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Short Notices.

A Scholar of a Past Generation. A brief memoir of Samuel Lee, D.D., Professor of Arabic, and afterwards Regius Professor of Hebrew in the University of Cambridge, Canon of Bristol, etc., by his DAUGHTER. London: Seeley and Co., Ltd., Essex Street, Strand, 1896.

THOUGH Dr. Lee died in 1852, this memoir possesses great interest for Evangelical Churchmen. Dr. Lee was a great Oriental scholar, best known for his Syriac translations. He was a great friend to the Church Missionary Society, and suggested to the late Dr. Pfander the argument brought out in his well-known work "Misán ul Haqq."

Dr. Lee was an opponent of Dr. Pusey, whom he showed by his knowledge of the Fathers' writings to have taken a false position. He was a student of prophecy, and his views were those of the Preterists rather than of the Naturists.

Dr. Lee had no advantages by birth or family, which makes the record of his life more useful. He was educated at a charity school, and was apprenticed as a carpenter at twelve years old. He worked well and honestly at his trade, and at his Latin grammar in his spare moments. He proved the truth of the verse in the Proverbs, "Seest thou a man diligent in his business? He shall stand before kings." It was literally true in this case—he conversed with the Prince Consort at Bristol and at Cambridge as a well-known divine and celebrated Oriental scholar.

It is interesting to read that he owed his advancement to an accident. His carpenter's tools were burned, and he sought to make a few pounds by teaching, and was taken as a teacher into Shrewsbury Blue School; here he made the acquaintance of Dr. Jonathan Scott, the translator of the "Arabian Nights," who had been Secretary to Warren Hastings in India. Through Dr. Buchanan and other friends of the Church Missionary Society, he was sent to Cambridge, and commenced at once his brilliant career.

We and the World. 2 vols. By Mrs. EWING. Pp. 251. Price 5s. S.P.C.K.

These are vols. xiii. and xiv. of the uniform edition of Mrs. Ewing's charming works. They exhibit her usual delicacy of insight into character and graceful humour.

Lesser Lights. The Rev. FRANCIS BOURDILLON. Pp. 181. Price 2s. 6d. S.P.C.K.

This is a series of suggestive studies and meditations on some of the less known characters and aspects of the Old and New Testaments. Mr. Bourdillon's style is always simple, and his thought spiritual and interesting.

Christian Endeavour Hymnal. Edited by J. B. MORGAN and CAREY BONNER. Pp. 436. Price 2s. 6d. Sunday School Union.

This is a collection of 422 hymns and tunes for young people, families, and homes, taking a place between Sunday-school and Church collections. Amongst many new tunes will be found numerous and melodious old favourites which have dropped out from ecclesiastical usage.

Missarum Sacrificia. By the Rev. N. DIMOCK. Pp. 246. Elliot Stock.

It has lately been a favourite theory with the Ritualistic party that there was a distinction in the minds of the Reformers between the

"Sacrifice of the Mass" in the singular, and the "Sacrifices of the Masses." In this invaluable work, which should be in the library of every parsonage in England, Mr. Dimock has proved from a long catena of the most important divines of the Church of England how absolutely groundless this invented distinction is, and how diametrically opposed to the whole teaching of the Reformation.

Ways to Win. By the Rev. DYSON HAGUE. Pp. 95. London : Marshal Bros.

These are thoughts and suggestions with regard to personal work for Christ, originally addressed to the St. Andrew's Brotherhood, which is one of the most powerful forces for good in Canada and the United States. Many young clergymen find a difficulty in dealing directly with individual souls. This little book should be to all Christian teachers a powerful persuasive, and a wise provider of counsel and help.

The Parish Councillor's Manual. By T. R. COLQUHOUN DILL. Pp. 249. Shaw and Sons.

