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tical summaries, and a series of original articles by eminent writers explanatory and illustrative of the Holy Scriptures. Professor Leathes writes on the Bible as a whole, and on the separate Books. From Dr. Thornton we have a valuable Chronological Table, and a Harmony of the Gospels. Dr. Staines writes on Bible Music. Sir J. Hooker writes on Plants of the Bible; and Canon Tristram on Animal Creation in the Bible. There is a review of the foreign history of the Jews, and of the influence exercised upon them by neighbouring and more remote nations, down to the Return from Babylon, by the well-known Oriental scholar, the Rev. A. H. Sayce. The Glossary of Bible words, edited for the Teachers' Bible, with illustrations from English writers contemporary with the Authorised Version, by the Rev. J. Rawson Lumby, D.D., Norrisian Professor of Divinity at Cambridge, is added in full.

Of the patient, honest, labour everywhere manifest in this most comprehensive edition; of its accuracy, completeness, and, considering all things, its wonderful cheapness; of the finish and thoroughness displayed in the carrying out of an admirable plan, down to the very smallest details, we need not write. Good wine needs no bush. This book reflects great credit on all concerned; and we tender our hearty thanks to the eminent firm to whom the Christian public is indebted for it.



Short Notices.

The Two Sides of the Question. A Sermon on behalf of the Church of England Temperance Society, preached in St. Augustine's, Highbury, April 18th, 1880. By the Rev. GORDON CALTHROP, M.A., Vicar. Elliot Stock.

The title-page of this sermon will explain why we specially recommend it. The subject is of an importance which hardly can be exaggerated; and Mr. Calthrop has treated it with his wonted vigour and judgment. Both sections of the Society may aid in circulating the sermon. We quote one passage:—

Or it was a woman, perhaps—a lady—with the education, the instincts, the refinement of a lady. She suffered pain, and she used some treacherous sedative to remove or to dull it. And that opened the door for something more potent; and she began to take her drams secretly. And the appetite fastened itself with claws and hooks of steel upon her sensitive woman's frame; the moral sense was dulled and degraded by the secrecy of the thing; and the doctor wondered first, and then suspected, and afterwards knew what was the real character of her frequent ailments; and the mischief has gone so far that it is almost (God forbid that we should say altogether) past repairing.

De Christo et suo Adversario Antichristo. Ein polemischer Tractat Johann Wiclif's aus den Handschriften der K. K. Hofbibliothek zu Wien und der Universitätsbibliothek zu Prag zum ersten Male herausgegeben von Dr. RUD. BUDDENSIEG, Dresden. Gotha: Friedr. Andr. Perthes. 1880.

In laborious Wicliffite investigations, German scholarship has done pre-eminent service; and many readers of Professor Lechler's volumes may be glad to obtain the eighty-paged quarto pamphlet before us, Wiclif's *De Christo et Suo Adversario Antichristo*, with Introduction, and critical annotations, by Dr. Buddensieg.

"Natural History Rambles." *Ponds and Ditches*. By M. C. COOKE, M.A., LL.D. *In Search of Minerals*. By D. T. ANSTED, M.A., F.R.S., S.P.C.K.

These two volumes—the first instalment, apparently, of a series of "Natural History Rambles," are illustrated, well-printed, and very tastefully got up. In the first volume we have read several passages, here and there, with much interest. Capital gift books.

Deep unto Deep. An Inquiry into some of the Deeper Experiences of the Christian Life. By the Rev. Sir EMILIUS BAYLEY, Bart., B.D., Vicar of St. John's, Paddington. Author of "Thorough," "Christian Life," &c. Pp. 380. Hatchards. 1880.

Thoughtful, tender, and thoroughly practical, breathing that culture which is above all things spiritually minded, this book will be read with interest and profit by many who are passing through *de profundis* experiences. Sir Emilius Bayley first states the case, secondly gives examples, and thirdly applies the key-principles of Scripture. One specially instructive passage, under the heading, "Typical Sorrow," is the reference to Napoleon. The brutal selfishness of that man, we may remark, is shown in the recently-published "Memoirs of Madame de Rémusat." The points of Napoleon's character to which we referred in reviewing the Autobiography of Prince Metternich are in these "Memoirs" brought out with much detail. We heartily recommend "Deep unto Deep."

The Mexican Branch of the Church. Pp. 54. Spanish and Portuguese Church Missions. 8, Adam Street, Adelphi, London.

We gladly call attention to this pamphlet. It contains many interesting documents, and gives a sketch of the movement from the year 1861. Letters are given showing how the Reformed Church in Mexico has the sympathies of Bishops of the Church of England, the Church of Ireland, and the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States. A letter from the Bishop of Huron also appears. We call to mind with pleasure that in the first number of *THE CHURCHMAN*, when comparatively little was known concerning "the Movement in Mexico," and but few even in Evangelical circles had shown any sympathy with it, we drew attention to the work which had been done, and to the prospects before Dr. Riley, who had recently been consecrated Bishop of the Valley of Mexico. The present pamphlet, following several tracts published in the United States, gives all the information which is useful, and we hope it will be widely read. It is stated that Bishop Riley has consecrated his private fortune to the work:—

He can no longer sustain the burden of the increasing organization without further help from without. Baptized and educated in the Church of England, and in full sympathy with it, he calls upon his brethren in the faith in Great Britain to follow up by their hearty co-operation the work which by the providence of God they have been instrumental in originating, through their generous circulation of the Holy Scriptures in Mexico. The importance of this earnest Scriptural Church raised up among the 50,000,000 Spanish-speaking people can scarcely be over-estimated.

