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Notices of Books.

AUTHORITY ECCLESIASTICAL AND BIBLICAL. By the Rev. F. J. Hall, D.D.
 London: *Longmans, Green and Co.* Price 6s. net.

The second of a series of ten volumes comprising a treatise of Dogmatic Theology. Each volume, however, will be complete in itself. The position laid down by the writer is that the three factors of spiritual knowledge—ecclesiastical authority, Biblical authority, and reason—are all vital and need to be taken into account. Authority in general is first dealt with, in which it is shown that authority is an essential factor in all life, and therefore cannot be ruled out of religious matters. Reason, while essential, is insufficient without authority. Objections are then considered from the standpoint of reason, and arguments are adduced for dependence upon authority which is shown to be inevitable in fact as well as universal in experience. Then we are introduced to the question of religious authority, which is said to consist of two parts—ecclesiastical and Biblical. The two sources—Church and Bible—are co-ordinated, and together are regarded as infallible for human guidance in religion. It will be at once seen that Dr. Hall's position is quite different from that of the Prayer-Book and Articles, which unequivocally place Scripture in the supreme position. The author is a Professor of Theology in the Protestant Episcopal Church of America, and dedicates his book to Dr. Pusey, but it is obvious that his view is quite impossible when judged from the standpoint of the history and terms of the Prayer-Book. Much is made of the Church as an infallible authority for teaching, but from first to last there is no real definition of the Church. This is a fatal weakness, because unless we are told plainly where and what the Church is, it is obviously impossible to test its claim to authority. We read, indeed, that "the Church has a living voice" (p. 266), but we are not given any satisfactory information as to where and how that voice can be heard. As one example of what ought to be received on the authority of the Church, we are told that definitions which have been adopted by all parts of the Church acting separately have ecumenical authority, and among these definitions are said to be those "which teach or imply that the consecrated eucharistic species are truly the body and blood of Christ" (p. 273). We are not informed, however, where the Anglican Church has taught this, and, as is well known, it happens to be the exact opposite of what is found in the Prayer-Book. Consequently, Dr. Hall's living voice of the Church does not exist except in the Greek and Roman communions. It is a curious thing that men cannot see the utterly impossible position of attempting to maintain the essential unity and continuity between the Roman, Greek, and Anglican Churches. No member of the Roman or Greek communions would allow this for an instant, and it is only by shutting the eyes to patent facts of history and plain statements of the Prayer-Book that such a view can be upheld. But the facts of history have a curious way of reasserting themselves, and so it will be in the present instance. Dr. Hall's view is, of course, the entirely novel one which came into the English Church with Tractarianism, and which involves its adherents in a position of entire

ecclesiastical isolation. Rome despises it, the Greek Church ignores it, while the most obvious facts of Church of England history from the sixteenth century, as enshrined in the Prayer-Book, are flatly opposed to it. While, therefore, there is much in this book on the question of authority as against Rationalism which will command general assent, and not a little about the Bible which is welcome and helpful, the co-ordination of Church and Bible as our supreme authorities is entirely baseless, and cannot possibly stand examination on the part of those who are prepared to consider all instead of a few factors of the problem.

THE APOCALYPSE OF ST. JOHN—I.-III. By F. A. Hort, D.D. London: *Macmillan and Co., Ltd.* Price 5s.

Every fragment of Dr. Hort's scholarship that we have received since his death only serves to accentuate our regret that he did not give to the world more of his work during his lifetime. It is doubtless true that there is a feeling abroad that injury is done to the reputation of great men by publishing works and fragments of works which they had not themselves prepared for publication, but, as Dr. Sanday truly says in his deeply interesting preface, Dr. Hort is an exception to this rule, for he is one of the few scholars whose work can bear such a test applied to it. For our part we are prepared to welcome anything that his friends think fit to issue. The "working student" in whose interest these precious fragments are published will feel grateful for anything that comes from Dr. Hort's pen. Dr. Sanday thinks that they rank equal to anything else of his that has been published. The present volume consists first of an introduction of forty-four pages, dealing mainly with the author, date, and unity of the Apocalypse; then follow some thirty-five pages of text and commentary on chapters i.-iii., together with two additional notes. It is interesting to see that Dr. Hort advocates the Neronian date, and thus goes against the consensus of current scholarly opinion. Dr. Sanday is evidently impressed by the arguments here adduced, though still quite conscious of the difficulties of the position. The commentary is on the same scale of minute thoroughness as the great commentaries of Lightfoot, Westcott, and Swete, and is full of characteristically suggestive expositions. It may be safely said that no real student of Rev. i.-iii. can afford to neglect this valuable fragment. There is a wealth of thought and scholarship which makes us at once deeply sorry that we do not possess more, and also sincerely thankful for what we do possess.

