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ment, still exist. Dr. Weston's process of arriving at truth is medieval and radically unsound.

"It is my earnest desire," he says, "to be entirely loyal to the dogmatic decrees of the Catholic Church. If there be any phrase in this book that is incompatible with the official Christology of Holy Church, I desire here and now to withdraw it." "Holy Church," moreover, is defined as that body governed by "the universal college of Catholic Bishops, to whom our Lord Himself committed the task of witness and teaching."

Without dealing with the latter passage, open to question as it is at every point, we would point out that, though Dr. Weston's docility is perhaps commendable, it strikes us as illogical. He proposes in this work to reason out a difficult question, and then, having arrived at a conclusion based upon logic and reason, he is prepared to put his pen through it all, and declare that he really believes something quite different if "Holy Church" tells him he is wrong.

Now, no doubt this obedience would have been well rewarded in bygone days, at any rate it would have saved Dr. Weston from thumb-screw and rack. But we maintain that, even while he was destroying his thesis and anathematizing the heresy he had invented, his inner soul would be believing still what his reason had led him to state. He would have been outwardly *assenting* to "Holy Church," but inwardly *believing* something else, like Galileo. He could not help himself, for we cannot tamper with reason in this fashion. Belief is begotten only by reason and the witness of the soul; the acquiescence which Dr. Weston is willing to make, if accused of heresy, is mere unintelligent assent.

H. A. W.



Publications of the Month.

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BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL.

GREAT TEXTS OF THE BIBLE, THE. Edited by the Rev. James Hastings, D.D. (*T. and T. Clark*. 10s.; subscription price 6s. net if complete series is ordered.) Two more volumes of this wonderful work are now issued: that for the Old Testament covering from Psalm cxix. to the Song of Songs; that for the New Testament treating of St. Matthew. We know of no work of this kind so thoroughly serviceable to the preacher as this. Here we have scholarship allied with spiritual and practical teaching.

GREATER MEN AND WOMEN OF THE BIBLE, THE. Edited by the Rev. James Hastings, D.D. (*T. and T. Clark*. 10s.; subscription price 6s. net if complete series is ordered.) A companion series to the above. The new volume, "Ruth—Naaman," is the third in a series of six, and pictures the characters of sixteen of the greater men and women of that period, including David, Elijah, Elisha, Samuel, Saul, and Solomon. A volume of unique interest and value.

LAW OF FAITH, THE. With a lawyer's notes on the Written Law. By Joseph F. Randolph. (*G. P. Putnam's Sons*. 6s. net.) The author discusses "what faith is and how it leads men to God," and his work is warmly commended by the General Secretary of the International Committee, Y.M.C.A. (New York).

INTRODUCTION TO THE MYSTICAL LIFE, THE. By the Abbé P. Lejeune. Translated from the French by Basil Levett. (*R. and T. Washbourne, Ltd.* 3s. 6d. net.) The

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- SEARCHINGS IN THE SILENCE. By the Rev. George Matheson, D.D. (*Hodder and Stoughton*. 3s. 6d.) A prince among devotional writers, Dr. Matheson here gives us for "the stray moments of solitude" a collection of meditations which will stimulate and strengthen spiritual life.
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MISSIONARY.

- HERO OF THE AFGHAN FRONTIER, A. The life-story of Dr. Pennell, retold for boys and girls. By Mrs. Pennell, M.D. (*Seeley, Service and Co., Ltd.* 2s. 6d.) No more thrilling volume could be put into the hands of our young people, and its message is of great value.
- MISSIONARY PROSPECT, THE. By Canon C. H. Robinson, D.D. (*S. W. Partridge and Co., Ltd.* 2s. 6d. net.) A welcome reissue of a most able work by the Editorial Secretary of the S.P.G.
- "JAYA": WHICH MEANS VICTORY. By Beatrice M. Harband. (*Marshall Brothers, Ltd.* 6s.) The story of a Hindu girl of high degree telling of her life's struggles as maiden, wife, and widow.
- JUDSON, THE HERO OF BURMA. By Jesse Page, F.R.G.S. (*Seeley, Service and Co., Ltd.* 2s. 6d.) All too little is known of the progress of Christianity in Burma, and this deeply interesting volume will tell of the intrepid courage and unstinted devotion of the first missionary. The author has a facile pen, and his delightful narrative cannot fail to arrest the attention of boys and girls, for whom it is specially written. There are no stories so good as missionary stories, especially when, as in this case, they centre round the heroism and faithfulness of one of the bravest of missionary pioneers.
- WHITE HEROINES IN AFRICA. By Constance E. Padwick. (*C.M.S. House*. 4d. net.) A book for leaders amongst working girls, telling in easy and pleasant manner of the heroism of Mary Moffat, Anna Hinderer, and Christina Coillard—three widely honoured names in missionary service.

GENERAL.

- REFOUNDING OF THE GERMAN EMPIRE, 1848-1914, THE. By Col. G. B. Malleson, C.S.I. (*Seeley, Service and Co., Ltd.* 2s. net.) A popular edition of Col. Malleson's great work, in which are traced the causes and events which led up to Germany taking the position in Europe which has been hers since 1870. The volume was first issued in 1892, and closed with the forecast that Germany's greed in 1870 "may yet reopen the question as to whether the Refounded German Empire will emulate, in the length of its existence, the Empire founded by Charlemagne." A new chapter (by Norman J. Davidson, B.A.) has been added dealing with the causes which led to the present war. No one who desires to have an accurate idea of the position of Germany can afford to dispense with Col. Malleson's volume.
- FRA ANGELICO, AND OTHER LYRICS. By I. Gregory Smith. Third Edition. (*Longmans, Green, and Co.* 4s. 6d. net.) We are sincerely glad that Dr. Gregory Smith has republished this little volume. He has the genius of a true poet, and each composition has its own uplifting message. The fine poem which appeared in the *Times* of September 14, "The Recruits," is inserted on a separate slip—an indication, we presume, that it is from his pen.
- LORD RADSTOCK: AN INTERPRETATION AND A RECORD. By Mrs. Edmund Trotter. (*Hodder and Stoughton*. 3s. 6d.)
- CHURCHMAN'S ALMANACK AND DIARY, THE.—We have received from the S.P.C.K. copies of this excellent publication, in several different sorts and sizes. No Churchman ought to be without one; they are full of the most useful information.