From Messrs. George Routledge and Sons we have received a copy of Prebendary Harland's new Hymn-Book or Hymnal, an old favourite of ours, which we gladly recommend. The full title is "*Song of Praise*. Psalm and Hymn Tunes, collected and arranged by Victoria Evans-Freke, for a Church Psalter and Hymnal, edited by Edward Harland, M.A., Vicar of Colwich, Prebendary of Lichfield. The music revised and corrected by George Prior, Mus. Doc. Oxon." The work of Lady Victoria Evans-Freke has been done throughout with taste and judgment, and *The Song of Praise* is a really good Hymnal. The musical edition before us is well printed, and cheap.

From Messrs. Nisbet and Co. we have received a little volume of Addresses by Mr. Stevenson Blackwood, C.B., under the title *Heavenly Arithmetic*. Addition, Subtraction, Proportion, and such like, are the titles of the chapters. The Addresses, suggestive, cheery, and practical, were delivered at a weekly gathering of friends and neighbours in the village hall at Crayford. Books of this kind may do good with many, where more formal or conventional addresses would fail.

From Messrs. Kegan Paul and Co. (1, Paternoster Square) we have received, too late for notice in the present number, an exceedingly interesting volume, Mr. W. Baptist Scoones' *Four Centuries of English Letters*; just the book to put in the portmanteau for the leisure half-hours of an autumn "run."

I have kept the Faith is the title of an interesting sermon preached in Emmanuel Church, Maida Hill, by the Vicar, Mr. Tanner, in memory of that faithful man, the Rev. E. H. Carr. (J. F. Shaw & Co.). We read:—

A former highly-valued and much-loved minister of this church, the Rev. E. H. Carr, has lately been very suddenly called to his rest. Although seventeen years have passed away since he was your stated minister, and many of those to whom he preached the Word of Life have preceded him into the presence of the King, yet there are others of you in whose memories and affections he was ever fresh, and who maintained a Christian fellowship with him to the last. At any rate, it may be truly said, with regard to his connection with this congregation, that to you he devoted his choicest years, and that his most vigorous powers were given to your service. No minister who has laboured among you was more holy in his relation towards God, or more guileless in his intercourse with his fellow man. To him the words of the text are eminently applicable.

Mr. Tanner states in this discourse, and we gladly recall the fact, that Mr. Carr "took an active part in the formation and establishment of Theological Halls at Oxford and Cambridge, for the training of young men designed for the ministry in sound Protestant principles, and was honorary secretary to this movement to the end of his life. His latest thoughts were occupied with this important undertaking, to which he had largely contributed his substance. He has also bequeathed a part of his valuable library to Ridley Hall, at Cambridge."

In a reprint from *The Church Sunday School Magazine*, Mr. John Palmer gives some very practical advice. *The Sunday School: What is it?* (Hamilton, Adams and Co.) Pp. 16. We quote a few sentences:—

The Sunday School has done more to bring the clergy and laity into intimate relationship with each other than any other branch of Church work. Think of the thousands of lay-helpers it has trained for useful service, and what a power this has been in furthering the cause of Christ in populous districts? How many a hard-working clergyman, struggling bravely in the midst of the teeming populations of our large towns, would be compelled to give up the unequal daily struggle with sin and ignorance, if the help afforded by his staff of voluntary teachers were withdrawn. It is no exaggeration to say that the Sunday School is in many places the most active sign of spiritual life, and that it is a focus round which many useful operations centre.

The first volume of *Plutarch's Lives*, by Mr. Aubrey Stewart (George Bell and Sons), is well printed and got up. Thirteen Lives were translated by the late Mr. George Long, and the present version, as a complement to these Lives, was undertaken with his approval. We hope shortly to notice the second volume.

THE MONTH.

CONVOCATION of Canterbury assembled on the 14th. In the Upper House the Archbishop read the Queen's answer to the loyal address. One sentence in Her Majesty's gracious answer runs thus :—

Your representation that the Province of Canterbury might better discharge its duty if some addition were made to the number of Proctors in the Lower House shall receive my full consideration.

In conversation upon this subject, his Grace said that he had communicated with the President of the Northern Convocation, with the result that some changes had been made in the last election. As to further reforms, it was very important that no step should be taken but that which was beyond all doubt constitutional and legal. In the Lower House this subject was brought forward by Canon Gregory; and, after debate, a resolution including a Petition to the Queen was agreed upon, praying that Letters of Business might be issued "directing the Convocation of Canterbury to prepare the draft of a Canon, by which the number of elected Proctors, the manner of their election, and the qualification of the electors may be regulated." On the following day, in the Upper House, his Grace the President said that there would be an inconvenience in approaching the Crown with a request of this character, for the law officers of the Crown had given an opinion that there were precedents against such changes being made by a Canon of Convocation as proposed in this resolution of the Lower House. The Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol afterwards moved :

That his Grace the President be respectfully requested to place himself in communication with Her Majesty's Government with a view of securing a more ample representation of the clergy in the Lower House of Convocation, in accordance with the humble request of Convocation to Her Majesty, to which Her Majesty was pleased to return a gracious answer.

This proposal was carried, and the Lower House afterwards agreed to concur in it.¹

¹ The Bishop of Hereford, in the absence of the Bishop of Bath and Wells, presented a petition from the Ruridecanal Conference of Bath and Keynsham praying for the adoption of healthy changes in the constitution of Convocation whereby the two houses could meet together, the union of the two provinces of Canterbury and York for the deliberation on great and sufficient occasion, the fuller representation of the parochial clergy by the election to the Lower House of two proctors for each arch-