D. M. THORNTON. By the Rev. W. H. T. Gairdner. London: *Hodder and Stoughton.* Price 3s. 6d. net.

All who know anything of the C.M.S. Egypt Mission know the names of Thornton and Gairdner. Here is the biography of the one by the other. This touching fact invests this book with a profound interest. It is a splendid book in the best sense, for it is alive with spiritual power and conviction. The awful and sacred touch of the Holy Spirit is upon it. The concisely written, and, we must add, the well-written, record of this, in season and out of season, devoted witness to Christ can hardly be read without producing a deep spiritual impression on the reader. The

absolute consecration of this fiery soul, his single-heartedness, his intensity from his Cambridge days to his last moment on earth, must stir the most inert. His splendid ideals, his Spirit-inspired visions, his burning zeal, his bold enterprise, his perpetual joy to bring Christ before people everywhere, his utter faithfulness, his use of every opportunity, his high standard of intellectual achievement in regard to his use of the Arabic language, the development of his evangelizing and literary work, his fruitful and glorious visits to the Upper Nile Valley, his pioneering as preacher-prophet from the centre of the Moslem world, for the salvation of which he lived and died, and the crown of his triumphant death after only those all too brief years, then to be called to rest at the age of thirty-four, constitute one of the most impressive records of a wholly consecrated life which could be read. That this book will live, that it will tell, that Douglas Thornton will go on bearing his splendid witness to the living Person of Christ, is indisputable. The Student Christian Movement, of which he was one of the able and prominent leaders, as well as the cause of Missions in our Universities, and indeed the whole Church of Christ, wherever this life is read, must receive an impulse to go forward, for this is surely one of those striking careers, so brief, and yet so full, so convincing, so triumphant, that it must abide so long as the Love of God and the Cross of Christ and the Power of the Living Lord and the evangelization of the world form the supreme object of the lives of Christians. We thank God for such a unique life ; and we could wish that the record of it might be read by every minister, every student, every Christian worker through the length and breadth of the world.

THE HISTORY OF THE SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIANITY AMONG THE JEWS. By the Rev. W. T. Gidney. London: *London Society for Promoting Christianity among the Jews*. Price 6s.

The London Jews' Society is the mother of all Jewish missionary work, and remains to-day the largest and most important organization at work for Israel. The celebration of the Centenary this year renders it essential that the records of the past should be preserved in such a form as may be of service in the present and future. No one could accomplish this task more thoroughly and effectively than Mr. Gidney, who has given twenty-six years of his life to the Society. Two introductory chapters deal respectively with "Early Efforts to Evangelize the Jews," and "The History of the Jews in England." These form at once a helpful study in themselves, and a valuable preparation for considering the specific work of the Society. The history of the past century is then divided into ten periods of unequal lengths. Starting with the formation of the Society as an interdenominational organization, the work of the first six years is briefly described. Then comes the reconstruction of the Society on Church lines, its extension and progress, its recognition by the English Episcopate, its Jubilee fifty years ago, its advance followed by a period of depression, and then its renewed progress up to the present day. It is quite impossible for us to touch on any of the details here so plentifully supplied. It must suffice to say that it is written with all the accuracy, fulness, clearness, and ability which characterize Mr. Gidney's former works on this subject. Lovers of Israel (and all Christians ought to be) will find this volume indispensable. The last chapter, dealing with problems, is of

special interest because of its bearing on some of the most important religious topics of the day in relation to Israel. Thirteen illustrations add much interest to this valuable work. Mr. Gidney and the Society are to be congratulated on its production, and it ought to have a decided effect on the celebration of the Centenary and on all future missionary work for Israel.

