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The schism, in fact, lasted nearly seventy years.

The moral to be drawn from this episode is summed up by Coluccio Salutato, Papal secretary, writing to Jodocus, Margrave of Brandenburg and Moravia:—

After the death of Gregory XI., of happy memory, no person belonging to the party of the invalidly elected Pontiff has obtained the priestly dignity, seeing that the jurisdiction for conferring priestly orders has failed. Consequently, those who are in the obedience of a false Pontiff, though in good faith and a pure conscience, if they fall in with anyone ordained by the new bishops, if they adore the Host and Chalice, will not adore the Body and Blood of Christ, but the mere substance of bread and of wine mingled with water, as it were an idol.<sup>1</sup>

Therefore all ordinations of priests, or consecration of bishops, by such bishops, would be equally invalid, and the consequences, according to Roman theory, disastrous.

C. H. COLLETTE.

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## Short Notices.

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*Principles of Biblical Criticism.* By Rev. J. J. LIAS, M.A. Eyre and Spottiswoode.

FOR intelligent readers who are not experts in the science of Biblical Criticism and who are too busy to study the *opera majora* of the critics themselves, the present work will prove of real and lasting service. "The object of this volume," says the writer in his preface, "is to place before the reader the principles on which the criticism of the Bible has been carried on, as well as the results which are supposed to have been attained." With the reckless and revolutionary spirit manifested in recent Biblical criticism Mr. Lias has no sympathy; he adheres, in the main, to the traditional view, modified, however, in the light of research, and corrected in accordance with the just demands of temperate criticism. Negative criticism, says Mr. Lias, is arbitrary as resting largely on conjecture instead of proof; and he concludes that, far from the history of Israel being a thing of shreds and patches, it forms a coherent whole; while, as for the sacred records in which that great history is embalmed, it stands before us a "consistent whole, the product of One Divine Mind, inspired by one Spirit, teaching one and the same truth throughout, though with ever-increasing clearness as the years roll on." Besides the fact that the volume Mr. Lias has given us is written in an interesting manner, it is full of sound learning, as the scholarlike footnotes—of which there are a considerable number—abundantly show. We hope it will be very widely circulated, as it deserves to be.

*The Biblical Doctrine of Sin.* By Prof. J. S. CANDLISH, D.D. Edinburgh: T. and T. Clark.

We wish to call attention—though all too late, for the book now noticed has been out some time—to the admirable series of "Handbooks for Bible-classes and private students" issued by the enterprising firm of

<sup>1</sup> Apud Martone, "Thea. Anecd.," ii. 1160. Quoted by Dr. Littledale, in his "Petrine Claims," cap. viii., p. 335. S.P.C.K.

Messrs. T. and T. Clark, in which series Dr. Candlish's little work appears. Some of the numbers in that series are already known and prized, *e.g.*, Dr. Stalker's "Life of St. Paul." The present volume is on so important a subject that a word of special notice must be accorded it. Without a just conception of the awfulness of sin, there can be no real recognition of the need for the world's redemption. It would hardly be too much to say that the body of Christian theology is centred upon that doctrine—the doctrine of sin. Dr. Candlish's treatment, if brief, is entirely adequate, so far as it goes, and we hope that it will be carefully studied by those for whom it was designed, in conjunction with the same writer's excellent little treatise on the work of the Holy Spirit in the same series of class-books.

*The Divine Life of the Church* (Scottish Church Society Conferences). In 2 vols. Edinburgh : Gardner Hill.

A series of "twenty-minute papers," contributed at the Second Annual Conference of the Scottish Church Society, held in February of this year. One paper, however, breaks the "twenty-minute" rule, for it fills up nearly 200 pages of the first volume. Its subject is the "Sacrament of Baptism," by the Rev. J. Macleod, minister of Govan, Glasgow. With the exception of this paper, and a short one by Professor Flint (vol. ii., p. 171) on the attitude which the Church should assume towards the leading phases of modern thought, there is nothing to attract special attention in either volume. Professor Flint's paper is just what we might expect from a man of his clear-sighted erudition and practical sagacity ; we should like to see his paper sown broadcast over the land. Its only fault is its brevity.

*The Great Question answered.* By the Rev. A. METCALFE. Nisbet and Co. Second edition.

We are glad to see this devout little work has reached the honours of a second edition. We trust it may have a wide circulation.

*Bishop Guest: Articles XXVIII. and XXIX.* By Rev. G. F. HODGES (with a preface by Rev. A. J. Mason, D.D.). London : Percival and Co.

A very able, though brief, historical disquisition, the value of which is in inverse proportion to its bulk. Mr. Hodges' contention is that Bishop Guest is rightly claimed as a maintainer of a Real (Objective) Presence in the Sacraments ; that Article XXVIII. was so worded by him as to cover this belief, *but* that Convocation did not accept Article XXVIII. in the sense attached to it by the Bishop.

*How to read the Prophets.* By the Rev. BUCHANAN CLARKE. Part V. Edinburgh : T. and T. Clark.

The value of this series is now well known. The present volume brings it to a close, embracing the "second" Isaiah, Daniel, and the Post-Exilic Prophets. The usual characteristics are of course reproduced, including a translation in good plain English, useful exegetical notes, and a glossary of names. The claim is made that these volumes will be especially serviceable to the Christian laity, and have been prepared almost exclusively for their benefit. This may be so, but there will be many ministers who will find more perhaps that is helpful and stimulating than in any similar treatise.

*The Gospel on the Continent.* Incidents in the life of James Craig. Edited by his daughter. London : Hodder and Stoughton.

