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Literary Notes.

THE fifth volume of Grove's "Dictionary of Music" is nearly completed. Mr. Fuller Maitland has been devoting all his energies to the volume, so that it may be ready this spring. It is a valuable work, and evidences careful editing. Messrs. Macmillan and Co. are, of course, the publishers. They are also issuing Professor Lowell's new work, "The Evolution of Worlds." This author is making for himself quite a following in England. Certainly he brings into his studies and estimates points of view which are highly original and suggestive. The same house are issuing the Bampton Lectures for 1909; "The Faith and Modern Thought," by Rev. W. Temple, M.A., Fellow and Lecturer, Queen's College, Oxford, to which Professor Sadler writes an Introduction; Canon Henson's volume on "The Liberty of Prophesying"; and "The Working Faith of the Social Reformer," by Dr. Henry Jones. The concluding volumes of "A History of the English Church," edited by the late Dean Stephens and the Rev. Dr. William Hunt, are approaching completion. They cover the nineteenth century, and are written by Mr. F. Warre-Cornish, Vice-Provost of Eton College. The titles of the six lectures contained in the Rev. W. Temple's volume are: "The Ground of Our Belief in God," "Revelation and Faith," "Historical Basis of Christianity," "The Person of Christ," "The Atonement and Problem of Evil," "The Spirit, the Church, and the Life to Come." These lectures were delivered under the auspices of the London Intercollegiate Christian Union. The aim of the lectures is to state in the ordinary language of contemporary thought some of the main doctrines of the Christian faith, and some of the arguments by which they are to be supported.



The Bampton Lectures for 1909 were delivered by the Rev. Walter Hobbhouse, the subject being "The Church and the World in Idea and History." The treatment is historical throughout. The aim of the lectures is not to examine the organization of the Church in detail, but to treat of the Church in its relations to the world, in theory and in experience, from the age of the Apostles to the present day, not merely as a speculative inquiry, but with a view to throwing light upon practical problems.



Messrs. G. P. Putnam's Sons, whose "Heroes of the Reformation" series—a collection of biographies which might well be placed alongside of that other popular and well-written series, the "Heroes of the Nations"—is having a fresh lease of life since the reduction in price, are issuing at once a volume dealing with Martin Luther's political opinions. Most people, naturally, do not associate the great reformer with many political interests, yet most of his actions in life might be said to have been based upon political beginnings, developing, as they rose into important structures, into pure dogma. Dr. Luther Hess Waring has prepared a volume in which he discusses Luther's attitude in matters political, and he will present a

systematic account of Luther's utterances on the character, origin, function, and responsibilities of the State. The work should find many readers.



There are several other interesting publications coming from the same firm likely to interest CHURCHMAN readers. One is entitled "Above Life's Turmoil," by James Allen, who wrote that thoughtful little book "The Mastery of Destiny." In his new work Mr. Allen shows how, through self-knowledge and self-discipline, we may rise above the turmoil of the world, and how, without shirking the duties of life, we can fortify ourselves against anxiety. "Criminal Man, According to Lombroso," by Gina Lombroso Ferrero (Signora Guglielmo Ferrero), is another, and it should prove a very readable book. The author sums up the ideas of the Modern Penal School, originated by her father, the late Professor Cesare Lombroso. Mr. Stanton Davis Kirkham, author of "The Philosophy of Self-Help," has also written a book for Messrs. Putnam, entitled "Resources: An Interpretation of the Well-founded Life."



The Rev. John P. Peters, D.D., Canon of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York, has prepared for publication a volume entitled "Modern Christianity; or the Plain Gospel Modernly Expounded." Dr. Peters' chapters give his views which are admirably suggested by the title, and among the subjects dealt with are: The Birth of God, The Resurrection of God, The Mystery of Birth, Death, The Real Heaven, The Real Hell, The Judgment, Forgiveness of Sins, Palaces and Slums, Tainted Money, Revolutionary Christianity.



The next few volumes expected in Messrs. Duckworth's "Studies in Theology" are the Rev. William Cunningham's "Christianity and Social Questions," the Rev. George Buchanan Gray's "A Critical Introduction to the Old Testament," and Dr. Fairbairn's "An Encyclopædia of Theology." The volumes in this collection of studies in theology are both critical and constructive. In every instance bibliographies will be provided for the guidance of those who wish to pursue more extended studies in the problems of Faith and Morals dealt with in these manuals. The price is 2s. 6d. net per volume. The same publishers are also issuing a new series entitled "The Readers' Library," a series of copyright volumes of individual merit, and includes only such books as have permanent value—the works of authors of repute, such as Leslie Stephen, Richard Jefferies, Stopford Brooke, W. H. Hudson, and Hilaire Belloc. The volumes selected are those likely to be acceptable to the reader of critical taste, and hitherto only obtainable at prices prohibitive to the book-buyer of moderate means. "Studies in Poetry," by the Rev. Stopford Brooke, is the latest addition. The little volume concerns itself with Blake, Scott, Shelley, and Keats. Probably there is no better critic of poetry living than Mr. Stopford Brooke.



