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God's City. By Canon SCOTT HOLLAND. Pp. 342. Price 7s. 6d. Longmans.

SACERDOTALISM could not be presented in a more attractive and generous form than we find in these sermons. They are full of beautiful lights, striking thoughts, high ideals, and human sympathies. The want we discover is in the basis from which the argument is drawn. As a matter of fact, it is the spiritual body about which glorious language is always used in the New Testament; absolutely not the little, imperfect human societies which were growing up under the guidance of the Apostles. We are obviously met on every page of the New Testament by the fact that the formal organization of Christianity was very little present in the minds of the Apostles. The order of bishops, for instance, was not evolved from that of presbyters until late in the days of St. John, and it was not until 150 years after the time of St. John that, in the person of Cyprian, the bishop arrived at the imposing dimensions which he has since assumed in Christendom. New Testament unity is emphatically a personal unity with Christ, which, in proportion to its purity and sincerity, will issue in a spirit of unity towards others. The Bishop of London's noble position, that genuine faith in Christ *ipso facto* causes membership in the Christian society, is of much wider application than sacerdotalism permits. It is better expressed by the Church of England, which is pre-eminently non-sacerdotal: "Let us pray for Christ's holy Catholic Church, that is, for the whole congregation of faithful people dispersed throughout the whole world." Any attempt to mix up the two ideas, of the spiritual body, which consists only of true believers, and the external body, which contains more spurious believers than genuine, must end in disaster and discomfiture, as did the ideal of the visible holy Catholic Church, in all its degradation, corruption, darkness, immorality and tyranny, in the sixteenth century, before the dawn of the Reformation. In the same way the eloquent, gifted, and attractive writer jumps to the conclusion that Christ is perpetually offering Himself in heaven, and that His priest offers the same sacrifice in His name on earth, and thinks St. John's vision as of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world a sufficient basis on which to rest this tremendous and momentous assumption. Whereas St. John equally sees our Lord standing amongst the golden candlesticks, or riding upon a white horse, leading the armies of heaven, or seated upon a rainbow throne—always, in fact, in an act of kingly administration. And we know from the Epistle to the Hebrews that Christ, having completed His offering once for all, offers it no more, but has "sat down on the right hand of the throne of God, from henceforth expecting till His enemies be made His footstool." As a matter of fact, there is no basis for sacerdotalism except the same Cyprian, who, borrowing an idea from Tertullian, which he did not understand, filled it with the associations of heathen sacerdotalism, in which he was steeped, and, in order to make it acceptable, dressed it in Jewish garments, for which the New Testament supplies no authorization whatever. The true conception of the living union of Christ's members with Him, as they partake of the memorial supper in remembrance of His death and passion, is infinitely more Divine and simple, and therefore grander and more sublime, as well as free from all the dangers and blots of priestcraft.

Parochial Sermons. By HENRY W. DEARDEN. Pp. 165. Price 3s. 6d. Elliot Stock.

Mr. Dearden's long and faithful ministry in London, which was so highly valued beyond the limits of his own parish, renders a permanent record of his teaching peculiarly welcome. The sermons are original and full of thought, and on topics which will be specially interesting to Christians of mature standing. Such a sermon as that on "Chambers of Imagery," full of the beauty of spiritual imagination, will waken many a train of thought, and suggest to many a writer hints for the treatment of spiritual subjects. We welcome the sermon on "Family Worship," as dealing impressively with a subject too rarely handled. The whole volume is full of deep spiritual thought and genuine experience, and we warmly recommend it alike to readers and preachers.

The Old Testament and the New Criticism. By the late Bishop ALFRED BLOMFIELD. Pp. 182. Price 2s. 6d. Elliot Stock.

