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seem theoretical and less strongly supported by evidence. He places the site of the Garden of Eden at the head of the Persian Gulf, and escapes from the obvious difficulty which arises from the recent formation of the land in that region by the statement that at the time of man's appearance the land stood at a much higher elevation in this district than it does at present. In his succeeding chapters he discusses the Prehistoric East, the Noachian Dispersion, and special questions which arise from the narrative of the Noachian Deluge. Here he writes in a somewhat sketchy manner, and it is to be desired that he could work out his points with greater detail. The account he gives of the prehistoric caverns in Syria and Lebanon is interesting, as it brings before us a race of men clad in skins, armed with weapons of flint and bone, and contending against the elephant, the bison, and the woolly rhinoceros. The recent discoveries in Egypt, Chaldea, and amongst the relics of the Hittites, are glanced at, and a brief summary of results closes the book. The early portion of the work, which deals with the geological and archæological evidence relating to Primeval Man, is certainly its most important part, but the brief outline of early history in Bible lands which succeeds may be read with much profit, and much useful information may be gained from it.

D. GATH-WHITLEY.

Short Notices.

The Voices of the Stars. By J. E. WALKER, M.A., with a Preface by Prebendary REYNOLDS. Elliot Stock. 1894.

The plain and simple object of this little work is to give a trustworthy account of the science of the heavens, but *not* with the supernatural left out. The author justly recognises that Nature, with Nature's God left out, is nought—a mere monster of a vain imagination, and therefore incapable of being *thought*. There appears to be little to find fault with, and much to commend; we therefore hope it will be widely read.

Through Conversion to the Creed; being a brief Account of the Reasonable Character of Religious Conviction. By Rev. W. A. CARNEGIE. Longmans. Pp. 129.

The sincere thanks of all thoughtful readers are due, and will, we feel sure, be given, to Mr. Carnegie, for this valuable little book. Evidently well acquainted himself with the deeper forms of intellectualism of the present day, Mr. Carnegie deals with a difficult subject in a clear and masterly way. The sequence of thought which leads to a consideration, successively, of the nature, analogy, conditions, hypothesis, and development of Faith, is admirable, and calculated to be of great service to "honest doubters" and seekers after truth, and we heartily wish the book a wide circulation.

Farmer Goldsworthy's Will. By Mrs. ISLA SITWELL. S.P.C.K. Price 3s. 6d. Pp. 307.

A most interesting and capital story, exposing the dangers of covetousness and self-righteousness. The interest is well sustained to the very end. It will be in great demand in village libraries.

A Heart of Gold. By CECILIA SELBY LOWNDES. S.P.C.K. Price 1s. 6d. Pp. 160.

This is a charming little tale of a lonely little boy in London, who makes friends with an old gentleman over the way, and eventually goes

to live with his nephews and nieces in the country, and there finds various trials to his temper, which he struggles against bravely.

The First Cruise of the Good Ship "Bethlehem," and A Woodland Choir.
By L. B. WALFORD. S.P.C.K. Price 1s. Pp. 107.

Mrs. Walford has here turned her talents to writing for the poor; the first story of self-denial for missions is very pretty and touching, the second a little less natural in plot and tone.

Patty Burton. By F. E. READE. S.P.C.K. Price 1s. 6d. Pp. 128.

This is an excellent and interesting story for girls on the Ninth Commandment, and the danger of gossip.

James Godfrey's Wife. By Mrs. HENRY CLARKE. S.P.C.K. Price 3s. 6d. Pp. 376.

This carefully-written story is equal to anything Mrs. Henry Clarke has done already, and contains many valuable lessons for young wives—not to speak of husbands.

As between Man and Man. By CRONA TEMPLE. S.P.C.K. Price 2s. 6d. Pp. 221.

Crona Temple is well known as a writer of fiction for village libraries, and this tale of Lancashire life will undoubtedly be a favourite.

A Black Diamond. By EDWARD GARRETT. Home Words Office, Paternoster Row. Price 1s. 6d. Pp. 151.

