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following year my wages were raised to fifteen shillings a week, and then I began to take butter to my bread.—(P. 143.)

This handy apparatus Mr. Nasmyth has by him still; and recently, he tells us, he set it in action after its rest of fifty years. It was in 1836, when he was twenty-six, that he removed to Patricroft, and built the Bridgewater Foundry. In 1840 he invented the Steam Hammer. When forty-eight years of age he retired from business. The story of his life is told in a kindly, genial, and winning style. A brief extract from his account of the steam pile-driver may be quoted:

There was a great deal of curiosity in the dockyard as to the action of the new machine. The pile-driving machinemen gave me a good-natured challenge to vie with them in driving down a pile. They adopted the old method, while I adopted the new one. The resident managers sought out two great pile logs of equal size and length, 70 feet long and 18 inches square. At a given signal we started together. I let in the steam, and the hammer at once began to work. The four-ton block showered down blows at the rate of 80 a minute, and in the course of *four and a half minutes* my pile was driven down to its required depth. The men working at the ordinary machine had only begun to drive. It took them upwards of *twelve hours* to complete the driving of their pile.

We hope that our readers will peruse this pleasing and most instructive Autobiography; and we therefore refrain from making further quotations. Our aim has been to whet the appetite; and in heartily recommending the book we can promise a real treat. It should be added that the volume is tastefully printed and bound.

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## Short Notices.

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*Not for Him.* The Story of a Forgotten Hero. By EMILY S. HOLT, author of "Mistress Margery," etc. John F. Shaw and Co.

WE gladly welcome another of Miss Holt's charming historical stories. Every one of her stories, so far as we know, would be rated by an impartial judge as both interesting and instructive. The literary work is of no mean order, and the religious element is excellent, while the refinement of culture and good taste pervades the whole. Several volumes of the "Tales of English Life in the Olden Times" have been warmly commended in *THE CHURCHMAN*; and the volume before us will take a good place in this valuable series. The dialogues are bright and natural, and the graphic descriptions of life within and without the castle walls of knightly and noble families have a Scott-like impressiveness. It is evident that Miss Holt has taken great pains with her subject, and the accuracy of her word-paintings in the smallest details of social life is thoroughly to be trusted. All the characters are finely drawn; the chief of them, the "forgotten hero," is Edmund, Earl of Cornwall, the richest man in England, not excepting the King, at the close of the thirteenth century. What this Christian earl did for Protestantism, how he suffered at the hands of his bigoted wife, who became a nun, is well described in the delightful story, for which we tender thanks to the accomplished author.

A brief notice of the *Quarterly Review* was given in the last *CHURCHMAN*, with an extract from its review of "The Life of Lord Lawrence." A very interesting article commends Mr. Brocklehurst's book on Mexico.

From a review of Nasmyth's Autobiography some quotations appear in another column. "The French Republic in 1883" well brings out the deplorable results of full-blown Popery as regards education in France.

From Messrs. Cassell, Petter and Co. we have received three volumes of what promises to be a very attractive and useful series: "Heart Chords." *My Work for God*, by Bishop COTTERILL; *My Body*, by Dr. BLAIKIE; and *My Object in Life*, by Dr. FARRAR. Other volumes will give us an opportunity of reviewing this series.

*Life and Work among the Navvies.* By D. W. BARRETT, M.A., Vicar of Nassington. Third Edition. Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.

This is a very interesting little volume, and it is no matter of surprise that it has quickly reached a third edition. The author was lately "Curate-in-Charge of the Bishop of Peterborough's Railway Mission," and he tells the story of hard work among the navvies with spirit and with a simple realness. Not a page is dull. One of the appendices gives some information about the Navy Mission Society, with a speech by the Dean of Ripon.

To the interesting series of Diocesan Histories (Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge) has just been added *Worcester*, a volume, so far as we have read, quite equal to any of its predecessors. We must return to it.

