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their conceptions of knowledge and of liberty, and help them to use as the expression of their own feelings the words—"Whither shall I go from Thy Spirit? or whither shall I flee from Thy presence? How precious also are Thy thoughts unto me, O God! How great is the sum of them!"

### Short Notices.

*The Ecclesiastical Crisis in the Church of England.* An Examination of an Address by the Hon. C. L. Wood, President of the E.C.U., with References and Appendices. By the Rev. WILLIAM ANDERSON, M.A., formerly Rector of Upper Cumber and Prebendary of Derry, Minister of the Octagon Chapel, Bath. Pp. 116. Hatchards.

THE President of the English Church Union delivered an Address in Bath on the 29th of February, 1879, explaining and defending the principles and the policy of the Union. The Bishop of Bath and Wells in his Charge on May 1st referred to this Address. The English Church Union, his Lordship said, "had seen fit to select Bath, one of the chief cities of the diocese, for a great demonstration, and for the enunciation by its President of sentiments utterly subversive to the Church of England as by law established, and no less destructive to the episcopal government in the Church." The Bishop further pointed out certain "fallacies and errors," "and the extreme peril to the Church and religion which resulted from them." In the publication before us, which we gladly recommend, Mr. Anderson gives an able examination of Mr. Wood's Address. It is very telling and very timely. The second chapter, which treats of the legal aspects of the important questions at issue, is contributed by Mr. Valpy.

*Lady Sybil's Choice.* A Tale of the Crusades. By EMILY SARAH HOLT, author of "Mistress Margery," &c. Pp. 342. John F. Shaw & Co.

Miss Holt has done well in choosing the Crusade period for her new story. The interesting series of historical tales for which we are indebted to her is greatly valued in a wide circle, and takes a high rank on literary as well as on religious grounds. "The Maiden's Lodge," a Tale of the Reign of Queen Anne, "Clare Avery," a Story of the Spanish Armada, "Imogen," a Story of the Mission of Augustine, with a fifteenth-century Tale of the Court of Scotland, and a Tale of the Marian Persecution, are well known as among the best books of the kind. In some respects, indeed, Miss Holt's stories are unrivalled. The present volume will not diminish, to say the least, her richly merited reputation; it is a high-class, carefully-written work, with an interest of its own. We are inclined to agree with the remark of the gifted authoress that scant justice has been done in modern times to Guy de Lusignan and Sybil his wife. We may add that the book before us, like other volumes of this series, is got up with great taste, and will make an attractive as well as an instructive prize or present.

*Pictures from Bible Lands, drawn with Pen and Pencil.* Edited by SAMUEL G. GREEN, D.D. The Illustrations from Whymper and other eminent artists, principally from photographs. Pp. 200. Religious Tract Society.

The series of "pen and pencil" pictures published by the Religious Tract Society is well known. Among the most pleasing and most valued illustrated volumes on our shelves are "Spanish Pictures," "Swiss Pictures," "American and English," "The Land of the Pharaohs," and

“Those Holy Fields.” All these are truly admirable; they are sumptuous gift-books; as to letterpress illustrations, type, paper, and binding, deserving highest praise. The volume before us is also excellent. Dr. Green has done his work well, devoutly, with skill and cultured judgment. There is not a dull or dry page anywhere, while of the engravings we cannot speak too warmly.

*The Englishman's Critical and Expository Bible Cyclopædia.* Compiled and written by the Rev. A. R. FAUSSET, M.A., Rector of St. Cuthbert's, York. Illustrated by some hundred woodcuts. Pp. 750. Hodder & Stoughton.

We have not space for a notice of this work proportionate to its merits. We must content ourselves with remarking, while cordially commending it, that all the articles which we have examined are carefully compiled, accurate, comprehensive, and clear, and that the volume is cheap, well printed, and well bound. Mr. Fausset is known as a scholar and divine of no mean order. His “Studies in the Psalms,” for instance, is remarkable for thought and power. His “Bible Cyclopædia” will prove, we trust, a great success.