THE DESIRE OF INDIA. By S. K. Datta. London: *The Church Missionary Society*. Price 2s. net.

A missionary text-book on India issued conjointly by a number of the missionary societies in Great Britain for use in missionary bands and study circles. The present edition is specially adapted for use in Church Missionary circles by the addition of a chapter on "Some Features of C.M.S. Work in India," and a supplementary list of books and pamphlets specially bearing upon C.M.S. and C.E.Z.M.S. work. The author is well known in connection with the Student Movement, and has undertaken the task of preparing this work in order to state the case for Christian missions from the point of view of the Indian Church. He tells us that six years of close personal contact with the people of Great Britain have revealed to him how small a place the Indian Church has in the thought and prayer of the Christian public, and we echo his cordial hope and earnest prayer that this text-book may serve to stir up many hearts and lives to pray and labour on behalf of India's millions. Each chapter closes with questions and references for further study, and the illustrations add real interest to the book. All who are contemplating definite missionary study this winter, whether as individuals or as members of missionary study bands, should make this text-book the basis of their work. It is concerned with mission work in its bearing on the immense bulk of the population which is to be found in the villages. Problems relating to the educated classes could not be included within the limits of one text-book. In the same way Mohammedan work has been necessarily almost entirely ignored. Within its own limits the book will do much to create an intelligent, definite, prayerful interest in Indian missions.

THE FULL BLESSING OF PENTECOST. By the Rev. Andrew Murray. London: *James Nisbet and Co., Ltd.* Price 2s. 6d.

We are always glad to welcome a book from this beloved and venerable author. The one before us contains the simple but all-inclusive message that the one thing needful for the whole Church is to be filled with the Spirit of God. Special emphasis is therefore laid on the fact that it is God's will that every one of His children "should live entirely and incessantly under the control of the Holy Spirit"; that without this it is utterly impossible for an individual or a community to live and work as God desires; that this blessing is but little enjoyed in the Church, though God is waiting to bestow it; and that the great hindrance in the way is the life of self, which usurps the place that God ought to occupy. "Every day ought to be a Pentecostal season in the Church of Christ." In the course of twelve chapters the main thought is stated in various ways, and we are shown how the blessing may be ours. It is a book to pray and ponder over. Let every worker who would know the secret of spiritual power make a special note of it. If only it were studied and used, it would make a vast difference to individual lives, and also to the life of the Churches.

ROUND THE WORLD IN A HUNDRED DAYS. By the Rev. F. S. Webster.
London: *Robert Scott*. Price 2s. 6d. net.

Mr. Webster spent eight weeks in China with Mr. Walter Sloan, of the China Inland Mission, as representatives of the Keswick Convention. This is a narrative of the entire journey via the Trans-Siberian Railway and home by the Pacific and America on a hurried journey between June and October, 1907. It is graphically written and is illustrated by snapshot photographs. The travellers came into contact with some hundreds of missionaries gathered at different stations in seven provinces. Their purpose was to hold Keswick Convention meetings for those whom they visited. They were evidently most kindly welcomed by devoted missionaries, and had many seasons of spiritual fellowship with those who are witnessing to Christ in many parts of China under very difficult conditions, which makes the reader feel how sorely the missionaries need our prayers. Mr. Webster sums up the position in China as "hopeful and critical."

THE OLD FAITH AND THE NEW LEARNING. By J. F. Bethune-Baker, B.D.
London: *S.P.C.K.* Price 6d.

A small volume of addresses, in four brief chapters, to Ordination candidates by an examining chaplain. The Dean of Westminster commends them in a preface. The tendency in the first chapter is to attach too much importance to the "new learning" and hardly enough to "the old faith," and an oversensitiveness is displayed in regard to "historical trustworthiness" and "traditional explanations," as if the new critic of theology was superior to everyone else. But there are also some good words on the "old-fashioned religious use of the Bible," on "conversion" to God, on "walking in the way of holiness," and on "finding in Jesus a Saviour," which are very welcome. Those who favour the new learning will find here some telling pleas for certain aspects of the old faith which it were fatal to disregard or set aside.