In this very useful and acceptable volume, the late Bishop-Suffragan of Colchester exposes with great ingenuity and good humour the weak points in the English representatives of the school of Wellhausen. Bishop Blomfield's scholarship was equalled by his strong gifts of common-sense and brilliant humour, and this little volume crystallizes what must have occurred to many, on viewing the fantastic objections of the Old Testament critics. The following passage will illustrate the writer's scope: "What can we infer but this—that the latest editors—traditionally Ezra, and his companions—had in reality a far humbler task, and evinced a much less bold spirit than that which has been ascribed to them? that they contented themselves with preserving, with slight additions perhaps and occasional notes or comments, but with few or no alterations, the books which had come down to them sanctioned by the reverence of the past, leaving the difficulties or inconsistencies of those books just as they found them? The 'redactor' is alternately the subject of eulogy and the shaft for ridicule with the critics. As we try to grasp his shadowy personality, it seems, Proteus-like, to resolve itself into a hundred different shapes, 'Omnia transformans sese in miracula rerum,' and finally to elude us altogether, until at last we dare to ask, 'Is he not, after all, a creation of the critical brain?' 'Who is the redactor?' asks Professor Bissell. 'Is he or is he not the creature of the theory which makes use of him? Can it by any possibility be maintained without him—without *him*, the blunderer, the confessedly inconsistent and uncritical compiler, a litterateur without capacity, and often, at least, without honesty, who yet set for himself the task of preparing the sacred history of the world's beginnings, and of God's ways with men?'"

The Gospel of the Kingdom: Five "Christian Social Union" Sermons in Advent. By the Dean of Ely, Canons WILBERFORCE and SCOTT-HOLLAND, Dr. FRY, and Prebendary EYTON. Pp. 92. Elliot Stock.

The volume assumes that the Christian is to be the legislator and the administrator, whereas only a minority are really Christians. It has always been found impossible to make laws contrary to the general sense of the people, and in this aim it is to be feared that Christian Socialists are ploughing the sands. This little book, however, contains many noble aspirations; and if it should induce a larger number of persons to try to lead really Christian lives, and to make those who are already trying to do so take a still higher standpoint, it will have fulfilled a useful object.

Echoes from the Choir of Norwich Cathedral. Sermons preached after the re-opening. Pp. 126. Jarrold and Sons.

No provincial cathedral is more replete with life at present than that of Norwich, under the vigorous and popular administration of Dean

Lefroy. Besides the spiritual work by which he has made the cathedral a centre, he has completed the internal restoration of the choir; and a more lovely specimen of Norman architecture, with its noble Perpendicular additions, it is impossible to imagine. The volume contains six sermons, by the Archbishop of Canterbury and other bishops and dignitaries, on the re-opening; and it will have a wider interest than in the diocese of Norwich, as they illustrate the life, the work, and the opportunities of all our cathedrals as centres of wise religious influence throughout the country.

The Repose of Faith. By the Rev. A. J. HARRISON. Pp. 320. Price 7s. 6d. Longmans.

Mr. Harrison's evidential works are known all over the country. He is a calm, sympathetic, and judicious writer, able to enter into the difficulties of many and various minds. The present volume is intended for anxious Christians, and doubters who have not yet broken away from Christianity. In the first book he explains the ideal at which intelligent faith ought to arrive—the position of living satisfaction and repose. The chapters on Faith and Intuition are full of important truths. The second book deals with the relation of faith to science, and delineates their several spheres. A chapter here treats with power of the obvious facts of Becoming, Birth, or Development. The third book handles Theology, its Origin, Growth, Grounds, and Claims. The whole work places in a popular and attractive form the results of deep reading amongst learned writers on religious and philosophical subjects; and though it is not necessary for the clergy frequently to deal with evidences in the pulpit, a study of this work will give depth and reality to their sermons, and insensibly convince their hearers that they are aware of the difficulties of an age of unrestful inquiry.

The Biblical Illustrator. By the Rev. JOSEPH S. EXELL. Romans. Vols. I. and II. Pp. 718 and 780. 7s. 6d. each. Nisbet and Co.

Mr. Exell continues his wonderful volumes with commendable zeal and perseverance. Few books could be more useful to a hard-working parish minister who has little time for independent research. The materials for innumerable impressive sermons lie within these boards.

A History of the Welsh Church. By the Rev. E. J. NEWELL. Pp. 435. Price 10s. 6d. Elliot Stock.

At the present time, books illustrating the history of the Church in Wales are strongly needed. The present volume takes us down to the dissolution of the monasteries. It is a careful and scholarly work, and abundantly illustrates many points of importance—such as the splendour of the Christianity of the early days, the unfortunate policy of uniting the Welsh province to Canterbury by the appointment of northern bishops, and the labours of the Welsh historians. The book should have a wide circulation.

Some of our English Poets. By Canon BELL. Pp. 280. Price 6s. Elliot Stock.

