

Theology on the Web.org.uk

Making Biblical Scholarship Accessible

This document was supplied for free educational purposes. Unless it is in the public domain, it may not be sold for profit or hosted on a webserver without the permission of the copyright holder.

If you find it of help to you and would like to support the ministry of Theology on the Web, please consider using the links below:



Buy me a coffee

<https://www.buymeacoffee.com/theology>



PATREON

<https://patreon.com/theologyontheweb>

PayPal

<https://paypal.me/robbradshaw>

A table of contents for *The Churchman* can be found here:

https://biblicalstudies.org.uk/articles_churchman_os.php

necessarily took him away from his work nearer home. He therefore on visiting Goulbourn, laid the matter before the friends of the Church, with the satisfactory result that after some time £15,000 was raised and the see duly constituted, fourteen clergy, twenty-two churches, and seventy-four school churches being transferred to the care of Dr. Mesac Thomas, the present bishop of the see. Six years later a like success attended the Bishop's efforts in the formation of the See of Bathurst, by which means the Metropolitan See was brought into more manageable limits.

Thus set free from the care of the outlying portion of the diocese, the Bishop, after consultation with the standing committee, had leisure to carry to a successful issue the division of the remaining portion into rural deaneries, the clergy meeting once a quarter and the rural deans yearly, under the Bishop's supervision.

We have now brought under review certain portions of Dr. Barker's assiduous labours which will enable the reader to form a very fair idea of the work of an active colonial prelate. Of his visitations as Metropolitan, his successful efforts in the cause of education apart from Moore College, and his other work we have been unable to say anything. They have been well brought before us by the Dean of the Cathedral, who knew the Bishop and the diocese intimately. We must, however, ere we close, allude to his personal character. He was, as in his earlier life, a man of clear and decided views of the Evangelical type, from which he never flinched. He believed in the Protestant character of the Church of England as a faithful witness against error, and had the courage of his convictions. On one occasion a deputation urged upon him a course of action which did not meet with his approval, upon which he replied: "Gentlemen, I *can* resign my office, but I *cannot* give up my conscience." He was withal a man of deep piety and a loving spirit. As such he has left his mark behind him.

He held the office of bishop for about twenty-seven years, and breathed his last on his homeward journey at San Remo, on the 6th April, 1882, and was interred in his native village of Baslow, in Derbyshire. The *Sydney Morning Herald*, in alluding to his decease, writes: "All who knew Dr. Barker, whether belonging to his own denomination or not, will feel that in his death the colony has lost one who, in his exalted position, from his ability and earnestness and true Christian charity, together with courtesy and consideration towards all with whom he came in contact, . . . had made himself universally beloved, and who will be long remembered as one of the most prominent men of his day, and one who has contributed in no small degree to the moral and social welfare of the community." For other testimonies we refer our readers to the work under review, for which we and the public at large are much indebted to the worthy Dean.

W. E. RICHARDSON.

Short Notices.

St. Basil the Great on the Holy Spirit. Translated, with Analysis and Notes, by the Rev. GEORGE LEWIS, M.A. (Author of "A Life of Joseph Hall, D.D., Bishop of Exeter and Norwich"). Christian Classics Series. The Religious Tract Society.

THE Religious Tract Society is doing good service in bringing out what we may call pocket editions of translations of the great works of our Christian forefathers. Investigations into details of their teaching

may be left to professed students of theology; meantime those of the "people" who, though unable to read the originals, would gladly see at first hand what great men of old have written upon the cardinal points of the Faith, have now the opportunity of easily satisfying their curiosity.

The present volume does not perhaps equal the first in the same series—Anselm's *Cur Deus Homo*—in practical interest. For Basil's book has done its work too completely to make us care to enter again on a discussion of the Divinity of the Holy Spirit. The marvel to us rather is that it was not until the end of the fourth century that this became clearly and logically accepted by the Church; that the Christian consciousness had not even yet had time to face the problems connected with the position of the Third Person in the blessed Trinity, so occupied had it been with the relation of the Second to the First. Nor of course, if we were to enter again on such a discussion, could we adopt Basil's arguments wholesale. They are too much stamped with the methods and opinions of his time. The special value of reading them is perhaps rather to learn more of the warfare which our predecessors waged, and from their difficulties and ultimate success to take further courage for the contest against our own foes.

Mr. Lewis's part has been mainly twofold: translating and annotating. We prefer the former, which is alike faithful and idiomatic. Occasionally it is even somewhat too idiomatic; e.g., in making Basil speak of "microscopic treatment" (§ 4), an anachronism which reminds us of the remark of an intelligent attendant at an adult Bible Class when Acts xxviii. 13 came under consideration: "You see they had compasses in them days." His notes are clear, not too long, and for the most part good. But he often trusts too entirely to Oxford writers, not seeming to have noticed, e.g., Mr. Gwatkin's volume on Arianism or the Bishop of Durham's exhaustive article on Eusebius. It is strange, too, to find the confession of the Ethiopian Eunuch referred to as genuine. An Analysis—very necessary for most "Christian Classics"—is prefixed to the treatise, and seems carefully done. A. L. W.

The Light of Life. Sermons preached on various occasions by W. J. KNOX LITTLE, M.A., Canon Residentiary of Worcester and Vicar of Hoar Cross. Pp. 330. Rivingtons.

These Sermons will be read with interest by many who cannot accept all the doctrines which are taught therein.

The Threefold Course. The Christian's Walk, Work, and Warfare. By Rev. FRANCIS BOURDILLON, M.A., Vicar of Old Warden, Beds. R. T. S.

