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Short Notices.

The Scottish Songstress. By MARGARET SIMPSON. Pp. 63. Oliphant and Co., Edinburgh.

Caroline, Baroness Nairn, authoress of "The Auld House," "The Land of the Leal," and other beautiful Scotch songs, will for ever live in the memory of the Scottish people. Mrs. Simpson is her great grand-niece, and has written a charming little memoir of recollections.

Cook's Handbook to Switzerland. Pp. 328. *Cook's Handbook to Holland, Belgium, and the Rhine.* Pp. 376. Cook and Son, Ludgate Circus, E.C.

When so much of our foreign travelling is placed in the hands of these enterprising benefactors and pioneers, it is very desirable to have guide-books provided under the same auspices. These are drawn up with great care and experience, and form a sort of English Baedeker with beautiful maps and illustrations.

Ministering Children. By Mrs. CHARLESWORTH. Pp. 443. Cloth, 1s. 6d. Paper, 1s. Seeley and Co.

Mrs. Charlesworth's delightful story, which has made an epoch in so many a life, has been reproduced by Messrs. Seeley in these cheap forms, and we feel sure that the announcement will be very popular throughout the country. "Ministering Children" has taught many an invaluable lesson in unselfishness and consideration for others.

The three new volumes of the S.P.C.K. series of Mrs. EWING's works are: *Jan and the Windmill*, pp. 384, *Six to Sixteen*, pp. 296, and *Lob-Lie-by-the-Fire*, Pp. 219.

Stories of the Fire Brigade. By FRANK MUNDELL. Pp. 160. Price 1s. 6d. Sunday-School Union.

There are few greater acts of heroism than those which are constantly performed by our modern fire brigades, especially that of London, where fires are constant and houses difficult of access. A book like this will stimulate young men all over the country to larger ideas of duty and to the active practice of unselfishness.

The History of the Councils of the Church. By Bishop HEFELY. Vol. IV. Translated by W. R. CLARK. Pp. 492. T. and T. Clark, Edinburgh.

The fourth volume of this important work extends from the year 451 to 680. Nothing could be more instructive as to the inner history of the Church. Many an amusing and interesting article might be written on the subjects here handled, the chief of which is the Controversy of the Three Chapters. Much light is thrown by the decisions of the various Councils on life and manners.

Studies in Biblical and Ecclesiastical Subjects. By the late Dean CAMPBELL of Dromore. Pp. 275. Elliot Stock.

The late Dean of Dromore was a well-known contributor to this Review, and a writer of originality, independence, learning, and moderation. His son has done well to collect his father's principal papers, and they are on subjects which cannot fail to interest our readers. They are such as these: "Inspiration," "The Church as a Witness and Keeper of Holy Writ," "The Rock of the Church," "The Covenant Obligation of the Lord's Day," "The Transfiguration," "The Hand of a Mediator," "We have an Altar," "Hades," "The Spirits in Prison," "Universalism," "Episcopacy—Scriptural," "The Church, What is it?" "Baptismal Regeneration," "St. Patrick and the Early Irish Church."

We quote a sentence from the paper on "The Church": "Claiming

to be the Catholic Church, the Roman Church asserts that she is the Body of Christ, and that all her members and none others shall be saved. We should be cautious lest any Protestant Church should be guilty of the same terrible and unscriptural error, and claim the exclusive right to Christ as its Head, to the exclusion of all others." The views of the Dean are throughout founded on learning, wisdom, sound sense, and loyalty to the New Testament.

The Religion of the Crescent. By the Rev. W. ST. CLAIR TISDALL. Pp. 251. Price 4s. S.P.C.K.

This is one of "The Non-Christian Religious Systems," and the writer has had the advantage of being secretary to the C.M.S. Mission at Julfâ and Isfahân.

The book is full of most interesting information.

The result is thus summed up: "The effect of Islâm upon the family, the State, and upon the human intellect has been glanced at, and we have seen how that fell system of religion blasts all that is true and noble, all that is pure and elevated in the nature of man and woman alike. Islâm, as a religion, is not true; it has not come from God. It does not and cannot satisfy the needs of the human heart. It does not reveal God in His Divine Fatherhood. . . . Islâm is an anti-Christian creed, it is opposed to all true progress, whether moral or intellectual, political or religious."

Can She Forgive? By E. S. CURRY. Pp. 160. Price 1s. 6d. S.P.C.K.

This story—less sensational than its title—is still full of incident, and gives a life-like picture of the sayings and doings of East London folk.

The Story of Charles Ogilvie. By G. E. SERGEANT. Pp. 190. Price 6d. R.T.S.

This story—somewhat old-fashioned in style and tone—contains some excellent lessons for boys, and is remarkably cheap.

Guide to the Study of the Book of Common Prayer. By the Rev. A. R. FAUSSETT, D.D. Pp. 268. London: Thynne.

Such strange and unhistorical theories are now promulgated about the Prayer-Book that this admirable book, placing it in its true relation to the circumstances and opinions of its day, will be warmly welcomed. Where all parts are good and sound, it is difficult to select any particular passage; but there is special value in the chapter called "Priests, not Sacrificers," in that on "Baptismal Regeneration," that on "The Communion," that on "The Validity of Presbyterian Orders," and that on "True Church Principles." Inquiries are often made for such a book as this; here it is, if people will only possess themselves of it.

MAGAZINES.

We have received the following (July) magazines:

The Thinker, The Expository Times, The Religious Review of Reviews, The Anglican Church Magazine, The Church Missionary Intelligencer, The National Church, The Foreign Church Chronicle, The Evangelical Churchman, The Gospel Magazine, The Church Magazine, Sunday-School Magazine, Blackwood, The Cornhill, Sunday Magazine, The Fireside, Cassell's Family Magazine, The Quiver, Good Words, The Leisure Hour, Sunday at Home, The Girl's Own Paper, The Boy's Own Paper, Light and Truth, The Church Worker, The Church Monthly, The Church Missionary Gleaner, The Philanthropist, Light in the Home, Awake, India's Women, Parish Magazine, New and Old, The Dawn of Day, The Bible Society's Gleanings for the Young, The Bible Society's Monthly Reporter, The Cottager and Artisan, Friendly Greetings, Little Folks, The Child's Pictorial, The Children's World, Our Little Dots and The Boy's and Girl's Companion