THE APOSTLE OF THE NORTH. By Rev. H. A. Cody, B.A. London: *Seeley and Co.* Price 7s. 6d.

This life of Bishop Bompas is grand reading. We are filled with admiration and gratitude to God for the gift of such a devoted life. The Archbishop of Rupert's Land writes an introduction expressing his joy at the publication of the life, and emphasizing the Bishop's heroic character. He was ever one to vacate the easy for the difficult post. The regions beyond had a peculiar fascination for him. "No matter how vivid the story is made" (and the biographer does his work well), "it will be hard to portray the real greatness of the man." We cordially endorse this, and recommend to all Christian readers this volume, that concerns a most interesting and consecrated personality and the mighty work he did.

A VIEW OF LIFE. By Margaret E. Thomas. London: *Elliot Stock*.

These thoughts for workers and idlers are good. The writer's view of life is pre-eminently Christian. She gives us eighteen short studies. Her first is "The Bells of the Horses," which is called to teach us holiness in the common things of life. We have found the book refreshing.

GIFT-BOOKS.

THE BAGANDA AT HOME. By C. W. Hattersley. London: *The Religious Tract Society.* Price 5s. net.

Everything connected with Uganda has a deep interest for us all. The story of the Mission is one of the most striking and fascinating in the annals of missionary work, and certainly no Mission of recent years has taken so firm a hold on the imagination and sympathies of Christian people. The present volume is by a well-known C.M.S. missionary, and is intended to give a picture of the people of Uganda as they are to-day. The opening chapter starts with a sketch of the history from the time of Stanley's visit in 1875, and then the recent changes in King, Court, rule, and administration are pointed out. The different parts played by the Government and the Mission are well stated. "But for the Government there would be no Uganda, and but for the Mission there would have been no British rule." Then come interesting accounts of "The Land and its Products," and "How the People Live." A chapter deals with the sad and terrible problem of "The Sleeping Sickness and its Victims," while a chatty account deals with "Travel-Talk," discussing the various routes and methods of travelling from the early days until the present comparative comfort and speed of the railway journey from Mombasa. A valuable account of the educational work of the Mission is given, and this is followed by a chapter on "Religion in Uganda," with its striking account of what has been done during the last seventeen years. A picture of Roman Catholic missionary methods is not at all inviting, and shows the real difficulties faced by the C.M.S. workers. A closing chapter discusses the work yet to be done, and points out that it is a great mistake to think that Uganda can be described as a Christian country. "There remaineth much land to be possessed." Photographs to the number of one hundred add to the interest of this volume, which will make an admirable gift-book and prove equally valuable for students of missions. It is well written, intensely interesting, and ought to have a large circulation. With all these photographs, and over two hundred pages of letterpress, the volume has been produced very cheaply and in an attractive style.

HEROINES OF MISSIONARY ADVENTURE. By Rev. Canon Dawson. London: *Seeley and Co.* Price 5s.

An inspiring and well-written book, giving snapshots of great women missionaries and their work. Canon Dawson tells us exactly as much as is necessary, and no more. Thrilling adventure, sublime heroism, absolute devotion to God and His work in heathen lands, mark every page. It is impossible to read of Mrs. Duff, Mrs. Robert Clark, A.L.O.E., Miss Petrie, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. McDougall, etc., and their magnificent Christianity without being moved to the depths. Twenty-nine chapters—true, thrilling, and inspiring—chain our attention from first to last. We warmly welcome and commend the book. There are twenty-four capital illustrations.

ADVENTURES ON THE HIGH SEAS. By Richard Stead. London: *Seeley and Co.* Price 5s.

Twenty-eight true stories of pluck, energy, endurance, and sometimes of disaster, well told and well illustrated by sixteen illustrations. They are tales of storm and shipwreck, of dangers experienced through ship fires, fogs, ice, and monsoons. The heroism of merchantmen, lifeboat-men, men of war, explorers, find full appreciation here. We strongly feel that such a book of facts as this is just the book for the age. It makes us proud of our great ancestors, and ought to urge us to great deeds. An age of soft pillows and feather beds needs such reading to awaken the slumbering spirit of disinterestedness. Let the boys have every opportunity of reading it!

