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Cui Bono? An Open Letter to Lord Halifax. By the Rev. H. HENSLEY HENSON, B.D.

WHETHER we look at the forcible and lucid arguments by which the writer of this pamphlet sets forth the dangerous position in which the Established Church now suddenly finds herself, or the quarter from which the appeal comes—for Mr. Henson holds, we believe, a deservedly prominent position among the moderate and loyal High Church Party—we know of nothing likely to do more good in awakening Churchmen to the breakers ahead than Mr. Hensley Henson's Open Letter to Lord Halifax. After calling attention to the recent and sudden change from the security which seemed assured for many a long year by the utter rout inflicted on the Disestablishment Party at the last election, to the unrest and anxiety felt to-day by all who appreciate the Church of England's unique opportunities for good by means of her establishment, and the recovered confidence and even jubilation of the Liberationists, he shows in clear and vigorous language that all this is due to the widespread mistrust of the Ritualists, their present proceedings, and apparent aims and objects; and this being so, he presses on Lord Halifax and the men who follow him the mischief Disestablishment and Disendowment will cause both to the nation at large and to the good work the Church is doing for her Master; and the imperative need there is therefore for them to try and still the tempest they are raising by confining themselves strictly within the limits laid down in the recent Charge of the Primate. Mr. Henson, too, does, we think, useful work in calling attention to what thoughtful men have for some time been feeling with increasing anxiety: viz., the growing divergence in thought and feeling between the laity and clergy—a divergence which is mainly an outcome of the Tractarian Movement, which, while year by year it is more widely and powerfully felt by the clergy, has, with the exception of a handful of town congregations, scarcely touched the laity, so that at last, as with characteristic humour he points out, while the rector talks of eucharist, and priest, and altar, his churchwarden speaks of the communion, the clergyman, and the holy table. But while this is the case generally, the more hot-headed of the Extremists seek, as if of malice aforethought, to outrage the feelings of ordinary Englishmen by the use of such terms as Mass for Holy Communion, and the like ante-Reformation phraseology, and by pouring the bitterest contempt on the word Protestantism, and much that it denotes—a word, by the way, for which perhaps more can be said than the letter would allow. Of course Mr. Henson thinks the Evangelical Party diverge even more widely from the Reformation settlement than Lord Halifax's friends; but he allows that, as these divergencies harmonize

with the Protestant feelings of the country, they do not imperil the present order of things.

In conclusion, we can wish for nothing better than that every clerical book-club in the country would purchase this shilling pamphlet, and that all their members would carefully read and ponder its weighty words.

J. D. TREMLETT.

Workers Together with God. Edited by Rev. N. KEYMER, M.A.
A. R. Mowbray and Co. Oxford and London.

This is a series of papers on different branches of Church work. They are obviously written in the interest of one section only of the Church, but in spite of the somewhat exclusive tone and phraseology, a good many valuable hints may be gleaned by all. Such well-known specialists as Miss Louisa Twining on "Workhouses," the Rev. W. Carlile on "Begging," Lady Laura Ridding on "Work Among Mothers," to mention no others, are well worth reading. The subjects treated of are sixty-seven in all, and are most diverse, beginning with "Spiritual Life the Power of Spiritual Work," by the Rev. J. P. F. Davidson, and ending with a paper on "The Stage and the Church," by Mr. Ben Greet. Some of the statements in the latter are perplexing—*e.g.*, "The lessons they (*i.e.*, actors) teach are the same as those taught by the Church."

Juvenal: Fourteen Satires. Edited, with Notes, by J. D. DUFF, M.A.,
Trinity College, Cambridge. Cambridge University Press. Price 5s.

This edition of Juvenal is in many respects the best English edition in existence. Mayor's Commentary is, for the advanced scholar, indispensable, but its vast host of citations and parallels are apt to confound, rather than enlighten, the student. We are very glad Mr. Duff has ventured to give a good portion of the sixth satire, without doubt Juvenal's most brilliant performance. The notes on this satire are unusually good and full, and are evidence of the editor's wide acquaintance with Roman literature, especially of the Silver Age writers. We hope that some day he will undertake an edition of Petronius, worthy alike of his own high reputation among scholars and of the Cambridge tradition.

The text of the present edition is, of course, based on Bücheler's last edition (1893), where the readings of *P* are fully set forth. Brief critical footnotes accompany the text.

Among several brilliant suggestions advanced in the Commentary, we select the following (i. 155), *viz.*, on the well-known passage:

"Pone Tigellinum : tæda lucebis in illa,
Qua stantes ardent qui fixo pectore fumant,
Et latum mediæ sulcum deducis harena."

Most editors have managed to hoist some sort of meaning into the last line; but no editor previous to Mr. Duff has seen that the meaning of it is simply, "You will be ploughing the sea-sand,"—*i.e.*, your efforts will be in vain. The proverb is familiar enough, and is here supported

with several excellent parallels. This interpretation will certainly be henceforward accepted as the only true solution of the passage.