Canon Bell, who is himself a poet whose works have been very favourably received, is also a sympathetic and discriminating critic. In this volume he gives us biographical sketches and appreciative disquisitions on Gray, Goldsmith, Cowper, Scott, Coleridge, and Wordsworth. The volume, which is the result of wide reading, careful study, and a well-trained judgment, will be very helpful to all students and lovers of English verse. It is difficult in these days of incessant committees and ceaseless philanthropic enterprises for the clergy to keep abreast with the culture of the age; and yet it is most important that many of them should be capable of interesting and instructing educated people. They

have a good example set them in the scholarly and pleasant work of Canon Bell.

James Lonsdale. By RUSSELL DUCKWORTH. Pp. 264. Longmans.

James Lonsdale was the son of the admirable Bishop Lonsdale of Lichfield. His brilliant scholarship and great abilities were prevented from bringing him to the front, as might have been expected, by his innate modesty and passionate love of retirement. Amongst scholars, King's College men, and his parishioners, he was greatly beloved. His strong sense and gift of humour are well brought out in the memoir.

Tales from Scott. By SIR EDWARD SULLIVAN. Pp. 315. Price 6s. Elliot Stock.

The characters in the long picture-gallery of the "Wizard of the North" are so numerous and vivid, that it is difficult to fix them clearly in the memory with reference to their context and surroundings. Sir Edward Sullivan has done the same for Scott that Charles Lamb did for Shakespeare. In this volume he has analyzed in an agreeable form "Waverley," "Guy Mannering," "The Antiquary," "Rob Roy," "The Black Dwarf," "Old Mortality," "The Bride of Lammermoor," "The Legend of Montrose," and "Ivanhoe." Everybody has his own favourite in the Waverley Novels. Some would place "The Heart of Midlothian" highest; but, at any rate, everybody would find their second choice amongst these nine. In reading over these charming stories, the mind will by the power of association recall the innumerable treasures of the original.

Llantwit Major: A Fifth Century University. By ALFRED C. FRYER, Ph.D., M.A., F.R.H.S. Pp. 125. Elliot Stock.

This is a delightfully written book in many ways. Whoever would have imagined that a quiet little seaside village on the Glamorganshire coast was once the home of a flourishing university with its 3,000 students! Yet so it is. "Scholars and bards, historians and poets, zealous missionaries and dignified ecclesiastics received their education at Llantwit; and we may venture to say that when barbarism was not yet extinct, when civil feuds were frequent, when passions were rife, when heresies beset the faithful, Llantwit exercised a wonderful influence, civilizing and teaching the people of Britain and Armorica." The purpose of this amply illustrated volume is to tell us the story of the founding of the university by Illtyd, and, by the aid of most careful research, illumined by a vivid imagination, to make the fifth-century life of a Llantwit student appear real to us. We are given realistic sketches of the old buildings, whose foundations are now covered with greensward; of the professors, many of whose names have been forgotten hundreds of years ago; and of the very curriculum of the old-world classrooms. There is not a dry page in the book.

The Word in the School. By ANDREW SIMON LAMB, Barrister-at-law. Pp. 104. James Nisbet and Co.

Mr. Lamb in this book bemoans the absence of "adequate, systematic, doctrinal (albeit, non-sectarian) instruction in the fundamental and essential principles of "the faith once delivered to the saints" in our Board Schools. He devotes more than half his space to proving the depravity of England consequent upon this omission. He thinks that if the Declaration of Faith of the Evangelical Alliance was adopted in Board Schools, "a large proportion of the youth of the land would be thoroughly indoctrinated in the knowledge of an absolutely unsectarian, and yet sufficiently explicit and accurate, Protestant Christian theology." There are many good points scattered throughout the book; but had the author

elaborated his main argument, and condensed his proofs of our immorality, he would have produced better results.

Sanctification. By the late Canon EDWARD HOARE. Fourth edition, enlarged. William Hunt and Co.

Interpreting "sanctification" to be "separation unto God," or dedication, the result of the conversion of the sinner, Canon Hoare in this little book of sermons puts together a number of thoughts of an intensely real and practical nature. Simplicity of style and an unrelentingness of application characterizes his treatment of such divisions of his subject as "Holiness through Faith," "Personal Holiness," and "Infection of Nature." Perhaps the most remarkable part of the book is the series of pithy Doctrinal Notes at the end, in which, in some five pages, the teaching of Holy Scripture on "sanctification" is focused.

