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An endeavour is made to show the connexion between the new road of knowledge, which science is opening up, and the ancient road of faith, which religion maintains.

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"The Great Salvation: a Gospel for the Day," is a book which has grown from a series of lectures which the author—Rev. Peter Wilson, M.A., of St. Andrew's Place United Free Church, Leith—delivered to students attending the Training Institute of the Edinburgh Presbytery of the United Free Church.

Archdeacon Chapman's long-expected edition of the "Sacrist Rolls of Ely" is at length published, or, rather, a limited number of copies are for sale—to be exact, about 50. These can be purchased from G. A. Tyndall, Minster Press, Ely. The work is in two volumes, and admirably printed and edited. The first volume contains Notes on the Sacrist Rolls, from 1291 to 1350, with four appendices. Volume II. contains the transcripts of the Rolls, with a careful glossary of Latin terms. The work is one which every ecclesiastical antiquary should, if possible, secure while he has a chance.

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# Motices of Books.

THE DOCTRINE OF THE TRINITY. By the Rev. J. R. Illingworth, M.A., D.D. London: Macmillan and Co., Ltd. Price 6s.

The announcement of a book by Mr. Illingworth is now received with keen interest by a large and appreciative constituency. We have learned to value his weighty contributions to Christian thought. No one would willingly be without the four great works by which he has already made us all his debtor, and when it was known that he was about to publish a work on the Trinity, we looked forward to it with eager hope. And yet now we have it we are bound to confess to a feeling of some disappointment. Perhaps we were expecting something different, something that covered more ground, something that discussed the great problems more fully, widely, and thoroughly. Perhaps we have not been sufficiently mindful of the sub-title, in which he describes the doctrine as "apologetically considered "; but whatever be the cause, we are somehow conscious that there is still a great deal about the Trinity that Mr. Illingworth has not given, and could give, as perhaps no one else could. The first two chapters deal respectively with "Evolution," and "the Subjective Element in Criticism," and they are truly able and illuminating discussions, for which we are profoundly grateful. Never have we seen the idea of evolution in relation to theism put with such convincing force, and never has the subjective element in criticism been more faithfully and conclusively shown. As we read Mr. Illingworth's forceful discussion, we find ourselves applying his language to the Old Testament, and drawing very obvious conclusions. Thus, he pours scorn upon the assumption that "we can best attain to a right understanding of the New Testament by separating it from the society which existed before it and created it, and treating it like any literary relic which archæology may have unearthed" (p. 32). The bearing of this on the Old Testament is too obvious to need comment. We do not consider that Mr. Illingworth correctly states the relation of the New Testament to the Church. His ecclesiastical presuppositions are somewhat too clearly in evidence at this point. These two chapters, though very valuable and timely, are only very indirectly appropriate to the subject of the Trinity. The four next chapters take their subjects in a curious order. First the Trinity is discussed as it is found in the New Testament, and then as in patristic tradition. Then we have a discussion of the doctrinal development in the New Testament, and the same development in the Fathers. It would, perhaps, have been more helpful if the entire doctrinal view of the New Testament had been dealt with, before taking up the subject of the A very characteristic chapter is headed "Omnia Exeunt in Fathers. Mysterium," and then follows a valuable consideration of the practical power of the doctrine. In chapter ix, the Ritschlian view of worth as a presumption of truth is applied to the Trinity, and the treatment is marked by all Mr. Illingworth's power of penetration and illumination. The last chapters discuss the intellectual bearings of the doctrine, and deal with Revelation as the continuance of Creation. Then come "Recapitulation and Conclusion," and seven illustrative notes. As we close the book we are again conscious of the need of more. In spite of Mr. Illingworth's limitation of himself to the apologetic side, we could have wished that he had included the theological side as well, more especially as theological statement would prove in part the best apologetic. We must not, however, end with this note of regret, because we are deeply thankful for the book as it is. It is full of good and great things, well and ably said, and said as Mr. Illingworth only can say them. He is one of the most valuable exponents of present-day Christian thought. The proofs might well have been read a little more carefully here and there.

THE MAGI, HOW THEY RECOGNIZED CHRIST'S STAR. By Lieut.-Colonel G. Mackinlay. London: Hodder and Stoughton. Price 6s.