*The Boys' Own Annual.* An Illustrated Volume of Pure and Entertaining Reading. Edited by JAMES MACAULAY, M.A., M.D. “Leisure Hour” Office, Pp. 590.

Happy the boy who gets this “Annual!” The cover is splendid, the coloured frontispiece charming, the illustrations are plentiful, the stories—and there is a bountiful supply—are just what boys like, the very odds and ends will be voted “first-rate,” the natural history bits are piquant, and the pages, which at first sight seem dry, are really “not a bit” so. A more attractive, and, we may add, a better, book for boys we never expect to see. As to the religious tone of the book its pure and instructive character, it is enough to remark that it is edited by Dr. Macaulay, the experienced and able Editor of *The Leisure Hour*—one of the greatest literary successes of these times. We have been pleased but by no means surprised to hear that the “Boys' Own Paper,” weekly and monthly issue, has an immense circulation. We heartily recommend the “Annual.”

*A Few Notes of Facts on the Sunday Question.* By B. A. HEYWOOD, M.A., Trinity College, Cambridge. Seeleys.

A fourteen-paged tract; timely and telling; *multum in parvo*. The opening sentence runs thus:—“On the 3rd of May, 1879, Lord Thurlow and fifty-eight other Peers voted that it is advisable to open the Metropolitan Museums, &c., on Sunday afternoons as an alternative to the public-houses; but they must have forgotten that the latter places are closed between the hours of three p.m. and six p.m. on Sundays, or they would not have stultified themselves by proposing to set up counter-attractions to closed institutions.”

*Ritualism Uncatholic.* No. 1. By HELY SMITH. Bemrose and Sons.

The Rev. Hely Smith, well known as the author of that vigorous little book, “High Church,” has done well to publish a series of pamphlets on the Romanising movement. His first Number gives good promise.

*Philosophy of the Waverley Novels.* By the Hon. ALBERT S. G. CANNING. Smith, Elder & Co.

A clever and interesting book, undoubtedly; but, viewed from the standpoint of decidedly Christian “philosophy,” not satisfactory. Mr. Canning utterly fails, we think, in one point. He labours to establish that one of the chief objects of Scott's historical novels was to explain the conduct of influential fanatical enthusiasts.

*Ritualism and Romanism.* By the Very Rev. EDWARD B. MOERAN, D.D.,  
Dean of Down. Dublin: Geo. Herbert.

An interesting, well-written pamphlet of forty pages, with many suggestive statements. With regard to revision in the Church of Ireland, Dr. Moeran says that their real work, so far as Rome is concerned, was not uselessly to repeal protests against doctrines long ago set aside, "but in the wiser procedure of dealing with insidious approximations to them. With this object in view, we removed the Ornaments Rubric from our Prayer-Book; we added a new question and answer to that part of our Catechism relating to the Holy Communion; we dealt with Confession to, and Absolution thereon, by a priest, and left our mark upon them; we rejected what is termed 'Sacerdotalism,' by equalising 'Presbyter' with 'Priest;' we dealt with the mode of conducting Divine Service, not only by positive, but also by negative enactments, declaring both what was to be observed and what was to be avoided, and so on." The Dean adds:—"I believe we may all allow that in these our precautionary measures we have not erred by defect."

*Rays from the Realms of Nature. Parables of Plant Life.* By the Rev. JAMES NEIL, M.A., author of "Palestine Repeopled." Cassell, Petter, Galpin & Co.

An attractive volume. Mr. Neil follows Mr. Macmillan's "Bible Teachings in Nature," but his "parables" are short and simple, as well as suggestive. There are many woodcuts, and the coloured "Floral Dial" is very pretty. Mrs. Hemans writes:—

'Twas a lovely thought to mark the hours,  
As they floated in light away,  
By their opening and their folding flowers,  
That laugh to the summer day.

At three o'clock in the morning awakes the yellow goats-beard, at four o'clock the brilliant azure wild succory, at five the yellow nipple-wort, at six the buttercup; at seven o'clock the white water-lily—

To the light  
Its chalice rears of silver bright;

and so, hour by hour, on during the day.