In the *Church Missionary Intelligencer* appear a judicious criticism of the "Resolutions and Letter of the Indian Bishops," and a pleasing review of that remarkable work, Sir W. Muir's "Annals of the Early Caliphate."—Among several interesting papers in the *Church Sunday School Magazine* appear Archdeacon BARDSLEY'S "Bible Details Verified," Part V., a very interesting and informing series. Whether Mr. APPLETON'S able and suggestive lessons on Man, with quotations from Professor Foster's *Physiology*, etc., etc., are precisely in their proper place as "lessons" for Sunday-schools, is matter of opinion.—The *Quiver*, good and interesting as usual, contains a paper on Baalbek, by Canon GORE; and *Little Folks* is excellent.—In *Light and Truth* (Partridge) the Bishop of MEATH writes on the Reformers of Spain and Portugal; his lordship's "brief statement and special appeal" will bear, we hope, good fruit.—In the *Indian Churchman*, Calcutta, April 14 (London: Leslie, 18, Henrietta Street, W.C.), apparently the organ of very High Churchmen, we read that the question of Church Disestablishment in India is postponed. The Under-Secretary for India, it seems, admitted that there was communication going on with reference to the present ecclesiastical arrangements in India. "From several hints lately given," says the *Indian Churchman*, "we may be sure that the question will soon come within the range of practical politics, and although we may agree with our Bishop that it is but one of secondary importance, yet we ought to face it not only resignedly, but with an organization prepared to meet it."—In the *Sunday at Home*, a very good number, appears this bit of news:

All last winter in the little mission on the Labrador coast, Mr. Spurgeon's sermons were read in the Mission Church Sunday by Sunday by the lady teachers, who were left by themselves for eight months through the failing health of the devoted missionary who had laboured there for many years. These simple services on the Sunday and week-day evenings, when these sermons were the staple of the teaching given, were greatly blessed by God. Many sailors came from the ships anchored off the coast, and, with the resident fishermen, eagerly listened to the Word of life; and not only were their hearts cheered and comforted, but some were brought to a knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus.

*Dr. Pusey. An Historic Sketch*, with some account of the Oxford Movement during the nineteenth century. By the Rev. BOURCHIER WREY

SAVILLE, M.A., Rector of Shillingford, Exeter; author of "The Primitive and Catholic Faith," etc. Longmans, Green, and Co.

On the title-page of this vigorous pamphlet (the "chief portion of which was written after a prolonged correspondence with Dr. Pusey") appear the following quotations:

"Earnestly contend for the faith which was once (for all) delivered."—*St. Jude*.  
 "A considerable minority of Clergy and Laity are desiring to subvert the principles of the Reformation."—*The Archbishops of Canterbury and York, in reply to the Memorial of 60,000 Churchmen, June 16, 1873*.

The Ritualists are engaged in what I am obliged to call "A CONSPIRACY in our body against the doctrine, discipline, and practice of our Reformed Church."—*Archbishop Tait in Convocation, July 6, 1877*.

The English Church Union is "a standing menace to the legitimate government of the Church."—*The Bishop of Bath and Wells; Charge of 1879*.

*Report of Proceedings of the Representative Body laid before the General Synod of the Church of Ireland at its Thirteenth Ordinary Session, 1883.*  
 Together with an alphabetical list of the contributions to the Sustentation Fund received by the Representative Body during the year 1882. Dublin: Hodges, Figgis, and Co.

In earnestly inviting the attention of our readers in England to this interesting Report, which reflects the greatest credit on our brethren across the Channel, we may quote a section that is headed "Need of attention to the Smaller Contributions." The Report says:

On the whole, therefore, the Representative Body feel that they have reason to acknowledge with thankfulness the spirit of loyal zeal which Irish Churchmen have shown in thus liberally supporting their Church, in these times when so many among them are feeling not merely a temporary, but a permanent and serious curtailment of income. Notwithstanding the improvement which the finances of the Church have exhibited during the past year, and which has been noticed above, the Representative Body feel it to be their duty to renew the warning which in their report of last year they addressed to the Church on this subject. The largest subscriptions to Church funds have hitherto, for the most part, come from the landed proprietors. Not only does the income of the Church thus in large measure depend on the liberality of the landowners, but there are very many parishes in which one or two landowners have paid the greater part—in some parishes the whole—of the assessment. The circumstances of the time make it, therefore, the duty and the wisdom of the Church to prepare herself to face the possible result of a serious falling-off in these larger contributions to her funds. The Representative Body hope that the remedy which naturally suggests itself under these circumstances will be diligently used, and that it will prove effectual, namely, an increase in the number and amount of the *smaller* contributions of those who cannot give much, but who ought to give what they can.

*Time's Feast Heaven's Foretaste. The Sabbath of Jehovah; its Origin, Character, and Perpetuity.* By JOHN GRITTON, D.D. Pp. 141. The Lord's Day Observance Society, 20, Bedford Street, Strand.

To this essay, a note tells its readers, was adjudged the first prize of £50 (Mr. J. T. Morton's) by judges acting for "the Sabbath Alliance of Scotland." We are not surprised that it should have distanced other competitors, for the author, to say nothing of his literary abilities, is thoroughly "well up" in the details of the great principles of the Sabbath controversy as it is carried on at the present day. A little pamphlet, printed in clear, large type, it is likely to do good service.