Mr. Duff has suggested—in the notes—a few emendations, *e.g.*, on iv. 33, “Pharia” for “fracta,” which seems to be right; but, on the whole, he is a conservative editor, and for this readers will feel profoundly thankful. We do not want to have classical writers rewritten, but explained. Rash conjecture is the offspring of defective understanding.

We heartily congratulate Mr. Duff on his concise and thorough exposition of one of the greatest of Roman writers.

University Addresses. By Principal CAIRD, D.D. Maclehose, 1898. Price 6s.

The Master of Balliol has performed a pious task in collecting his late brother's most important University Addresses, and printing them in this volume. John Caird's work is like no one else's; it has not merely the hall-mark of his own striking individuality, but unquestionably gives the impression of true genius. His “Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion” we have long regarded as a wholly unique book. There he transplanted, so to speak, the metaphysic of Hegel into the soil of religion, and so enriched two main continents of human thought. These “Addresses,” here collected, while they show him in a less philosophical aspect, display his wonderfully keen insight into the relations that bind human activities, and his mastery of underlying principles of human thought and experience. The admirable literary style, the polished irony, the intense religious feeling of the man, are finely represented in these occasional addresses. Few have any claim to finality in their verdicts, but all are instinctive with the philosophic culture and high moral endeavours of one of the greatest teachers and preachers of our generation.

Human Immortality. By Professor JAMES. Archibald Constable. Price 2s.

This is quite a tiny book, but contains more true thought than most octavo volumes. Briefly, it proposes to set before us certain arguments in favour of the great doctrine of human immortality which are too often either unknown or ignored by professed unbelievers. Whether Professor James has not, perhaps, proved too much in this lecture, we will not venture to assert; but we should like to commend his book (the argument of which will not easily bear being reduced to any smaller compass than that into which it is already packed) to physiologists, theologians, and philosophers alike. Professor James is, perhaps, the most distinguished psychologist living; and a powerful argument such as he puts forward here will be listened to with a respect which would be denied to the theologian pure and simple. It is a book that the *indifferent* had better shelve; it will not appeal to such as these.

History of the People of Israel. Written for Lay Readers by C. H. CORNILL, Ph.D., S.T.D. Chicago: Open Court Publishing Company, 1898. Price 7s. 6d.

With all due respect to Dr. Cornill, this book is not a history at all, in any ordinary acceptance of the word. It is not even a reconstruing of history, but a reconstruction. Clever it undoubtedly is, and may certainly prove useful in the hands of those who can keep a level head; but we had better say at once that, from cover to cover, it is untrustworthy as a positive record of historical facts.

For no earthly reason that we can see, Dr. Cornill, while allowing that Abraham may have been (probably was) an historical personage, complacently rejects all the other patriarchs with this remark: "They are only personifications and representations of the races or tribes whose names they bear. . . . Isaac is only a patronymic. . . . Races never adopt the names of individuals." Who told the worthy Professor that this is so, we wonder?

Dr. Cornill has more than a sneaking regard for David; he will even speak of him as the greatest "self-made man in history." But, then, David is no saint or psalm-singer; and so unbroken tradition of thrice a thousand years goes for nothing. "Psalms"? Certainly not, says the critic; but he may have written a few secular songs.

It is on Ahab, however, that Dr. Cornill seems to lavish a peculiar share of admiration. The "searching eye of criticism" (p. 102) views him as "one of the best kings and most powerful rulers Israel ever had"; he is extolled in these pages as a type of most of the Jewish virtues; and then (can it be by some delicate stroke of irony, or is the professor of theology in the University of Halle really in earnest?) he winds up his account by these words: "And this is the historical Ahab of Israel."

By way of lending additional spice to this book, the translator or the publisher has added an "Appendix" consisting of certain questions propounded by a reader of "The Open Court" on Dr. Cornill's book; and a "condensed" series of answers—by the Professor himself—is then attached, in order (we presume) to clear up some of the difficulty and bewilderment which the reader feels who pursues the argument of this "strange, eventful *history*." Like the statements in the book itself, the answers make imagination do duty for fact, and strand the student on the shifting sands of fiction and hypothesis.

The More Excellent Way. By the Hon. Mrs. LYTTTELTON GELL. Henry Froude. Pp. 319.

This charming and dainty gift-book is described as "Words of the Wise on the Life of Love: A Sequence of Meditations," and deals with love's nature, essentials, graces, capacities, dues, paradoxes, and union. The compilation is beautifully selected, and from the choicest and most suggestive authors. It is printed in green and blue, with ornamental typography on every page, and is altogether a fascinating volume.

Things to Come. Fourth annual volume. Stoneman, Warwick Lane. Pp. 144.

This is a journal of Biblical literature, with special reference to prophetic truth, and is the official organ of prophetic conferences. The study of prophecy is no doubt too much neglected.

The Nativity in Art and Song. By W. H. JEWITT. Elliot Stock. Pp. 198.

