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## Short Notices.

*White Mouse.* By GRACE H. VAUGHAN. Sunday-School Union. Pp. 64. Price 6d.

A pleasant little story of a little lame boy, for little boys.

*Journals and Papers of Bishop Maples.* By ELLEN MAPLES. Longmans, Green and Co. Pp. 275. Price 6s. 6d.

The untimely death of Bishop Maples by drowning in Lake Nyassa, in 1895, put an end to a grand missionary career. The lives of our great missionary Bishops are their best monuments; and missionary enterprise and enthusiasm will receive a stimulus from the noble record of him who, being dead, in these pages yet speaketh.

*Bishop John Selwyn.* By F. D. HOW. Isbister and Co. Pp. 268. Price 7s. 6d.

The sympathetic biographer of Bishop Walsham How has added another great life to ecclesiastical portraiture in that of the heroic Bishop John Selwyn. It is an inspiring portrait of an inspiring man.

*Country Walks of a Naturalist.* By the late Rev. W. HOUGHTON. Newmann and Co. Pp. 215. Price 3s. 6d.

This is a new and enlarged edition of a popular work, with abundant illustrations. Such books add unlimited interest to life in the country, and should be companions to every school-room walk, and available in every village library.

*Nat and his Little Heathen.* Sunday-School Union. Pp. 93. Price 9d.

An excellent little story for boys, showing knowledge of working-class life.

*Margaret Graham's Self-conquest.* By Mrs. SEAMER. Sunday School Union. Pp. 63. Price 6d.

A useful story, for girls, of discipline of character.

*A Lucky Sovereign.* By M. HARRIET M. CAPES. Sunday-School Union. Pp. 96. Price 9d.

A pretty story for children of intercourse between rich and poor.

*Sunningwell.* By F. WARRE CORNISH. Archibald Constable and Co. Pp. 339. Price 6s.

An ecclesiastical story chiefly in dialogue, giving clever sketches of life in a cathedral town. The hero is a slightly latitudinarian Canon, of a philosophical, disinterested, and unambitious temper, who loses heart and health through misunderstanding and persecution. The modern Bishop, who is the mere solvent of opposing forces, the business-like and worldly-minded Dean, the restless Tractarian, the narrow type of Low-Churchman, the self-confident and censorious type of Low-Churchwoman, are all admirably drawn.

*Janice Meredith.* By PAUL LEICESTER FORD. Archibald Constable and Co. Pp. 536. Price 6s.

A capital story of the American Revolution. It is after the manner of Thackeray's "Virginians," and the interest never flags from beginning to end. Some of the English names and titles are a little inaccurate, but that is a small matter. Englishmen know little about the War of Independence, and this book throws a strong light upon it, and the reasons for its failure. It becomes a warning for our future course in South Africa.

*Bishop Walsham How.* By FREDERICK DOUGLAS HOW. Isbister and Co. Pp. 436. Price 6s.

The life of this truly good man and popular religious writer would have been warmly welcomed even if he had not been a notable Bishop. The addition of his successful and influential career as first Suffragan for East London, and first Bishop of Wakefield, makes it still more permanently interesting. The cheerful tone of earnest faith, the moderation and buoyant optimism throughout, are very encouraging. The biography is compiled with knowledge, insight, and good taste.

*William F. Moulton: a Memoir.* By W. FIDDIAN MOULTON. Isbister and Co. Pp. 292. Price 7s. 6d.

A profoundly interesting account of the life and work of one of the most eminent of modern Methodists: scholar, teacher, and philanthropist. Outside the Connexion he will be best remembered as one of the Revisers of the New Testament, and founder of the Leys Methodist School at Cambridge. If we were not told that he was born, lived and died a Methodist, the whole tone of his mind and work would lead us to place him among the most honoured divines of the English Church.

*Maxims of Piety and Christianity.* By Bishop WILSON. Edited by the Rev. F. RELTON. Macmillan and Co. Pp. 169. Price 5s. 6d.

The eloquent and learned Vicar of St. Andrew's, Stoke Newington, is editing a new English Theological Library. In this the celebrated work of the famous Bishop of Sodor and Man finds a foremost place. The "Maxims" are carefully edited by Mr. Relton, and annotated after the manner of a classic, making everything obscure clear, and illustrating with abundant references. The volume is a perfect mine of theological thought and originality, and should be in every clerical and theological library. Too much praise cannot be bestowed on the manner of its production.