This little volume (No. X. of the series, "Companions for a Quiet Hour") will win its way. Mr. Bourdillon's writing is always suggestive as well as deeply spiritual.

"*Clergy and the Masses.*"—*The Curate Question.* (Reprinted from THE CHURCHMAN of August and September, 1888.) By Rev. J. R. HUMBLE, Secretary of the Curates' Augmentation Fund. Elliot Stock.

We are glad that Mr. Humble has reprinted his two papers. They contain statistics worthy of serious consideration.

The Fireside, 1888. Conducted by the Rev. CHARLES BULLOCK, B.D. London: Home Words Publishing Office.

We heartily recommend this pictorial annual of an excellent Magazine.

The first volume of *The Fireside* bears date 1863 ; and this volume, therefore, is the twenty-fifth. The Magazine was enlarged last year, and in certain respects improved.

From Squire to Squatter. A Tale of the Old Land and the New. By GORDON STABLES, C.M., M.D., R.N. John F. Shaw and Co.

This work is worthy of the author of "The Dashing Days of Old," "From Pole to Pole," and other favourite Tales. The "New" Land is Australia ; and the sketches of life and scenery are admirable.

Sunbeams. By F. E. WEATHERLY. Illustrated by E. K. JOHNSON. Hildesheimer and Faulkner.

A very tasteful and pleasing volume of verse and picture. The monochromes and coloured illustrations alike are good.

Out in the Forty-Five. By EMILY SARAH HOLT. Shaw and Co.

This is certainly not one of the second-class productions of this gifted author's pen. A worthy notice of it must be deferred.

The Cat of Bubastes. A Tale of Ancient Egypt. By G. A. HENTY. With eight full-paged illustrations. Blackie and Son.

Mr. Henty's Tales have often been commended in THE CHURCHMAN, and we are greatly pleased with his carefully executed work on Egypt, a handsome gift-book. The scene is laid in the time of Thotmes III. ; and the story gives a life-like picture of Egyptian manners and customs.

In His Name. A Story of the Waldenses 700 years ago. By EDWARD E. HALE. With many illustrations, drawn by G. P. Jacomb-Hood. Seeley and Co.

One of the most delightful gift-books of this season. A very clever Tale, with delicately drawn characters.

From Messrs. Hildesheimer and Faulkner (41, Jewin Street, E.C.) we have received a parcel of Christmas and New Year Cards, Illustrated Books, and Photographic Opal Souvenirs. For several years past we have had the pleasure of commending the charming publications of this firm, and the specimens now before us are of very high artistic merit, while they are—considering their excellence—wonderfully cheap.

The new publications of Messrs. John F. Shaw and Co. are worthy of warm praise. The Tales, as usual, are well written and wholesome ; all to be commended without misgiving. Miss Holt, Dr. Gordon Stables, Mrs. Marshall, and Brenda, head the list of authors. The cheaper, smaller stories, so far as we have examined, are—to say the least—quite up to the average standard. A notice will appear in the next CHURCHMAN.

The Religious Tract Society's Annuals this year—*The Leisure Hour* and the *Sunday at Home*—merit even higher praise than last year. We most heartily commend them. Very ably edited, the illustrations are charming, and the contents are wonderfully well varied.

We have pleasure in inviting attention to the "*Fireside*" Parish Sheet Almanack.

A new (very cheap) edition of *The Valleys and Villages of the Bible* has been published by Mr. Elliot Stock.

The annual volumes of *Hand and Heart*, *The Day of Days*, and *Home Words* may be warmly commended as among the best and cheapest gift-books of the class : thoroughly sound and wholesome.

The contents of *Cassell's Family Magazine* are now and then referred to in these pages, and we gladly invite attention to the volume for the past year. (Cassell and Co.) It is a portly and handsome volume, with many admirably executed illustrations, and, as regards its contents, is in some respects unique. Not a page is dull.

The Children's Illustrated Magazine, published by Messrs. Seeley, is a very cheap and tasteful gift-book.

The Calendars, for the wall, published by Messrs. Bemrose and Sons (23, Old Bailey, and Derby), are as welcome as usual.

Messrs. Seeley have sent us some very attractive Gift-books. Mr. Cowper's new work, *The Captain of the Wight*, a romance of Carisbrooke Castle in the fifteenth century, is informing and full of interest. —A companion volume is *John Standish*, by Rev. E. Gilliatt, M.A., Assistant-Master at Harrow, a very well-written Tale of the Wat Tyler period, with graphic sketches of life and manners. Both these volumes have illustrations, and are got up with the taste and skill which always mark the Christmas books of this firm.

Our Darlings, the Annual of "The Children's Treasury," is as bright and attractive as usual (Shaw and Co.).

It is a pleasure to invite attention to the *Church Missionary Pocket Almanack*, and to the third volume of the *Gleaner Pictorial Album*.

Brotherhood (S. P. C. K.) is a well-written Tale, likely to do good service, particularly as regards young men.

The current *Quarterly Review* did not reach us in time for a notice in the November CHURCHMAN. It is a very good number. "Robert Elsmere and Christianity" and "Christian Biography and Antiquities," "Matthew Arnold" and "Provincial Life under the Roman Republic," are of the usual *Quarterly* standard. With "Mr. Balfour's Administration of Ireland" many who are not Conservatives will be particularly pleased. We quote the opening sentences of the paper on "Robert Elsmere" :

The success of this novel is the most interesting, and in some respects the most instructive, literary event of the present year. It is an instance of Mr. Gladstone's keen eye for popular sensation that he at once threw himself into the stream of current interest in the book ; and this interest was no doubt augmented by the article which he published in one of those monthly Reviews, which devote themselves to the impartial dissemination of truth and falsehood.