*Ants and their Ways.* By the Rev. W. F. WHITE, M.A., M.E.S.L., Vicar of Stonehouse. Religious Tract Society.

This work owes its origin to a series of papers which Mr. White contributed to the *Leisure Hour* during the year 1880. Additional material

since that date has accumulated through the researches of Lubbock and McCook. Mr. White himself is an able and patient investigator, and his carefully written book is highly interesting and instructive. The appendix contains a complete list of genera and species of the British ants. It is neatly got up, well printed, and has several illustrations. Mr. Wood refers to it in an article on Ants in the present *CHURCHMAN*. It is worthy of note that Mr. White discovered a species of ants from Madeira, in large numbers at a baker's shop in the Borough.

*Eleventh Annual Report of the South Eastern Clerical and Lay Church Alliance, on the Principles of the Reformation for 1882, together with the Annual Statement of Accounts, the Report of the South Eastern College, Ramsgate; and the Ninth Report of the Church Deaconess-Home, Maidstone. Maidstone: W. S. Vivish, 28, King Street.*

We quote the title-page of this Report in full, omitting only the words "price one shilling;" and we may remark in passing that all earnest lovers of sound Evangelical Church principles will reckon this pamphlet a cheap shilling's worth. One fault we have to find, or one fault-finding criticism to make, regarding this Report (our remark will apply to the annual reports of other Lay and Clerical Societies), Why so long a delay? The meeting is held, say in July or August; surely it would be easy to get out the pamphlet by October. It may be desirable, on financial grounds, no doubt, to wait until the end of the year. Nevertheless, as a rule, we think it would be better to issue the Reports within two or three months after the annual meeting. It is from the deep interest which we feel in the Lay and Clerical movement that we make this suggestion. To the South Eastern Alliance, of which the Dean of CANTERBURY is the President, we have more than once invited attention. At the meeting in Folkestone, papers were read by Professor WACE and Dr. FLAVEL COOK, and an address was delivered by the Rev. J. F. KITTO. Several good speeches were made, and the proceedings seem to have been altogether promising and very successful. The Dean's opening address was excellent; and we should gladly quote some passages did space permit. But we turn to that portion of the Report which relates to the South Eastern College. A vigorous speech was made at the meeting by the Head Master of the College, the Rev. E. C. D'AUQUIER, of whose abilities, spirit, tact, and devotedness, testimonies from friends in many quarters abound. The school is growing, as might be expected, under such a Head Master (the number of pupils is now 100; there are 12 Assistant Masters), and it is gaining influence; but much remains to be done as regards the school buildings. Hitherto, the burden has been borne by a comparatively small number of persons; and the difficulties of a really great work must have been very trying. Some staunch supporters of Evangelical Church principles will, we hope, speedily come to the front: gifts of really large sums are evidently needed. The College has been admirably managed; and to a few members of the South-Eastern Clerical and Lay Society all Evangelical Churchmen are greatly indebted. An appeal issued by such men as the Dean of Canterbury, Mr. John Deacon, Mr. C. J. Plumptre, and the Rev. J. E. Campbell-Colquhoun, deserves to be made widely known; and we gladly quote a paragraph, with most hearty good wishes:

The lease of the temporary premises in which the work has hitherto been carried on will shortly expire, and it is of the utmost importance that the erection of permanent buildings should be begun forthwith. A site of fifteen acres has been secured, and plans prepared for the erection of premises which will accommodate 300 boarders. For this we need a sum of at least £20,000, and we earnestly appeal to you and all Christian friends to help us to collect this amount. If poss-

ible it is proposed to begin this year the first wing, which will accommodate 120 boarders, and the cost of which is estimated at £5,000. The fees at the South-Eastern College have been fixed on such a scale as to ensure, without making profit, the covering of all expenses when once we are installed in permanent premises.

*Heroes of Science, Chemists.* By M. M. PATTISON MUIR, M.A., F.R.S.E., Fellow and Prælector in Chemistry of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge. Pp. 332. Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.

In preparing this useful book the author kept to the lines laid down for him, viz., "to exhibit, by selected biographies, the progress of chemistry from the beginning of the inductive method until the present time." The progress of chemistry has been made the central theme; around this has been grouped short accounts of the lives of those who have most assisted this progress by their labours, such as, *e.g.*, Berzelius, Lavoisier, Graham, and Sir Humphry Davy. The chapter on Dalton and the atomic theory has a special interest. Altogether, the book is bright, and it supplies a want.