This is the first volume of the *Home Words* Library. The series opens well with this story, which is brightly written and well illustrated; it is a plea for the Christian doctrine of the Brotherhood of Man in America and other places where racial prejudices are strong.

Turn and Turn About. By the Rev. WALTER SENIOR. Home Words Office. Price 1s. Pp. 76.

The author's talks with wives and mothers in *Home Words* were so much appreciated that he has been induced to write the present little work for men. The advice he gives is much needed, and we hope it will be widely read.

The Poems of William Leighton. Elliot Stock. Pp. 270.

These poems our readers may have seen before, as this is a new and cheaper edition; they are very good, full of feeling, grace, and music; some very pathetic.

Almost a Crime. By the Rev. T. S. MILLINGTON. Home Words Office. Price 2s. Pp. 160.

This is the second volume of the *Home Words* Library. It gives us the story of a fishing village and its vicar; it is well told and well illustrated.

Clay-modelling for Schools. By GEORGE S. HAYCOCK. Newmann and Co. Price 2s. Pp. 26, with numerous plates of models.

The author has given us an introductory course of modelling. The instructions and plates are clear, and as modelling is being now introduced into many of our elementary schools this book will be found very useful. Mr. R. G. Dickson, of the Sloyd Association, gives an introduction.

Allan Alford. By the Rev. W. J. BETTISON, M.A. S.P.C.K. Pp. 189.

This is a simply-written, pleasant tale of the conversion of a village carpenter by means of his invalid son; it would be a very suitable book for a Sunday-school prize.

Bob Rat; a Story of Barge Life. Charles H. Kelly. Pp. 89.

This little anonymous work has reached its thirty-first thousand; it tells most graphically its story of the curiously secluded lives of barge-men, some good, some bad.

Beneath the Banner. By F. J. CROSS. Cassell and Co. Price 1s. Pp. 244.

We have here short accounts of thirty-six "noble lives and brave deeds"; that they are very varied will be seen when we mention that Simeon, Nelson, Joseph Livesey, George Moore and Lord Cochrane are all to be found among them. The accounts given are just sufficient to make a boy wish to know more about the heroes described. It has many illustrations, and one or two interesting facsimiles of handwriting.

A Christmas Tale, and other Poems. By ELLEN ELIZABETH GILLETT. Elliot Stock. Pp. 58.

A collection of short poems, mostly with a religious tendency. The devout and cultivated heart naturally expresses itself in these days in song.

Brushwork for the Kindergarten. By Mrs. ROWLAND HILL. Newmann and Co. Price 5s. Pp. 75.

This is a delightful book, which must greatly assist teachers with younger children; and we do not know but that elder people will enjoy the study of these delicately coloured plates. The preface contains a letter from Mr. Alma Tadema, giving a few ideas on brush-drawing.

Eminent Men of Kent. By JAMES SIMSON. Elliot Stock. Pp. 178.

The author professes to give a record of those men connected with the county of Kent "who have attained a high position in the public esteem through the indelible marks they have made upon the times in which they lived." The accounts are, of necessity, short, as the period treated of is practically all English history, and the line of heroes begins with St. Augustine and ends with the present Lord Warden. The book is readable.

The Teacher and the Class. Edited by the Rev. H. S. B. YATES. Sunday School Union. Price 1s. Pp. 77.

The editor gives us six articles specially written for the *Sunday-School Chronicle*. They are: "The Ideal," Dr. Horton; "The Qualifications," Dr. Stalker; "The Preparation," Miss Stock; "At Work," the Editor; "The Responsibility," Rev. Douglas Mackenzie; "The Reward," Arch-deacon Farrar. These names are the credentials of the work, with whose teaching we heartily agree.

The Lord's Prayer, Illustrated by the Lord's Life. By A. T. M. S.P.C.K. Pp. 60.

This is a useful little book, simple and practical.

Mary of Bethany. By J. R. MILLER, D.D. Sunday-School Union. Pp. 39.