Selections from the Verse of Augusta Webster (with portraits). Macmillan and Co.

This well-printed little volume of Mrs. Webster's poems will receive a welcome from the many admirers of the late poetess who have felt a desire to possess a collection in a handy form. It embraces characteristic selections, exhibiting the varied genius of the authoress of "Yu-pe-ya's Lute." Glancing through the book, we ever and anon light upon quaint, though pleasing, trifles, whose odd phrases linger in our minds even longer perhaps than the more finished poems such as "The Inventor" or "The Manuscript of Saint Alexius."

The Resurrection of the Dead. An Exposition of 1 Cor. xv. By the late WILLIAM MILLIGAN, D.D., Professor of Divinity and Biblical Criticism at Aberdeen. Pp. 246. Price 4s. 6d. Edinburgh: T. and T. Clark.

The late Dr. Milligan was a recognised scholar, and these chapters rise far above the level of thought of the numerous pious meditations which appear from time to time on this great subject. The book bears the stamp of freshness and originality, although Dr. Milligan does not present any fantastic notions on the subject. We may refer our readers to his interesting treatment of the difficult passage about those who are baptized for the dead. Dr. Milligan seems to consider that the key to the explanation of that dark saying is to be found in the exclamation of St. Paul: "Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and fill up on my part that which is lacking of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh, for his body's sake, which is the Church" (Col. i. 24).

Unity and Order, the Handmaids of Truth. "An inquiry into God's will and our duty concerning the unity and order of the Visible Church, with special reference to the Church of England and those who dissent from it." By the Rev. R. W. KENNION. Pp. 160. Second edition. Seeley and Co.

Mr. Kennion's scheme for reunion is much more feasible than those which are now being put forward for a visible union with Rome. The reabsorption of the greater number of dissenting bodies into the National Church, though probably premature, is a practical idea which may yet be realized. Mr. Kennion's book, which all sound Churchmen will heartily welcome, will doubtless do a useful work in clearing the ground and preparing the way.

Church and Dissent. By the Rev. RICHARD W. FREE, M.A., B.D. Pp. 160. Elliot Stock.

Twelve clever lectures, which were no doubt telling when delivered, and now that they are printed are worth reading. But Mr. Free too much appears to hold a brief for his Church to be very convincing to Dissenters.

Ezra and Nehemiah. By Professor H. E. RYLE. Cambridge Bible for Schools. Pp. 328. Price 4s. 6d. With three maps. Cambridge Press.

Parents and teachers may feel secure in the knowledge that while all that is best in the higher criticism of the Old Testament and in recent scholarship has been laid under contribution to make this an accurate commentary, no rash and unsettling opinions will be found to disturb the faith of the young.

The Official Year Book of the Church of England, 1895. S.P.C.K. Pp. 734.

This admirable compilation probably has more information within its covers than any other which could be named. The labour of bringing together all the innumerable items of information must be enormous. Of course many hands have contributed to the various parts, but the greatest gratitude is due to Mr. Burnside, the editor, for his earnest and devoted loyalty to the Christian society in bringing out this annual record of its united labours. Every year shows advance and progress, and the additional chapters, such as that on "Clerical Education," are important and useful.

The Brownies, and Other Tales. By Mrs. EWING. Pp. 238. Price 2s. 6d. S.P.C.K.

The present instalment of the valuable republication of Mrs. Ewing's stories, which the S.P.C.K. is making as a contribution to "Home Literature," contains "The Brownies," "The Land of Lost Toys," "Three Christmas-Trees," "An Idyll of the Wood," "Christmas Crackers," and "Amelia and the Dwarfs."

The Revelation—A Book for To-day. By A. DICE; with a preface by the Rev. J. W. DAVIES. Elliot Stock.

To attempt to supply a simple commentary upon the most difficult and most mysterious of all books in the New Testament is to undertake no mean task. Yet this is what Mr. Dice has succeeded in doing. Mr. Davies remarks in his preface, "At one time I regarded it (the Book of Revelation), in common with many Christians, as a portion of Holy Writ almost, if not quite, beyond comprehension." Any average man taking up Mr. Dice's commentary need no longer be in such a predicament as this, and he will be enabled to pierce through the symbolism of the Book to the practical lesson or prophecy. A good and full index would be an improvement. The book is admirably printed.