The Rev. Gerald S. Davies has written a book on the "Renaissance Tombs in Rome to the End of the Fifteenth Century." It is designed to supply a need which has been much felt by students and travellers. Up to

the present time no English writer has dealt at all completely with the subject. The author has divided his work into two parts. The first portion is devoted to a sketch of the development of sculpture in Rome from 1100 to 1500. The last part contains a chronological list and an arrangement of tombs under the heading of churches, with short descriptions and biographies. This is being published by Mr. Murray.



Messrs. Longmans have just issued Mr. R. H. Malden's "Foreign Missions: Being a Study of Some Principles and Methods in the Expansion of the Christian Church." Mr. Malden is Classical Lecturer at Selwyn College, Cambridge. Professor John Edward Lloyd, who holds the Chair of History in the University College of North Wales, Bangor, has finished a work of considerable importance. It will also be shortly issued by Messrs. Longmans. It is a two-volume "History of Wales from the Earliest Times to the Edwardian Conquest." Prehistoric Wales, Roman Wales, the early institutions of the Welsh, the political divisions of the country, the Norman invasions and settlements, and the achievements of the more powerful Princes, are successively described. Special sections are devoted to the history of the Welsh Church. The relations between England and Wales are traced at each stage, and the reaction of Welsh upon English history is illustrated.



The fourth and fifth volumes of "The Expositor's Greek Testament," which is being so admirably edited by Sir W. Robertson Nicoll, M.A., LL.D., are expected shortly. The same editor is also issuing a new series of "Little Books on Religion." The great circulation of these famous little books on religion shows that there is a wide demand for small, well-written, and comprehensive publications among readers within whose reach the larger works do not always come. A new shilling series has just been inaugurated with a number of fresh volumes. Messrs. Hodder and Stoughton—the publishers of these books—are also issuing the fifth edition of Dr. Nicoll's "Seven Words from the Cross," and the seventh edition of the same author's "The Key of the Grave."



Canon Henson has just published a new volume of sermons, entitled "Westminster Sermons," through Messrs. James Clarke and Co. The same publishers have also recently issued "Church Questions of Our Time," by D. J. B. Paton.



From America comes Mr. O. S. Marden's—of "Pushing to the Front" fame—little book entitled "Do It to a Finish." It is based upon the author's idea of a person's duty to his or her work, and of doing it thoroughly and doing it well. The editor of *Success* knows how to make his sermons attractive, and this pamphlet, which appears in a series called "What is Worth While," is no exception to the rule. Another American book, and a very important one, is Mr. S. H. Church's "Religious Progress in America: Progress and Achievement of One Hundred Years," an address delivered before the Centennial Convention of the Christian Church at the Carnegie

Music Hall, Pittsburg. Dr. Church has written several other books, notably a very excellent biography of "Cromwell."



Another item from the other side of the Atlantic is the announcement of Dr. Charles W. Eliot's "The Religion of the Future."



"The Road to Happiness" is a nice title, and a journey we are always trying to make. Miss Constance Williams has translated the book from the French of Yvonne Sarcey. The little volume is made up of a series of delightful letters, in which much wise counsel may be found concerning the way we must comport ourselves on this much-sought-for road. And there are many practical suggestions in it, too. We hear the book has achieved a great success in France, and we are not surprised. The title is inviting, and it seems that the inside of the book is equally attractive.



We are glad to learn that the Book-Room at the National Church League, in consequence of the great success which has attended it, has had to be enlarged. The value of the work which this department has been able to carry out, under the able supervision of Mr. G. C. Parkhurst Baxter, has been of so definite a character that greater space has had to be acquired for the increased stock consequent upon the demand for Evangelical and other literature. The department recently completed arrangements for a Memorial Edition of the late Rev. N. Dimock's works. The first volumes to be issued are: "The Doctrine of the Lord's Supper," "Christian Unity," and "Our One Priest on High." These are all published at 1s. 6d. net each. Later will be issued "The Christian Doctrine of Sacerdotium" (2s. net), to which the Bishop of Durham has written a dedicatory notice. From the Book-Room have also been recently issued "Class Notes, for the Use of Candidates for Confirmation" (price 2d.), by the Rev. Henry Edwards, with an introduction by the Bishop of Newcastle, and a small, but very ably written, pamphlet on "Incense," by Mr. W. Guy Johnson.



The Dean of Worcester is publishing a volume of lectures entitled "The Clergy and Social Life."



"The Cell of Self-Knowledge," with introductions and notes by Mr. E. G. Gardner, is shortly appearing. The volume is a reprint of seven English mystical treatises printed originally in 1521.



The Bishop of Chichester has written a preface to a new Lenten work by the Rev. F. L. H. Millard, M.A., entitled "Last Words: An Indication of the Glory of the Cross." Mr. Stock is the publisher. He is also issuing "A Three Hours' Service on the Seven Words from the Cross," by the Rev. J. E. Eckersley, M.A.