Dr. Craig was a Presbyterian minister who did much devoted work in continental fields. This narrative of his labours forms a sufficiently interesting biography. Many of the anecdotes that are contained in its pages possess a peculiar value.

*The Works of the Rev. Griffith Edwards.* Edited by the Rev. ELIAS OWEN, M.A. London : Elliot Stock.

The late Mr. Edwards, Vicar of Llangadfan, Montgomeryshire, wrote three parish histories possessed of unusual merit. These, with some fugitive poems in Welsh and English, have been collected into the handsome volume before us, to which an appropriate memoir has been prefixed.

*The Highway of Sorrow.* By HESBA STRETTON. London : Cassell and Co.

In this story all the powers of the well-known authoress are used on behalf of the persecuted Stundist sect of Russia. These poor Protestants are treated probably rather more severely than the Jews, but with the exception of Tolstoi and Hepworth Dixon, very few voices have been raised on their behalf. Hesba Stretton's pathetic tale is therefore all the more welcome.

*Crowned, not Crushed.* By MARY H. P. CUNLIFFE. London : S.P.C.K.

A series of charming and sympathetic addresses to those whom the authoress calls "Family Incapables," with many sound hints as to how even the weakly and deformed can make themselves of real value to those about them.

*Luther Anecdotes.* Compiled by Dr. MACAULAY. Pp. 189. Price 6d. R.T.S. Library.

These anecdotes of the great German Reformer have been gathered from his books, letters and history, by Dr. Macaulay, of the "Leisure Hour," with great care, and, in the words of the editor, they give his (Luther's) own account, in his own words, of the chief events of the great movement of which he was the leader ; and the book thus forms, in some measure, a fragment of autobiography.

*Tourist Guide to the Continent* (with illustrations). Edited by PERCY LINDLEY. Pp. 158. Price 6d. London : 30, Fleet Street.

This little guide, which is in its sixteenth year of issue, is published in the interests of the Great Eastern Railway Company ; but it contains information of considerable usefulness to any who may be intending to visit the many places of interest in the North of Europe. Specially helpful features are the excellent maps and the hints for cycling tours. It is written in a pleasant and chatty style.

*The Christian Traveller's Continental Handbook.* Edited by the Rev. G. H. GIDDINS, with an introduction by F. YEATS EDWARDS. Pp. 162. Seventh edition revised. Elliot Stock.

This well-printed and popular guide-book has long ago established its reputation as a standard work. Of the new edition there is little to be said save that much new information has been added, and its usefulness has thereby been extended. This new matter includes, besides hints common to all books of this character, much that will be of interest even to experienced travellers. The list of the chief Protestant agencies in Europe appears very complete.

*The White King's Daughter.* By EMMA MARSHALL. Seeley and Co. Price 3s. 6d. Pp. 298.

Mrs. Marshall's historical stories are always interesting and graphic, and this account of the Princess Elizabeth—who is by no means the principal figure in the tale—is no exception. But the book shows signs of somewhat careless and hasty writing, and we cannot understand why the beautiful and touching story of the Princess's death alone with the open Bible should have been suppressed, and the fictitious account of an apparition substituted.

*Home Questions.* By Rev. CLEMENT BLAKELOCK. S.P.C.K. Price 1s. Pp. 80.

We can most cordially recommend this unpretending little work as a wedding gift-book, in the words of the preface, "from the clergy and others to old Sunday scholars and servants."

*Our Little Ones.* By Rev. WALTER SENIOR. Home Words Office. Price 1s. 6d. Pp. 69.

This well-got-up little book contains some useful hints and excellent advice to mothers, and will be a valuable help to Mothers' Meetings.

#### MAGAZINES.

We have received the following (September) magazines :

*The Thinker, The Expository Times, The Religious Review of Reviews, The Review of the Churches, 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, Light in the Home, Awake, India's Women, The Parish Helper, Parish Magazine, The Bible Society's Gleanings for the Young, The Bible Society's Monthly Reporter, The Zenana, The Cottager and Artisan, Friendly Greetings, Little Folks, Our Little Dots, The Child's Companion, Boy's and Girl's Companion, The Children's World, Daybreak, Day of Days, Home Words, and Hand and Heart.*



#### THE MONTH.

##### THE NEW BISHOP OF ROCHESTER.

THE Rev. Edward Stuart Talbot, D.D. (says the *Times*), was born in 1844, and is the second son of the late Hon. John Chetwynd Talbot, Q.C., the fourth son of the second Earl Talbot, his mother being the daughter of the first Lord Wharncliffe. Canon Talbot had a distinguished University career, taking a first class in the Final Classical Schools in 1865, and a first class in the School of Law and Modern History in the following year. On the foundation of Keble College in 1870, he left Christ Church to preside over the new society, and acted as Warden till 1888, when he was appointed by the Crown to succeed Dr. Jayne, the Bishop of Chester, as Vicar of Leeds. The new Bishop has served two terms of office as Select Preacher at Oxford, was a public examiner from 1874 to 1876, and acted as chaplain to the Archbishop of Canterbury from his translation till 1889. He became an honorary chaplain to the Queen in 1890, and a chaplain-in-ordinary last year, and since 1891 has been an honorary Canon of Ripon. Dr. Talbot contributed an essay on "The Preparation in History for Christ" to *Lux Mundi*. He married in 1870 the Hon. Lavinia Lyttelton, the third daughter of the late Lord Lyttelton. He is a most amiable and self-denying man, a very able and thoughtful preacher, and a devout Christian. He is a High Churchman.

##### NEW CANON OF CANTERBURY.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has appointed the Rev. A. J. Mason, D.D., to the canonry in Canterbury Cathedral vacated by the appoint-