The Anglican Sister of Mercy. Anonymous. Elliot Stock.

This is a new edition of "Maude—or the Anglican Sister of Mercy," published some years ago. The means by which sisterhoods, closely following Roman Catholic ideals, have been established in our own Church forms the subject of the story—a subject at once painful and important. The authoress tells her tale with a simplicity and gracefulness that carries conviction in its train. It should, however, in justice to those who may be favourable to the system deprecated, be stated that she writes of a state of things prevailing in 1852.

Bread of Life. A daily text-book compiled by AMY N. PALMER.

This dainty brochure, containing a verse of Scripture for each day in the year, will doubtless take a high position in this class of literature.

The Flute of Athena and other Poems. By REUBEN BRADLEY. Elliot Stock.

A strong and dominant strain of pessimism permeates this collection of poems: riddles are asked, philosophic doubts are raised, and a general position of "query" taken up. Such poems as "Progress," "Why do we Love?" "Between," though musical and filled with rich imagery, have a melancholy tone. As a ballad-writer Mr. Bradley is more hopeful,

and in "Admiral Benbow's Last Cruise" and "Londonderry: 1689," strikes a manlier chord on his lyre. The sonnets, of which Mr. Bradley gives us fifty-seven, are tinged with the sadness of one who feels deeply the complexity of life. Many of the poems, especially those descriptive of nature, are of singular sweetness.

MAGAZINES.

We have received the following (April) magazines :

The Thinker, The Expository Times, The Religious Review of Reviews, The Anglican Church Magazine, The Church Missionary Intelligencer, The National Church, The Foreign Church Chronicle, The Evangelical Churchman, The Gospel Magazine, The Church Magazine, Sunday-School Magazine, Blackwood, The Cornhill, Sunday Magazine, The Fireside, Cassell's Family Magazine, The Quiver, Good Words, The Leisure Hour, Sunday at Home, The Girl's Own Paper, The Boy's Own Paper, Light and Truth, The Church Worker, The Church Monthly, The Church Missionary Gleaner, The Philanthropist, Light in the Home, Awake, India's Women, Parish Magazine, New and Old, The Dawn of Day, The Bible Society's Gleanings for the Young, The Bible Society's Monthly Reporter, The Cottager and Artisan, Friendly Greetings, Little Folks, The Child's Pictorial, The Children's World, Our Little Dots and The Boy's and Girl's Companion.



THE MONTH.

THE vacancy caused by the protracted and lamentable illness of the Bishop of Bedford has been filled by the appointment of Canon Browne, of St. Paul's Cathedral, as Bishop of Stepney, Suffragan for East and North London. The appointment has given universal satisfaction, as Canon Browne has been very favourably known as an indefatigable worker during the four years that he has been resident at St. Paul's. Educated at St. Peter's School at York, he proceeded to St. Catherine's College, Cambridge, of which he became a Fellow in 1863. He took his B.A. in 1856, coming out as a Wrangler and Second Class in the Theological. In 1862 he gained the Maitland prize, and took his B.D. in 1879. He was ordained Deacon and Priest in 1858-59 by the Bishop of Oxford. In 1887 he was appointed Disney Professor of Archæology, and an Hon. Fellow of St. Catherine's. In 1891 he was appointed Canon of St. Paul's by Lord Salisbury.

He was for about thirty years Secretary to the Cambridge Syndicate for University Local Examination and Local Lectures, as well as to innumerable other syndicates and University committees. He was also J.P. for Cambridge; Chaplain and Lecturer of St. Catherine's; Theological Tutor of Glenalmond; Bell Lecturer in the Scottish Episcopal Church; three times Proctor of Cambridge; twice member of the Council of Senate; as well as Secretary to the University of Cambridge Commission, 1877-81. His principal works are "Ice Caves of France and Switzerland," "Commemoration and other University Sermons," "Venerable Bede," "Monkwearmouth Church," and "The Church in these Islands before Augustine." Since he has been in London he has held the important and responsible office of Secretary and Superintendent of the London Diocesan Home Mission, as well as being an Examining Chaplain to the Bishop of London. He has also thrown himself with immense vigour into the work of lecturing for the London Diocesan