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deceived, as said the most sorrowful of the prophets? Nay, Lord, Thou art mightier, truer, more loving and wise than any earthly monarch. Thou wilt not leave us, Lord, to be of all creatures most miserable because of sin in ourselves and weakness in nature. Let our cry come unto Thee. Tell us we are Thine."

A voice as from heaven, speaking by beloved Paul, responds: "The creation was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but in hope; because the creation shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God."

We thank Thee, Lord: now shall our heart be glad, and our spirit rest in hope.

Short Notices.

Temptation and Toil. By the Rev. W. HAY-AITKEN. Pp. 304. Price 3s. 6d. Isbister and Co.

THE publishers have brought out another useful volume of sermons. Striking and original in matter and persuasive in treatment, they bear out Mr. Aitken's high reputation as a powerful influence in winning souls to Christ.

The Great Problem of God. By the Rev. GEORGE JAMIESON, D.D. Pp. 367. Elliot Stock.

No more important subject than the existence of God, and our means of apprehending it, could engage the attention of a philosopher and theologian. This powerful and most interesting work consists of a historical résumé of philosophical speculation from Descartes and Spinoza to Kant and Hegel; an examination of Hume and Huxley on problems of mind; an examination of Mr. Balfour's "Foundations of Belief," with a final examination, in fifteen sections, into our knowledge of the being of God. The work deals with great reverence, clear sight, and notable breadth of view, with the deepest and most difficult problems which the mind of man can face.

The Biblical Illustrator. By the Rev. J. S. EXELL. 1 Corinthians. Vol. i., pp. 588; vol. ii., pp. 596. Price 7s. 6d. each. Nisbet and Co.

This is a work of immense industry, in which almost every known writer on the subject has been laid under contribution. It is a treasury of well-arranged thought and suggestion, and full of well-devised help for the busy Churchman. These two volumes contain a whole library of valuable matter.

Christ in the Old Testament. By the Rev. HENRY LINTON. Pp. 270. Elliot Stock.

All Christians believe that the Old Testament was a preparation for the coming of the Messiah, and many helps to Bible study have given lists of types, prophecies, and sacrificial prediction; but nowhere has this been done with so much thoroughness as by Canon Linton. The book will be a most useful manual to the Biblical student and teacher.

Present-Day Tracts. Pp. 60. Price 2s. 6d. R.T.S.

The present volume of this excellent series contains six essays—Nos. 73 to 78—i.e., "Life and Immortality brought to Light by Christ," by Dr. William Wright; "Hereditary and Personal Responsibility," by the Rev. M. Kaufmann; "The Unity, Continuity, and Systematic Complete-

ness of the Scriptures a Proof of their Divine Origin," by the Rev. R. Bedford; "The Historical Deluge in its Relation to Scientific Discovery and to Present Questions," by Sir William Dawson; "The Jews in their Present Condition Witnesses to the Bible," by Revs. W. Burnet and Lukyn Williams; "The Early Witness to the Four Gospels," by the Rev. Walter Green. The subjects have been carefully treated, and the writers bring together a great deal of useful information. The treatment is candid and the reasoning fair.

The Laws of the Church of Ireland. By the Right Hon. R. R. WARREN. Pp. 141. Dublin: McGee; London: Stevens and Haynes.

This able, comprehensive, and well-considered work is very interesting to English Churchmen, as illustrating the internal condition and working of a kindred Church which has been severed from the State, and has had to reform its own constitution. It is needless to speak of the ability, clearness, good sense, and breadth of view of the distinguished author.

Sacred Books of the East. Translated by JAMES DARMESTETER. Pp. 390. Price 10s. 6d. Vol. iv.: "The Zend-a-Vesta," part i. Clarendon Press.

The volume contains the Vendidad, the Book of the Laws of the Parsees—more exactly, the Code of Purification. Two more volumes of the series complete all the relics of the Parsee literature. These interesting "remains" contain, "What was the Religion of Cyrus, Darius, and Xerxes?" But for the battle of Marathon, it is thought that it might have become the religion of Europe. The Zend-a-Vesta forms to the present day the sacred book of the Parsees, the so-called Fire-worshippers of India. The religion has been almost extinguished in its original home—Persia, or Iran—by Mahometanism.

