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C. S. Schiller has put it in his "Riddles of the Sphinx") as a machinery for regulating, limiting, and restraining the consciousness which it encases, rather than as that which produces and illuminates consciousness; and (2) that though our modern knowledge has given us a certain democratic conception, we still retain an aristocratic heart. Rationally, we have become persuaded that, if immortality be true, a numberless multitude—some of its members possibly arboreal in habits—must be styled immortals: but, practically, our sense of superiority to the rudimentary part of the crowd, and our desire for a more distinguished destiny than seems proper for our prehistoric forebears and some of our Australian contemporaries, make us refuse to stand candidates with them. The man of to-day who rejects the belief in immortality probably does so—this appears to be Professor James's contention—either because he does not see how he can reserve immortality for the types that his sympathies select, or because his imagination exercises an unfair influence upon his reason in view of a multitude which passes numbers. It is his imagination, not his reason, which makes him take his stand outside the hope of immortality.

Professor James, and, we should add, Mr. Balfour and Mr. Illingworth, are entirely right in seeking to study and uncover the imaginative element in current unbelief.

An Apostle's Correspondence. By the Rev. H. G. D. LATHAM, M.A. S.P.C.K.

A pleasing little volume, dealing with the Pauline Epistles in an untechnical manner, which will be acceptable to the reader who wishes for information clearly put. The book consists of four chapters, and a brief appendix on the order and dates of the Epistles. The book may be recommended for use in schools.

True Limits of Ritual in the Church. Edited by the Rev. R. LINKLATER, D.D. London: Longmans, Green and Co.

This book contains learned and earnest discussions on various points of controversy by the editor, Mr. J. T. Micklethwaite, and the Revs. C. F. G. Turner, John Wylde, H. Arnott, T. A. Lacey, W. F. Cobb, and H. E. Hall. The main purport of the essays is to present the irreducible minimum that is acceptable to the Neo-Anglican party in the Church, although it is portrayed as a series of suggestions for agreement. The tone and temper of the book is admirable, and Mr. Hall's suggestions for a basis of agreement in matters liturgical and ceremonial in the final contribution are marked by much sobriety and common-sense. Having said so much, we must add regretfully that a permanent solution of our present difficulties does not seem probable on the lines indicated.



The Month.

THE Dreyfus trial is not expected to be finally closed and the verdict reached till August 31. The sensation of the hour in connection with this *cause célèbre* is the attempted assassination of M. Labori, Dreyfus's counsel, by some ruffian hired for the purpose. This attempt to frustrate justice is a scandal of the worst sort. Unhappily, too, it has become increasingly evident that the Court at Rennes is unfavourable to Dreyfus; hence an adverse verdict would not altogether come as a surprise. For the rest, not a tittle of real evidence against Dreyfus has

been brought forward, though there has been plenty of malicious gossip floating about.

The Paris correspondent of the *Times* has recently stated that the Russian Emperor is tired of the Throne, and contemplates abdicating. The Tzar is deeply vexed at the failure of the Peace Conference, for one thing ; and, for another, he is a prey to melancholy, and regards the future with continual apprehensions. The story has not been confirmed ; on the other hand, it has not been satisfactorily disposed of, official denials of the stereotyped kind going for very little.

The crisis in the Transvaal recently reached an acute state ; but it is improbable that war will be declared, provided the Boers are firmly convinced of England's determination to carry her point. Any misunderstanding on this score, through apparent weakness on the part of one of our responsible statesmen, might bring things to a head at once.

The decision of the Archbishops was published on July 31 as to the "lawfulness of the liturgical use of incense and of processional lights." Both incense and lights are declared illegal. The grounds on which the Archbishops' decision is based are the obligations of every clergyman to use "the form in the Book of Common Prayer and none other," and the fact that the Book of Common Prayer does not, in fact, order liturgical incense and processional lights. Omission, some have tried to argue, is not prohibition. The Archbishops very justly waive aside such an attempt to evade a clear ruling, and their decision ends with the following earnest appeal to the clergy : "We have now given our decision as the Prayer-Book requires us to do. We entreat the clergy, for the sake of the peace of the Church, to accept our decision thus conscientiously given in the name of our Common Master, the Supreme Head of the Church."

The decision of the Archbishops is so eminently temperate, sane, and just, that we are not surprised it has called forth the commendation of all law-abiding Churchmen. The question now is, Will the decision be obeyed ? A brief time may, indeed (as Sir Theodore Hope asks), be allowed to the "recalcitrants" to make up their minds on the point, but not too long a time. This would enable these clerics and their lay supporters to arrange for systematic rebellion. Sir William Harcourt, in his letter on the subject in the *Times* of August 8, very properly says that, in cases of obstinacy and disobedience, the offending clergyman should not be allowed the cheap martyrdom of a short imprisonment, but simply be deprived. "Deprivation, not imprisonment," ought to be writ large. We do not want the old errors of the Church Association repeated.