This is a useful and timely explanation of the powers and duties of Parish Councils. It gives a succinct and authoritative account of the parish meeting, its powers; Parish Councils, their constitution and election; parish officers, parish offices, books and documents, the five adoptive Acts, lighting and watching, baths and wash-houses, burial, public improvements, public lighting; charities, allotments, acquisition, land, sales and leases, ways and open spaces, sanitary matters and miscellaneous powers, and finance and rating. It is, in short, an indispensable handbook to the new local government.

The Fireside Holiday Volume. Pp. 400. Home Words Office.

This charmingly illustrated volume, full of interesting and varied matter, will be a very pleasant companion to the family summer outing.

John Wyclif. By LEWIS SERGEANT. Pp. 377. Price 5s. Putnam's Sons.

This is the seventh of an excellent series, "Heroes of the Nations." In previous volumes the following biographies have appeared: Nelson, Gustavus Adolphus, Pericles, Theodoric, Sidney, Julius Cæsar. The volume under notice, which has thirty-one illustrations, is useful at the present time, as it shows how deeply seated and permanent were the causes of the English Reformation. It was not merely an outburst of indignant remonstrance against corruptions of life and practice in the sixteenth century, but an eternal protest against hierarchical tyranny over conscience and deviation from the revealed will of God.

The Great Charter of Christ. By the BISHOP OF RIPON. Pp. 300. Price 5s. Isbister and Co.

These admirable sermons are marked by Dr. Boyd Carpenter's usual originality, spiritual insight, and knowledge of character. These characteristics are greatly enhanced by a consummate charm of style, and a memory enriched by wide and general reading.

The Fallacy of Sacramental Confession. By the Rev. CHAS. NEIL. Pp. 89. Simpkin Marshall and Co.

This useful little work shows the need of confession to God, not man, for the remission of sins; gives conclusive arguments against auricular confession and priestly absolution; and explains why the system of the confessional has been so long and widely adopted. There are some useful

notes on the subject, and a selected list of books on confession of sin from both points of view.

Biblical Character Sketches. Pp. 207. Nisbet and Co.

Among the writers are Dean Farrar, the Bishop of Ripon, Dr. Clifford, Dr. Thain Davidson, Dr. Dod, Dr. Horton, Dr. Stalker, F. B. Meyer, H. C. G. Moule, and E. A. Stuart. The studies include thirteen young men of the Bible and seven young women. The treatment is bright and suggestive, and the volume altogether is attractive.

The Enquiring Parishioner. Rev. BEAUCHAMP STANNUS. Pp. 32. Price 1d. Nisbet and Co.

This little pamphlet is in its five hundred and fifth thousand. It is a short, simple, and striking explanation of God's plan and method for the salvation of the individual soul.

Points at Issue between the Church of England and the Church of Rome. Pp. 114. Price 1s. Elliot Stock.

Archdeacon's Sinclair's fifth charge is a historical and critical examination, side by side of the chief doctrinal statements of the two Churches on subjects where they differ.

Synchronism of the Passion Days. By DAVID DUKE. Pp. 28. Great Easton.

Mr. Duke's argument is that the writers of the Gospel adopted the Jewish hour, but used midnight as the point from which they started to reckon the days. On this theory the accounts can be harmonized. As the Gospels were written down late in the Apostles' lives, when they had long been subject to Gentile surroundings, this is quite conceivable. The monograph is most careful and painstaking.

MAGAZINES.

We have received the following (June) magazines :

The Religious Review of Reviews, The Anglican Church Magazine, The Church Missionary Intelligencer, The Evangelical Churchman, The Church Sunday-School Magazine, Blackwood, The Cornhill, Sunday Magazine, The Fireside, The Quiver, Cassell's Family Magazine, 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, South American Missionary Magazine, Light in the Home, Awake, India's Women, Parish Magazine, 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, Our Little Dots, The Child's Companion, Boy's and Girl's Companion, The Children's World, On Service, Church and People, Dawn of Day, Day of Days, Home Words, and Hand and Heart, the last three being midsummer volumes.