*Eddie's Letter; or, Talks with the Little Folks.* By the Rev. GEORGE EVERARD, M.A., Vicar of St. Mark's, Wolverhampton. Pp. 172. W. Hunt & Co.

Mr. Everard is well known as the author of useful little books of a devotional character; earnest, simple, thoroughly Evangelical. The book before us, with an attractive cover, is well printed and illustrated.

*The Migration from Shinar.* The Earliest Links between the Old and New Continents. By Captain GEO. PALMER, R.N., F.R.G.S., author of "Scripture Facts and Scientific Doubts," "Kidnapping in the South Seas," &c. Pp. 250. Hodder & Stoughton.

An interesting work. The migration of the human race, the laws that regulate the ocean currents, as well as those of the atmosphere, and the wants of the human race, are the subjects mainly dwelt upon. Profound reverence for the Scriptures is a chief characteristic.

*Within the Palace Gates.* By the Rev. C. BULLOCK, B.D. Pp. 76.  
Office of "Hand and Heart."

"A tribute to the memory of one of the noblest and truest-hearted and most loyal of the King's servants." A tasteful little book.

*Common Praise.* Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs, for use in the Church of England. Pp. 620. The Christian Book Society, 11, Adam Street, Strand.

"This book of Common Praise will be found both comprehensive and exclusive. It contains a large number of the best classical and popular compositions, expressing the spiritual teaching of the Reformed Church of England. Whatever was not in accordance with this has been excluded." We quote from the preface to this new Hymnal, in compiling which "the Editors have set before themselves, as a model, the Book of Common Prayer," desiring that their "Common Praise" should exhibit the "spirituality and purity," "fulness and suitableness," "moderation and candour" which Simeon loved as the excellences of our Liturgy. Without attempting any critical examination of the work at present, we heartily recommend it as deserving, at all events, careful and candid consideration. It contains 822 hymns. In publishing it, the excellent "Christian Book" Society has done good service.

*Lectures on St. Paul's Epistle to the Galatians.* By S. EDALJI, Vicar of Great Wyrley. Pp. 110. Elliot Stock.

The keynote of these Lectures is—"Christ's Gospel is not a ceremonial law (as much of Moses' law was), but it is a religion to serve God . . . in the freedom of the Spirit," a Prayer-Book principle often ignored.

*Hand and Heart.* An Illustrated Weekly Journal. Conducted by the Rev. CHARLES BULLOCK, B.D. Vol. IV.

We heartily recommend this volume. It contains a large number of illustrations; it is well printed, handsomely bound, and cheap; the articles, as a rule, are lively, interesting, and really good, admirably suited for the classes specially regarded. Mr. Bullock has been doing earnest service, in this way, for a considerable time; and he deserves to be supported by all who appreciate the importance of sound wholesome literature. We should be pleased to know that a copy of the *Hand and Heart* volume is placed in every parish library.

*George Moore: Merchant and Philanthropist.* By SAMUEL SMILES, LL.D. Pp. 460. George Routledge & Sons.

A new, cheap edition of a deeply interesting biography, well and widely known, needs but few words of commendation. It is a pleasure to us, however, to express our high opinion of this book, and warmly recommend it, at the same time endorsing, from personal knowledge, the strongest *In Memoriam* testimonies contained in it to the true-hearted, large-hearted Christian, George Moore.

*Chimes from Bygone Years.* Thoughts for Daily Reading. By CHARLOTTE BICKERSTETH WHEELER, author of "Gleams through the Mist," &c. With a Preface by the Lord Bishop of Ripon. Pp. 366. Elliot Stock,

This volume, writes the Bishop of Ripon, in heartily recommending it, is a collection of many valuable thoughts variously expressed, in word or writing, by devoted servants of Christ, eminent for practical wisdom and personal holiness. "Many of them are suggestive; all have some degree of value." The readings, not too long, are evidently the result of devout study. The book is well printed in clear type on good paper.

*Through the Church Porch.* By E. WARDEN. Pp. 100. W. Poole.

Verses showing a tender thankful spirit, and, withal, poetical. An attractive little volume. It is dedicated, by permission, to the Archbishop of York.