Anyhow, resistance would not only be illogical, but disastrous to the Church's peace and best interests. Also, it is abundantly clear, as the *Record* says, that the decision of the Archbishops is absolutely destructive of the Neo-Anglican position.

The Bishop of London has offered the living of Brompton, in succession to Prebendary Covington, to the Rev. A. W. Gough, Vicar of St. John's, Highbury Vale. This is an excellent appointment, and will be thoroughly appreciated. Mr. Gough is a powerful preacher, and a most able organizer and untiring worker.

The Bishop of Worcester has conferred the Hon. Canonry in Worcester Cathedral held by the late Canon Wilkinson upon the Rev. A. J. Robinson, his successor as Rector of Birmingham.

The Bible Society's ninety-fifth annual report has just been issued. We learn from it that there is a deficiency for the year of £4,769, but it is encouraging to find an increase of £3,579 in the free contributions from auxiliaries at home and abroad. It is also satisfactory to find the translation and revision work of the society continue to grow. Since its foundation in 1804, the society has issued copies of the Scriptures in 350 languages, to the total extent of 160,000,000.

The Keswick Convention this year has been larger than ever. The Bishop of Sierra Leone seems to have made a deep impression on those who heard him speak—not least on the young men who were present in considerable numbers. One of the practical results of the Keswick movement is seen in the great revival of interest both in Home and Foreign Missions. The special "missionary meetings" in connection with the Convention were addressed by Mr. Eugene Stock, the Bishop of Mombasa, and others.

The Bishop of Ripon recently unveiled a window which has been placed in Haslemere Parish Church as a memorial to the late Lord Tennyson, who lived for so many years in the neighbourhood. The subject of the window, which has been adapted from a design by the late Sir E. Burne-Jones, is "The Attainment," and represents Sir Galahad at the little chapel where the vision of the Holy Grail first comes to him. Behind him stands one of the Grail angels with a silver plate and a spear in his hands, and in the chapel is the Holy Grail on the altar with an angel kneeling behind it. Above is a crimson cloth, which is represented as having been removed from the Grail itself, and three drops of blood are dropping from it. Beneath the window is the following inscription: "To the glory of God, the inspirer of prophet and of poet, and in memory of Alfred, Lord Tennyson, Poet Laureate, in thankfulness for the music of his words and for that yet more excellent gift whereby, being himself schooled by love and sorrows, he had power to confirm in the hearts of many their faith in the things that are not seen, their hope of immortality, this window is dedicated to some friends and neighbours in Haslemere in the year of our Lord, MDCCCXCIX."

A preliminary meeting of the committee formed to promote a memorial to Simon de Montfort at Evesham, has been held at Worcester. It is proposed to erect an equestrian figure in aluminium, on a suitable base and under a canopy, on the spot where Simon de Montfort was buried—that is, close to where once stood the high altar of Evesham Abbey, of which there is now no trace. Permission has been obtained from the owner of the land Mr. E. Charles Rudge, who is lord of the manor, and Mr. R. A. Briggs, F.R.I.B.A., has been appointed architect. The monument is estimated to cost about £2,500.

The University Extension Summer Meeting was opened at Oxford early in August, nearly a thousand students being present. An inaugural address was delivered by the Hon. G. C. Brodrick, Warden of Merton College, who took as his subject "Half a Century of University History," and said that on the whole the University was worthier of preservation and of higher value than ever in our democratic and utilitarian age.

News has been received at the Royal Geographical Society that the section of the famous mpundu tree at Chitambos which marked the place where Dr. Livingstone died has been successfully removed by Mr. Codrington, the Deputy-Administrator of Northern Rhodesia, and will be sent to England for preservation.

The Wesleyan Conference has now received the report of the Twentieth Century Fund. Of the million guineas hoped for 669,214 have been promised. Almost every circuit has now been organized for the purpose of the fund.

DONATIONS AND BEQUESTS.

The Church Pastoral Aid Society has received a donation of £500 and one of £250 from two friends of the society.

By his will Mr. Thomas Lockwood, of Bilton House, Harrogate, who died on April 11, aged ninety-two, bequeathed to the Church Pastoral Aid Society, the Church Missionary Society, the Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy, the Clergy Daughters' School at Casterton, the Poor Clergy Relief Corporation, the Clergy Orphan Corporation, the S.P.G., the Victoria Clerical Aid Society, and the Church of England Central Society for Providing Homes for Waifs and Strays, £2,000 each. Besides these munificent bequests, Mr. Lockwood allotted to the Vicar of Bradford for a mission-house, £1,000; to the Mayor of Harrogate and the Vicars of the parish churches of Christ Church and St. Peter's, £2,000 in trust to apply the income for the benefit of the poor of those two parishes; and to the Vicar of Almondbury, Huddersfield, and the churchwardens of Christ Church, Sinthwaite, near Huddersfield, £1,000 to increase the endowment of Christ Church, Sinthwaite, upon condition that the Governors of Queen Anne's Bounty or the Ecclesiastical Commissioners shall contribute a like amount.