*Coming; or, The Golden Year.* By SELINA GAYE. Seeley, Jackson and Halliday.

This is just one of the volumes which one expects from the well-known house in Fleet Street; a story written with skill and spirit, in tone reverent and sound, fresh, attractive, and with good aim; it must, of course, be neatly got up and well printed, and suitable for a gift. "Coming" is not so bright as some stories; picturing life in a mountain valley, it deals with serious and even sad experiences, and its key-note is:

So I am watching quietly  
Every day;  
Whenever the sun shines brightly  
I rise and say,  
"Surely it is the shining of His face!"

Or, again, in the words of Tennyson: That Day—

Has it come? It has only dawned. It will come by-and-by.

*The Churchman's Altar Manual.* Griffith and Farran.

What a pity it is that in preparing a Manual for members of the Church of England editors should not keep closely to the authoritative language of the Church of England. Loyal Churchmanship ought surely to be specially careful, when touching on main principles, to regard the Church's own words. Yet oftentimes the Prayer Book seems to be ignored. The keynote of the Manual before us, for instance, is the Altar; yet this word cannot be found in the Prayer Book. Again, the Manual states that "the Holy Eucharist . . . has ever been called by the Church the Eucharistic *Sacrifice*" (the italics are not ours). Why does the writer not at least try to show what his own Church—the Church of England—calls the Sacrament? Again, there is a prayer that those "who sleep in Jesus may rest in peace and hope." Why no allusion to "The Prayer for the Church *Militant*"? Again, the Manual teaches that at every altar Christ's "blessed Body and Blood are being offered;" and states that "*Perform, celebrate, or offer this*" is a better translation than "This do . . ."

*Grain from the Granary.* Sermons preached in the Parish Church of Bekesbourne, Kent. By the late Rev. STEPHEN JENNER, M.A., Vicar. With a Preface by the Rev. FREDERICK CHALMERS, B.D. Simpkin, Marshall and Co.

We have read these sermons—commended by Mr. Chalmers—with much interest; as thoughtful expositions of Holy Scripture they may

take high rank. For a Sunday evening reading in the family circle they are, we think, admirably fitted. One paper by Mr. Jenner appeared in this periodical some three years ago, and we were in correspondence with him about another paper for *THE CHURCHMAN* when he was taken ill and entered into rest.

The *National Review*, No. III. (W. H. Allen and Co.), contains several articles of much ability and interest. We do not intermeddle with party politics, but at least it may be said that Mr. Alfred Austin's criticism of the Prime Minister's policy will not be answered with ease.

A really good book is Canon HULBERT'S *Annals of Almondbury* (Longman and Co.); a worthy notice must appear hereafter.—A cheap edition of Dr. LANSDALL'S *Through Siberia* (S. Low and Co.), the third edition, is one of the very best books of travel in a cheap and convenient form. The work was strongly recommended in *THE CHURCHMAN* when it was issued.

*Widow Tanner's Cactus* (Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge), by the Author of "Mary Cloudsdale," lately recommended in these columns, is a capital little gift-book; a good story, with a tasteful cover. The author describes the good consequences that resulted from the gift of a few cactus plants among some London poor.

We have received from Messrs. Marcus Ward and Co. several packets of Sunday-school cards, by far the best assortment which we have ever seen—really good cards, at the same time very cheap and very tasteful. Some of the flower-pictures, with F. R. Havergal's verses on the back, are pretty. Packet No. 114, "Foundation Stones," is very good; so also is No. 17, "Raindrops and Rills." The reward tickets—just a text with a flower or bud, are wonderfully cheap. Sunday-school teachers and other teachers will do well to get some specimens of these varieties; they are sure to order more.



## THE MONTH.

**T**HE May Meetings have been, on the whole, exceedingly successful. The reports of most of the Societies are encouraging. Much earnest Christian work is being done both at home and abroad, in a truly Christian spirit; the reliance upon prayer, *qui orat laborat*, is of the highest promise in these bustling days.

At the meeting of the Church Missionary Society, the Archbishop of Canterbury, according to precedent, took the chair. At the British and Foreign Bible Society's anniversary, also, his Grace was present and spoke. The significant speech of the Archbishop of York at the meeting of the Church Pastoral Aid Society, concerning Reformation and Anti-Reformation principles, will, we hope, be published.

The Affirmation Bill was rejected by 292 votes against 289. A "previous question" motion for the "relief" of Mr. Bradlaugh, supported by the Prime Minister, obtained only 165 votes against 271. There are several signs that of late the