ASTRONOMY OF TO-DAY. By C. G. Dolmage. London: *Seeley and Co.* Price 5s.

We appreciate Kant's well-known words about the heavens. The feeling of awe must always stay. Dr. Dolmage puts us in debt by his popular, deeply interesting, and thoroughly up-to-date contribution. His object is to interest and instruct the "man in the street" by extracting the main facts and theories from mathematical forms and clothing them in language intelligible to the ordinary person. He has succeeded admirably. Nothing escapes him. He tells us of measurements, of the suns, planets, asteroids, comets, eclipses, etc., and he does it within the compass of 349 clearly printed pages. The last two chapters, entitled "The Beginning and the End of Things," are interesting. The Christian view of the "end" comes as a great relief to some scientific theories. The illustrations are splendid.

FOXÉ'S BOOK OF MARTYRS. London: *Religious Tract Society*. Price 2s.

This new and popular edition was never more needed than to-day. Mr. Grinton Berry, who has edited it most carefully, preserves for us all that is necessary without repetition. The illustrations are most excellent, the printing is good, and the whole book attractive.

THE DAIRYMAN'S DAUGHTER. By Leigh Richmond. London: *The Religious Tract Society*.

This and the other well-known "annals of the poor," are here presented us in an excellent illustrated edition. The reading of it has been blessed to many; it will be blessed to many more.

BISHOP HANNINGTON. By W. Grinton Berry, M.A. London: *The Religious Tract Society*. Price 1s. 6d.

No one can read this book and fail to be alike charmed and inspired. The life and death of Hannington marked a fresh era in missionary enterprise. We are glad that the book closes with a description of Uganda since his death. The story should be in all libraries, personal and parochial.

CAPTAIN COOK. By Frank Mundell. London: *A. Melrose*. Price 1s. net.

We have read this story of the great pioneer discoverer with the greatest interest. Our boys should be led to read it. They will like the story, and will see the obvious moral of so nobly disinterested a life.

ARCHIBALD MENZIES. By Agnes Grant Hay. London: *John Milne*. Price 6s.

This is the story of a rather precocious boy, whose mother taught and lived Christianity. He is disappointed in love, and fails to preserve a sense of proportion in life. He finally becomes a great preacher and the propagator of what in modern terms is called "new theology." The disguise is thin, and the preacher is still living. Hopes are entertained that he will return to the older and better ways. The story is interestingly written.

THE HOUSE WITH DRAGON GATES. By Edith E. Cowper. London: *S.P.C.K.* Price 2s. 6d.

This is a story of old Chiswick in the year 1745, and it provides us with wholesome interest and adventure. There is no distinctively religious tone about it, and some of the expressions, though true to the times, would be better avoided in view of the boys.

DAME JOAN OF PEVENSEY. By Rev. E. E. Crake. *S.P.C.K.* Price 1s. 6d.

Stories that circle about the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries have always a charm of their own. This one, associated with Pevensy Castle, is no exception. There are fights on sea and land, and victory for the hero of the story. His success in love and the value of his mother's prayers stand out clear. Many interesting antiquarian touches are to be found in the book, which we commend.

THE LIFE OF JESUS OF NAZARETH. By William Hole. London: *Eyre and Spottiswoode*. Price 7s. 6d. net.

We are exceedingly glad to have this truly valuable volume of reproductions in colour facsimile of eighty water-colour drawings by Mr. W. Hole, portraying the Life of Christ from the Annunciation to the Ascension. Archdeacon Sinclair and Professor George Adam Smith contribute introductions, and there are notes by the artist. When published two years ago in volume form at three guineas, the edition was limited to a thousand copies, and only a few still remain to be sold. Another edition, published at one guinea, is now entirely out of print, and it is the success of these former editions that makes the issue of the present one possible. It contains all the matter in the guinea book, and is issued at a very low price. The reproductions in colour strike us as, on the whole, very successfully accomplished, and we know of no more valuable or acceptable gift-book than the present volume.

A DAY AT THE ZOO. London: *The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge*. Price 2s.