This beautiful book is a collection of poems, pictures, and traditions connected with Christmas. There are forty-two charming illustrations, and the subjects dealt with are—the story itself, its treatment in verse, the angel hosts and their worship, the Wise Men, the presentation in the Temple, cradle songs, joyfulness associated with Christmas, and some legends connected with the holy season. As a treasury of illustrations for Christmas sermons, addresses, and cards, the book will be invaluable.

Belief in Christ, and other Sermons. By H. M. BUTLER, D.D., Master of Trinity. Macmillan. Pp. 302.

There are few more interesting living preachers than the Master of Trinity. The Church will thank him for publishing thirty-five sermons preached in chapel at Trinity College. Dr. Butler's long experience of young men at Harrow and Cambridge qualifies him peculiarly for addressing them on religious subjects. Every sermon breathes the firm, clear faith of a highly-cultured mind, and the warm sympathy of a truly Christian heart. The volume is full of interest from beginning to end.

Our Boys. Edited by Rev. S. P. JAMES, D.D. Roxburgh Press. Pp. 283. Price 3s. 6d.

Dr. James has collected eighteen excellent addresses to boys, with two on education. Amongst the writers are the Bishop Suffragan of Reading, Bishop Abraham, Bishop Mitchinson, Canon Garry, the Rev. W. M. Myres, and himself. The sermons are very practical and on a great variety of subjects, and will be useful both to boys and teachers.

Things to be Added. By E. G. STEWART. C.E.T.S. Pp. 153. Price 2s.

This excellent volume of readings for mothers' meetings consists of two parts: First, the seven additions to faith in 2 Peter i. 5; and, second, five papers on important temperance subjects. It is bound to do good.

Graded Lessons on St. Matthew's Gospel. By WILLIAM TAYLOR. Sunday-School Institute. Pp. 241. Price 2s. 6d.

These excellent and clearly-arranged lessons are by the Master of Method in Battersea Training College, with blackboard illustrations. The "grading" consists of easy lessons, intermediate lessons, notes for senior classes, picture lessons, blackboard lessons, and scholars' lesson-papers. A most useful addition to Sunday-school literature.

Heroines of the Faith. By FRANK MUNDELL. Sunday-School Union. Pp. 159. Price 1s. 6d.

This is one of the Heroine Series, the other volumes being "Heroines of Daily Life," "Heroines of Mercy," "Heroines of Travel," "Heroines

of the Cross," and "Heroines of History." It contains sixteen sketches from the time of the martyrs of the Early Church to the days of the Covenanters. We believe, however, that the story of the drowning of the women at Wigtown has been completely disproved.

The Silver Link. Seventh annual volume. Sunday-School Union. Pp. 240. Price 2s.

This illustrated magazine for the home and the school has many attractive features: two excellent serial stories, "The Captain's Fags" and "Into Stormy Waters"; other continued papers are "Stories of the Apostles," prize competitions, Talks on International Lessons, and the Sunday Hour.

Young England. Nineteenth annual volume. Sunday-School Union. Pp. 476. Price 5s.

The editors of this admirable volume continue to show their understanding of the nature and interests of boys. The principal stories are, "In Arms for Freedom," "On Injun's Land," and "The Splendid Stranger." Other series are, "Kings of the Quarter-deck," Natural History Papers, "School-days of Eminent Men," "The Sunday Hour," and "Where the Ships come in." The illustrations are of a high class.

All Sorts and Conditions of Women: a Romance of the East End. CHARLES BURT BANKS. Elliot-Stock, Paternoster Row. Pp. 250.

This story illustrates the kind of Christian work that is going on in East London by means of parish centres, college and school settlements, and the like. The author shows knowledge and experience, and the ups and downs, adventures, disappointments, encouragements, and types are not exaggerated.

The Use of Sarum. By WALTER HOWARD FRERE, Priest of the Community of the Resurrection. Cambridge University Press, 1898. Pp. 314.

This is Part I. of an important liturgical work; it contains the Sarum customs as set forth in the Consuetudinary and Customary. The original texts are edited from the MSS., with an introduction and index. It is interesting to all scholars to know what it was that was put aside by our present Book of Common Prayer. The book has been most carefully edited, and, besides the text of the services, gives an effective view of the life and duties of a pre-Reformation cathedral.

Teachers' Bible. New Series. Nelson and Sons. No. 62. Best morocco.

This very beautiful Bible is perhaps the best of its kind that has appeared. Through the use of extraordinarily thin, firm paper, the type is large and easy. The important feature is 350 pages of Biblical information at the end, profusely illustrated with beautiful photographs. The Notes are by Sir Charles Wilson, Professor Sayce, Colonel Conder, Professor Beecher, Professor Riddle, Canon Tristram, Canon Taylor, Canon Bonny, Professors Robertson, Marcus Dods, G. A. Smith, Rendel Harris, W. M. Ramsay, J. D. Davis, Warfield, and M'Curdy; and the Editor is the learned Secretary of the Bible Society, Dr. William Wright. Our readers will be glad to have a Biblical Companion which they can thoroughly trust. The whole volume is a study of typography and binding.