In this booklet some plain lessons are drawn from the life of Mary for the use of young women. The advice given is earnest and wise.

A Chapter of Church History from South Germany. By L. W. SCHOLLER, translated by W. WALLIS. Pp. 234.

This is an account of the life of Johann Lutz, a Roman Catholic priest, and Dean of Oberroth, in Bavaria, who became dissatisfied, was received into the Protestant Church, rejoined the Romanists, became acquainted with the "Apostolic" Church in England, which, after his excommunication, he eventually joined. It is the life of an earnest, devout man, who strongly held the peculiar beliefs of the "Apostolic" Communion.

Spokes in the Wheel of Life. By the Rev. C. G. GRIFFINHOOF. S.P.C.K. Pp. 87.

Twelve very good and sensible addresses to young men on such subjects as "Friendship," "Health," "Home," etc.

Advent Thoughts on the Lord's Prayer. By the Rev. C. A. GOODHART. S.P.C.K. Pp. 71.

The author has taken the Lord's Prayer from an Advent standpoint ; he shows how it fixes our thoughts upon the end we hope for, and at the same time is not unmindful of our present difficulties. The short expositions of the clauses are plain and direct, with many similes and illustrations.

A Forgotten Great Englishman. By JAMES BAKER. R.T.S. Pp. 160.

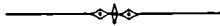
This is an interesting life of Peter Payne, the Wycliffite, a man hardly ever alluded to by modern English historians, but one of the most eminent of the great reformer's followers, who was a great power amongst the Hussites of Bohemia.

The Perfect Home. By the Rev. J. R. MILLER, D.D. Sunday-School Union. Pp. 206.

Dr. Miller gives us some pleasant homely advice addressed to husbands, wives, parents, and children. It is full of devout wisdom.

The Gospel of St. Mark. By ALEXANDER MACLAREN, D.D. Hodder and Stoughton. Price 3s. 6d. Pp. 247.

The author gives us here seventeen lessons from St. Mark's Gospel ; they are popular and practical, though Church people will not always agree with his views, particularly those on the Lord's Supper.



THE MONTH.

THE Rev. Prebendary Stephens, who has been appointed to the Deanery of Winchester, was educated at Balliol College, Oxford, taking his degree with a first class in the Final Classical Schools in 1862. He was ordained two years later by the Bishop of London to the curacy of Staines, and since 1870 his work has lain in the diocese of Chichester. Mr. Stephens was for three years Vicar of Mid Lavant, and in 1876 he was presented to the Rectory of Woolbeding, which he still holds. His association with Chichester dates from 1872, when he became a lecturer at the Theological College, and in 1875 he was appointed to a non-residential stall in the cathedral. The new dean is the author of "Memorials of the See and Cathedral of Chichester," "Cathedral Chapters considered as Diocesan Councils," and a "History of the Diocese of Chichester." He is better known to the general reader as the biographer of his father-in-law, Dr. Hook, the famous Vicar of Leeds, afterwards Dean of Chichester, and also of Lord Hatherley. In 1872 he published "St. John Chrysostom : his Life and Times," and a few years ago he translated the same Father's "Treatises and Letters." The dean-designate, who represented his diocese in the Lower House of Convocation from 1880 to 1886, is a High Churchman.

The Rev. Charles Gore, who has been appointed to the vacant canonry of Westminster, was educated at Harrow and at Balliol College, Oxford, where he gained a scholarship in 1870. He was placed in the first class in Classical Moderations in 1872, and again in the final school of Literæ Humaniores in 1875, being elected a Fellow of Trinity soon after taking his degree. Mr. Gore engaged in tutorial work at his college from 1876 to 1880, and in the latter year accepted the position of Vice-Principal of Cuddesdon Theological College. From 1884 until last year, when considerations of health necessitated his retirement to the small country vicarage of Radley, he was the librarian and Head of the Pusey House at Oxford, and since 1885 he has acted as one of the Bishop of Lincoln's