An entirely new idea in pictures for children. Not only is each animal described by letterpress and illustrations in black and white, but there are also four folding coloured cages. When the page opens some cardboard is lifted up, and a cage containing the beasts, birds, and fishes described stands before the beholders. This will prove one of the most attractive gift-books for young people, interesting and attractive at once. It ought to be in great request at the Christmas season. We know nothing like it for our tiny tots.

HILARY QUEST. By Evelyn Everett-Green. London: *The Pilgrim Press*. Price 5s.

A new story by this popular writer for girls is sure to be welcomed. Quest Hall is a beautiful property, and the supposed heiress, Hilary Quest, enters into her inheritance, while the true heir, another Hilary Quest, is acting as tutor, all unconscious of his claims. How the heir comes into his own and the heiress finds her happiness a perusal of the book will disclose. It is an attractive and even absorbing book.

THE HILLS OF HAURAKI. By S. MacTier. London: *The Sunday-School Union*. Price 2s.

There is much solemn warning in the incidents of this book on the question of the marriage of "the unequally yoked." A Christian wife finds herself in hotel life, through her husband succeeding to his father's business as a publican. Step by step she yields to her husband's request that she should not be so superior in her attitude. Interested in a mission, while secretly becoming fond of her glass of wine, there finally comes a tragedy. This book can be heartily recommended for its strong witness to the evils of the drink. It will prove useful as an addition to the Sunday-school library, though it makes no pretensions to literary power.

"ME AND NOBBLES." By Amy Le Feuvre. London: *Religious Tract Society*. Price 2s.

A most attractive story, sure to please the young folk, and especially those of a lively imagination. "Nobbles" is only the ivory head of a walking-stick, but his round eyes, his smiling mouth, his big ears, and his little red cap invest him with a wonderful individuality in the mind of his small owner. We are full of admiration of the writer's power of making Nobbles a true and worthy hero, together with a charming boy named Bobby. The religious element, always found in Miss Le Feuvre's work, is attractively presented in her well-known style. Unqualified praise can be given to this new book from her pen. It is worthy of a very wide circulation.

PERIODICALS, REPRINTS, AND PAMPHLETS.

THE BIBLIOTHECA SACRA. October, 1908. Oberlin, Ohio, U.S.A. Sold by *Charles Higham and Co.*, London. Price 75 cents.

The present number contains some very valuable articles, including one on "The Real Date of the Gospels," and another on "A Remarkable Claim on Behalf of the Radical Criticism," by Dr. McPheeters. Our contributor Mr. Harold M. Wiener continues his useful, scholarly, and very informing "Essays in Pentateuchal Criticisms." Some notes on particular topics of theological study and brief reviews of books make up the issue. There are other articles, but those to which we have called attention seem to be the most generally important for our readers.

THE JOURNAL OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES. October, 1908. London: *Henry Frowde*. Price 3s. 6d. net.

Three very valuable articles open this number—the first, a brief appreciation of the late Dr. Bigg, by Dr. Inge; the next on "Dr. Hort on the Apocalypse," by the Dean of Westminster; and the first section of a "Historical Introduction to the Textual Criticism of the New Testament," by Mr. C. Harold Turner, dealing with the growth of the idea of a New Testament Canon. We are glad to observe that Mr. H. M. Wiener has an article on "Some Reflections on Dr. Burney's View of the Religion of Israel," which is a particularly useful contribution to a subject that is certain to have increasing attention called to it in the near future. Some of the reviews strike us as just a little belated, but the magazine is, of course, indispensable to all students of theology.

THE EXPOSITOR. Volume V. Seventh Series. London: *Hodder and Stoughton*. Price 7s. 6d. net.

This volume contains the numbers from January to June, 1908, and includes some notable and important contributions. The Dean of St. Patrick's writes on "St. Paul's Doctrine of the Resurrection," Professor Deissmann on "New Testament Philology," and Dr. Driver on the "Aramaic Inscription from Syria." Professor Denney has two exegetical studies of real value, and there are six articles on "The Resurrection of our Lord" by Dr. Orr. Dr. Moffatt provides some interesting "Materials for the Preacher," and there are suggestive expositions by the Rev. G. A. Johnston Ross and the Principal of the Leeds Clergy School. Altogether this is a number that should not be neglected by Bible students.

