholars; and these five papers present it in a very handy and intelligible form. The papers were originally contributed to that very ably edited monthly the *Sunday Magazine*.

*The Decalogue.* By ELIZABETH WORDSWORTH. Pp. 240. Price 4s. 6d. Longmans.

The principal of Lady Margaret Hall, who is favourably known by her "Illustrations of the Creed," "St. Christopher, and other Poems," "The Life of Bishop Christopher Woods," "Thoughts for the Chimney Corner," "Short Words for Long Evenings," and "This Work-a-Day World," has put together some useful papers on the ten great foundations of Hebrew and Christian morality and religion, delivered originally as addresses to some of the students of her college. Her applications are practical. Under the eighth commandment, for instance, she warns against wasting other people's time, unpunctuality, writing a bad hand,

want of method, meanness about money matters, literary dishonesty, breaking social engagements, enticing servants away from neighbours, disfiguring beautiful landscapes by hideous advertisements, taking advantage of legal blunders in wills, rash investment of money at high interest, wasting public property by carelessness, reaping the harvest of other people's work by greater quickness and stronger personality, sacrilege, and defrauding God by not devoting a portion of income to His service.

*Judges.* By JOHN SUTHERLAND BLACK. Pp. 116. University Press, Cambridge.

This is a volume in "The Smaller Cambridge Bible for Schools." It brings a commentary probably down to its narrowest limits, but contains a very considerable amount of concise information. As it is founded on the larger work of the Rev. J. J. Lias, it may be safely trusted. With regard to composition, the writer says: "The Book of Judges contains elements of very various dates. The Song of Deborah is contemporary with the events to which it refers; and the prose narratives contain many lively traits, which must have been derived from eye-witnesses; while, on the other hand, the double account of such matters as the war with Midian are most naturally explained as due to fluctuations of oral tradition in the course of generations." But, at any rate, the contributions of the compiler form a very small part of the book.

*Our Country's Flowers.* By W. J. GORDON. Pp. 154. Day and Son.

Mr. Gordon follows the natural system of classification, and his method is exceedingly clear. By studying the principles of the book carefully, and following his schemes and plans, the student cannot fail to identify the flowers which he finds. It is wonderful how much information is conveyed in such small space. Beside the accurate scientific scheme, there are thirty-three very comprehensive plates, which will be of great help; and as these beautiful coloured pictures for the most part combine different leading specimens of a genus, each picture becomes itself an instructive lesson. The writer begins with a list of local names, and then explains his principles of classification. This is followed by a tabular scheme, giving the characteristics of species. The next chapter is devoted to the natural orders; and he goes on with some useful examples of identification, in order to show the student how to proceed. The work ends with indexes, genera, and species.

*Our Country's Birds.* By W. J. GORDON. Pp. 152. Day and Son.

This is a companion to Mr. Gordon's other work, and is a truly delightful volume. It may be safely said that no such complete and comprehensive guide to British birds exists in so small a space. There are thirty-two coloured illustrations which are exceedingly accurate and beautiful. The plan followed is much the same as that in the work on "Flowers." An interesting feature is the Table of Dimensions. The tabular description of eggs is also very clear and useful.

#### MAGAZINES.

Amongst the Magazines for August we have received the following: *The Cornhill, The Thinker, Sunday at Home, Quiver, Leisure Hour, Cassell's Family Magazine, Church Missionary Intelligencer, Newbery House Magazine, The Boy's Own Paper, The Girl's Own Paper, The Church Sunday School Magazine, New and Old, Little Folks, Awake, Church Missionary Gleaner, Cottager and Artizan, Friendly Greetings, The Children's World, India's Women, The Evangelical Churchman (Toronto), Church Monthly, Church Worker, Light in the Home, Our Little Dots, Child's Companion, Boys' and Girls' Companion.*