This great collection of translations is edited by Professor Max Müller, and has the sanction and co-operation of the Secretary of State for India. It consists of forty-nine volumes, and is a monument of industry. It contains materials for a great philosophical work on the natural religions of the East. The present volume contains eighty-nine pages of most valuable and interesting introduction by the late lamented translator, in which he gives a historical account of the writings, and traces the various influences—Greek, Jewish, and others—which have helped to produce them. The religious ideas of every thoughtful race are interesting, and the religion of the Parsees is one of the most elevating of its kind.

The Expositor's Bible: The Second Epistle to the Corinthians. By the Rev. JAMES DENNY, B.D. Pp. 387. Price 7s. 6d. Hodder and Stoughton.

Mr. Denny writes with deep sympathy and insight of the Apostle's belief and character. For the purposes of continuous meditation, there is a great advantage in the form of the "Expositor's Bible." This volume, for instance, consists of twenty-eight essays or dissertations, with the passage of the epistle to which they refer printed in small type at the head. The object of the work is not dogmatic, but expository.

Texts and Studies: Biblical and Patristic. Edited by Professor ARMITAGE ROBINSON. Vol. iv., No. 1: "The Athanasian Creed and its Early Commentaries." By A. E. BURN. Pp. 68. Price 5s. Cambridge University Press.

This exhaustive and valuable collection is designed to re-establish the position of Waterland, whose critical history of the Creed has been a standard work for one hundred and sixty years. Waterland's conclusion was that it was composed by Hilary, once Abbot of Lerins, and next Bishop of Arles, about the year 430. In Germany latterly a two-portion theory has prevailed, and has been supported by Harnack, which has been

supposed to put Waterland out of court. Mr. Burn shows that these critics had not consulted many newly-discovered MSS. He distinguishes between Augustinian and Gallican elements, and suggests that the Creed was designed to meet the heresy of Priscillian, which was spreading in Gaul at the beginning of the fifth century. The work forms an invaluable monograph on this interesting Church document.

History of Christian Doctrine. G. P. FISHER, D.D., Professor of Ecclesiastical History in Yale University. Pp. 583. Price 12s. T. and T. Clark.

This is the fourth volume of the "International Theological Library." It is a comprehensive survey of the field of Christian philosophy and doctrine, and manifests wide research, immense reading, and a fair, candid, and dispassionate spirit. The writer is able to give an impartial account of the different views with which he deals. He ends with a series of quotations from Dean Church and Dr. Dale of Birmingham. Dean Church speaks of the limitation of our conceptions as to Eternal Punishment, the Incarnation, and the Atonement. The quotations from Dr. Dale suggest that, while theological truth remains inviolable, the expression of it may in certain cases require restatement. It is only by the choice of the quotations from these two great writers that the author indicates any special view of his own.

The Quotations of the New Testament from the Old, considered in the Light of General Literature. By FRANKLIN JOHNSON, D.D., Professor in the University of Chicago. Pp. 409. Price 7s. 6d. London: Baptist Book Society.

The writer deals with the utmost frankness with eleven objections brought against New Testament writers for their usage in quotations. He shows that they do not err against the laws of literature, that, where a quotation will not bear the burden of argument, it is used rather as an illustration. He deals with the immense mass of quotation in a very candid manner; and even when the reader does not agree with him, he will find the treatment suggestive, penetrating, and useful.

Israel My Glory. By JOHN WILKINSON. Sixth edition. Pp. 310. London: Mildmay Mission to the Jews.

Mr. Wilkinson is the founder of the Mildmay Mission to the Jews. He deals with great skill with the various objections brought by Jews against Christianity. Few men could speak from greater experience in this matter, as few have laboured with more untiring zeal. No one who attempts to preach to Jews or to convert them should be without this exceedingly practical work, penetrated as it is with the fullest and sincerest belief in the message of God to mankind through Old and New Testament.

Robert Whittaker McAll. Pp. 252. Price 6s. R.T.S.

Robert McAll was descended from a family belonging to the Isle of Coll, in the Hebrides. He will be chiefly remembered for his celebrated mission in Paris. He was educated at the Independent Lancashire College, and held pastorates at Sunderland, Leicester, and Hadleigh. These interesting memorials are from his own note-books and from the pen of his wife. He died in 1893, and seems to have had a singularly happy life, blessed by successful work, widely acknowledged by the French, and testified to by Theodore Monod, Dr. Noyes, of the English Church, Pastor Hollard, of the Free Church, and by many others. The biography will be a great encouragement to all who believe that when the heart is absolutely devoted to Christ, the powers of Divine grace are as effective as ever.