YOUNG ENGLAND. Vol. xxix. 1908. London: *The Pilgrim Press*. Price 5s.

An illustrated magazine for boys throughout the English-speaking world which contains stories, articles, and many illustrations. Two serial stories, "A Son of the Stars" and "Wulroth the Wanderer," run through the volume. There are many short stories on all kinds of subjects suited to the lighter moments of boys, and articles on a variety of exciting and interesting topics. Brightness, heroism, humour, and a high tone characterize this excellent gift-book.

NEW TESTAMENT IN GREEK. London: *Cambridge University Press*. Price 4s. 6d. net.

A new edition of the New Testament according to the received text, together with the Revisers' readings as footnotes at the bottom of each page. Handy in size, neat in binding, printed on thin paper and in clear type. This will be the very edition of the Greek New Testament for those who are accustomed to use the text of the Authorized Version.

THE SUNDAY AT HOME. November, 1908. London: *The Religious Tract Society*. Price 6d.

This old friend and favourite commenced a new volume in November, and we are promised a feast of good things during the year. We are particularly glad that the magazine caters for Sunday, and does not add to that claim the very vague addition of "and general reading." We need more than ever to fence round the Lord's Day with reading specially and solely adapted for the blessedness and joy of that inestimable ordinance. Our readers should make a special point of circulating this admirably edited magazine.

THE GIRL'S OWN PAPER. November, 1908. London: *The Religious Tract Society*. Price 6d.

We desire to call special attention to the fact that this magazine has been entirely reconstructed, and is now being issued in monthly parts only, under a new editor. Cover, make-up, style of article, and illustrations have all been changed, and though the fundamental aim of the magazine remains as in the past, its scope has now been enlarged, and it now caters for women as well as for girls. It is impossible for us to call attention in detail to the articles, but we heartily commend this admirable effort of the Religious Tract Society to the earnest consideration of all those who are concerned for the spread of pure literature among our girls and young women.

THE SHADOW OF A CRIME. By Hall Caine. JENNIFER PONTEFRACTE. By Alice and Claude Askew. HARUM-SCARUM. By Esme Stuart. LADY PATTY. By Mrs. Hungerford. Price 3½d. net each. London and Glasgow: *William Collins, Sons and Co., Ltd.*

We thought that the limit of cheapness had been reached by the sevenpenny volumes issued by this enterprising firm, but here we have novels at half the price. They are issued with a coloured wrapper, in pocket-size, and with large type. They will assuredly obtain the large circulation that the publishers anticipate and deserve.

HOW ARE THE CLERGY PAID? By T. Bennett. London: *A. C. Fifield*. Price 6d. net.

DISESTABLISHMENT: WHAT IT MEANS. By T. Bennett. London: *A. C. Fifield*. Price 6d. net.

Two pamphlets. The first professes to give a popular history of tithe; the other is an attempt to consider the "historical relations between Church and State." They are both written from the standpoint of a convinced advocate for Disestablishment.

TEN NIGHTS IN A BAR ROOM. By T. S. Arthur. London: *R. J. James*. Price 1d.

This well-known and remarkable temperance story now appears in this cheap form, and it ought to be circulated as widely as possible. It is edited with additions, which make it of special interest at the present moment in connection with the Licensing Bill. All temperance workers should do their utmost to promote its circulation.

IS THE CHURCH A FAILURE? By Rev. W. B. Adams. London: *Elliot Stock*. Price 6d. net.

An appeal by a Churchman of moderate views addressed to all British Christians of every denomination. We are not quite sure that we can accept entirely the author's position, but his spirit and aim are in every way admirable.

We have received from the *Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge* the usual parcel of the *Churchman's Almanack* for 1909. It is issued in six different forms, for use in the prayer desk, on the vestry wall (in sheet form), and in the pocket (interleaved and otherwise). It is also issued as a pocket-book in three different sizes, with diary. This variety makes it of special interest and usefulness, for almost every need and taste is met. The almanack in one or other of its editions is indispensable to Churchmen. The Society also sends the book intended to provide a record of the parochial offertories for the year.