The long-delayed volume "Church and Faith," which Messrs. Blackwood are publishing, will definitely be published in September, in time for the Church Congress (which begins on October 9). Two fresh writers have consented to contribute to its pages—Sir Richard Temple and the Lord Bishop of Hereford, who is to write the preface.

Until lately it was supposed that no sound text of the apocryphal Book of Ecclesiasticus existed. The rendering generally in use was the result of Rabbinical versions and quotations pieced together. Recent discoveries have brought much of the original Hebrew to light; and the result is now given us by the Cambridge University Press. Dr. Schechter, of London University, and Dr. Taylor, of Cambridge, edit this most interesting publication. It seems that the MSS. that enabled its preparation were found at Cairo.

Messrs. Methuen announce for early publication the Bampton Lectures for 1899, by Rev. W. R. Inge, M.A. The title of the book will be "Christian Mysticism."

Messrs. Macmillan and Co. announce for publication in October the first number of their new quarterly to be called the *Journal of Theological Studies*. It will be edited by Mr. C. H. Turner, of Magdalen College, Oxford, with the assistance of Rev. Dr. Barnes, of Peterhouse, Cambridge. An editorial committee, comprising all the divinity professors of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, with Dr. Robertson, Principal of King's College, London, and Canon Armitage Robinson, will exercise a general supervision of the periodical, which is intended not only to be a serviceable organ of communication between students of theology, but also to appeal to those who, without being professed students, yet take a keen interest in Biblical and theological studies.

NEW PUBLICATIONS, ETC.

- Authority and Archaeology: Sacred and Profane.* Edited by D. G. HOGARTH, M.A. Murray. 16s.
- [Includes contributions from the Editor; Professor S. R. Driver; F. Ll. Griffith, M.A.; Rev. A. C. Headlam, B.D.; Professor E. A. Gardner; F. Haverfield, M.A., F.S.A.]
- Naturalism and Agnosticism* (Gifford Lectures. 1896-98). By Professor JAMES WARD, Sc.D. A. and C. Black. Two volumes. 18s. net.
- From Comte to Benjamin Kidd.* By Rev. R. MACKINTOSH, D.D. Macmillan. 8s. 6d. net.
- Physiology and Life.* By Professor HUGO MÜNSTERBERG. Constable. 6s. net.
- The Sources of Archbishop Parker's Collection of MSS., at Corpus College, Cambridge.* By M. R. JAMES, Litt.D. Bell and Son. Price 5s.
- The Archbishops' Decision as to the Liturgical Use of Incense and the Lawfulness of Carrying Lights in Procession.* Delivered at Lambeth Palace, July 31, 1899. Macmillan. Price 1s. net.
- A Constitutional and Political History of Rome.* By T. M. TAYLOR, M.A. Methuen. Price 7s. 6d.
- Destination, Date, and Authorship of the Epistle to the Hebrews.* By H. H. B. AYLES. Cambridge University Press. Price 5s.

 Obituary.

WE regret to have to record the death, at the age of fifty-six, of the Right Rev. Daniel Lewis Lloyd, seventy-first Bishop of Bangor, who retired from office only last year. He was a brilliant educationalist, a finished Welsh scholar, and a man of power and energy. Unfortunately he suffered from ill-health for some years past, and this was the cause of his resigning the Bishopric of Bangor, which he had only held for eight years. He was one of the most remarkable Welshmen of his generation.

The diocese of Lincoln has lost one of its best-known clergy in the person of the Rev. Canon Arthur Robert Pennington, who died on the 19th inst., at Utterby, near Louth, aged eighty-five. He graduated from Trinity College, Cambridge, as eighth Junior Opt. in 1838. After serving as curate of St. Peter's, Colchester; St. James's, Walthamstow; and St. Dunstan's-in-the-West, he was presented forty-five years ago to the vicarage of Utterby, which he occupied till his death. In 1882 Bishop Christopher Wordsworth made him a prebendary of Lincoln Cathedral. He was a considerable writer on subjects connected with the Reformation. His "Life of Erasmus" appeared in 1875, and he published a biography of John Wycliffe in connection with the Wycliffe commemoration of 1884. His latest work, "The Papal Conclaves," was issued when he was eighty-three years of age.

Among recent deaths we have to record those of Professor A. B. Bruce, of the Free Church College, Glasgow, well known for his apologetic and other works on the Christian religion, and of Dr. David Johnson, ex-Professor of Biblical Criticism, Aberdeen. Dr. Bruce was in his sixty-ninth year, and was one of the chief representatives in Scotland of the *Vermittelungs Theologie*. He was Gifford Lecturer at Glasgow in 1897-98, when he delivered his discourses on "The Providential Order of the World."