*The Parish Visiting Book.* By Rev. JOHN PARRY. Second edition. Allenson, 30, Paternoster Row.

This handbook is the result of wide pastoral experience, and is well arranged. It begins with some useful recommendations as to filling up the columns; as to special work arising from the collection of information; as to useful literature; as to helps in preparation of lessons; helps in the pastoral office; and books in and of personal devotion. The bulk of it is in columns, with the name of the street at the top, and places for number of house, family, creed, occupation, candidates for schools, classes, baptism, communion, confirmation, and general notes. Other portions of the work are devoted to lists of communicants and lists of sick. It is well thought out, and will be a great assistance in method, ideal, and concentration to many a parish priest, both young and old.

*Modern Romanism Examined.* By Rev. H. W. DEARDEN. Nisbet and Co. Pp. 412.

This very valuable work has been put out as a popular text-book of Roman controversy. As no Church is more actively propagandist than the Roman, so nowhere is that propaganda more zealous than in England. How often an interesting guide on this pressing subject has been wished for, to put into the hands of those who have been fascinated by Roman misrepresentations! Here, in the form of question and answer, is a temperate, candid, and well-informed instruction on every subject connected with the undying and momentous controversy between the Reformed and the Unreformed Church. The work is divided into four parts: (1) Questions bearing upon the Papal theory of the Church of Rome; (2) questions bearing on Roman errors in the Creed of

Pius IV. and the Immaculate Conception ; (3) some questions of the day connected with Modern Romanism ; (4) some popular Roman Fallacies. In all, fifty-seven subjects of the highest importance are discussed, and the treatment is so charitable and judicious that the ordinary objections to controversial writing find no warrant here. The standpoint is that of the great English Reformers of the sixteenth century. A careful study of this interesting and fair-minded treatise would have prevented many from submitting to Roman claims and errors. Perversions still take place from time to time: some Romans assert that they are very frequent. It would be wise for all concerned in the matter to have this admirable treatise on hand, so as to know the points of difference, to meet assertion with fact, and to protect the ignorant from entanglement.

*Fishers of Men ; or, How to Win the Men.* By Rev. J. E. WATTS-DITCHFIELD. "Home Words" Office, 7, Paternoster Square, E.C. Pp. 148.

It may be hoped that this deeply interesting and important little work will have a broad and lasting effect in the Church of England. Mr. Watts-Ditchfield's name has long and widely been known as a pioneer in London of work amongst working men. His success has been phenomenal, both as curate of St. Peter, Upper Holloway, and as Vicar of St. James-the-Less, Bethnal Green. He has often been asked to give an account of his methods at Cambridge, in the provinces, and in the pages of the CHURCHMAN. In this volume he has given the fullest details, giving tables of suggested subjects, club rules, etc., at the end. The beauty of Mr. Watts-Ditchfield's work is that, though abundance of social results spring from it, it is primarily religious. This is the true order: out of merely social work conversion, repentance and faith will very rarely spring. Every curate on his ordination should be possessed of this generous outpouring of the writer's own very happy and successful experiences. It will help him to put aside academical stiffness, primness, nervousness and shyness, and show him the secret of sympathy with those working men who form the great mass of the people. For, after all, even if the best methods be adopted and most carefully followed, the results can only follow from that true Christian affection of man to man, which is the result of the writer's own entire consecration to God.

*Fairy Stories from the Little Mountain.* By JOHN FINNEMORE. London: Andrew Melrose. Pp. 152. Price 2s. 6d.

Six delightful stories woven from ancient Welsh legends. A really charming addition to fairy lore for children.



## The Month.

THE news from the seat of war during the month has been noteworthy for the very fierce and determined attack on Ladysmith by the Boers. They were beaten back, at the point of the bayonet, by our men, after many long hours of fighting; their loss must have been considerable—at least a thousand killed and wounded; our losses, though heavy, were nothing like as severe. This repulsed attack took place on January 6. On the 10th General Buller moved out of Frere and Chieveley in force; shortly afterwards the Tugela was crossed by a considerable body of troops, and the Engineers had thrown pontoons across the river in several places. The curious feature of the business is that the Boers made no serious opposition to the passage of the river. Their well-known cunning, and equally well-known mobility, make one suspicious as to their apparent