A book which is prefaced by Sir William Ramsay, and which has occasioned an article by that great scholar in the Expositor, rightly calls for special attention, for we may be sure that it contains work that is worthy of notice. The object of the book is to attest the truth of the Gospels, by calling attention to a number of hitherto unnoticed harmonies, especially definite dates, which are in full accord with history. In the first chapter the importance of the sun, and of its herald the morning star, is dwelt upon, and the Scriptural allusions of Christ to the former, and of His forerunner to the latter, are emphasized. The next step is a very interesting and fruitful one. It is a recognition of the fact that figurative allusions in the Bible are often made to things actually present. From this it is inferred that the morning As these star and the Sabbath year are referred to in figures in the Gospels. periods are now known from astronomical calculations and from history, the author reaches the conclusion that the Crucifixion took place A.D. 29. By means of similar calculations he argues for the date of the Nativity as 8 B.C., and it is particularly interesting to observe that he has almost won the assent of Sir William Ramsay to this contention. The attempt is next made to fix the chronology of our Lord's life and ministry, and it is argued that from the Old Testament it was quite possible for the Magi to have news beforehand that Christ would be born in the autumn of 8 B.c. It will be seen that the book is a serious contribution to the study of Gospel chronology, and thereby to the proof of the truth of Scripture. It must not be thought that the ordinary reader will find the discussion abstruse. On the contrary, it is marked all through by very great simplicity and clearness of statement. So far as we are able to enter upon the calculations, the author seems to have proved his main contentions. We do not pretend to accept all his conclusions, but he has written a notable book, which deserves and demands the attention of all who are interested in the study of the Gospels and their authenticity.

IN THE SECRET PLACE. By Alexander Smellie, M.A. London: Andrew Melrose. Price 45. 6d. net.

To those who already know Mr. Smellie's works, the appearance of another book by him will be very welcome, for he is one of the most valued devotional writers of to-day. With a genuine spirituality he combines a choice literary gift, a keen insight into Holy Scripture and the secrets of the spiritual life, a true suggestiveness of thought, and a fine homiletical power. We rarely find all these qualities in one writer. We only know of three in the present day of whom this is true. For each day of the year there is a suggestive subject-heading, followed by a text and exposition extending over a page. The prayerful use of this book will minister to the enjoyment and profit of the spiritual life of every earnest reader, while we should not be surprised if many a sermon and address were inspired by these thoughtprovoking pages. Our readers will do well to make a special note of this book.

LITERARY CRITICISM AND THE NEW TESTAMENT. By R. J. Knowling, D.D. London: Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge. Price 2s.

Dr. Knowling overwhelms us with his knowledge of German monographs and brochures. We wonder whether there are any that he has not seen. We are afraid that this quality will have its defects for ordinary readers, and even for not a few students who would prefer more of Dr. Knowling and less of Germany. But those who wish to be made aware of the latest that has been written against the New Testament in Germany will find it here in abundance. What a testimony to the vitality of the Bible are all these writings of rationalistic critics! If the Scriptures are such doubtful and untrustworthy books, it is surprising that scholarly men should continue to trouble themselves to write against them. It seems as though they cannot leave the Bible alone. Christ ever compels attention.

THE FIRST EPISTLE to TIMOTHY. A Devotional Commentary. By the Rev. T. A. Gurney. London: *Religious Tract Society*. Price 25.

A noteworthy addition to this series of Devotional Commentaries. Mr. Gurney blends thought and aspiration, scholarship and spirituality, in a truly helpful way. For all practical purposes of exposition and devotion an ordinary reader will require nothing more than this volume, while serious Bible students who know the original will find in it many a suggestive discussion, with full references to the latest and best that has been written on the pastoral Epistles. Like all Mr. Gurney writes, the book has a distinct grace of style as well as of spirit. We do not remember another volume in the series that more aptly and worthily fulfils its specific purpose.

How TO ENJOY THE BIBLE. By E. W. Bullinger, D.D. London: Eyre and Spottiswoode. Price 5s.

The title of this book attracts and tempts us. No use of the Bible will be of much value if it does not produce "enjoyment." Dr. Bullinger first deals with the Word of God as a whole, and emphasizes the meaning of its Object and Subject. He also has much to say as to the need of "rightly dividing the word of truth," whether as to literary form, or subject matter, or times and dispensations. Then in a second part the words of Scripture are considered, and twelve great and important principles of study are enunciated. Thus, we are counselled as to the meaning of words, the scope of passages. the literary structure of passages, the Biblical usage of words, the importance of the context, the importance of accuracy in the study of the words of Scripture, the necessity of distinguishing between interpretation and applica-These are some of the principles laid down, and there are others of tion. equal importance. We do not pretend to accept all the author's interpretations-indeed, some of them we venture to think utterly wrong and impossible; but he has the great virtue of making his readers think and study for themselves, and if an author can do this in strict loyalty to the Word of God, it is a very secondary matter whether we accept his precise interpretation or not. In spite of difference about particular interpretations, we have thoroughly "enjoyed" this book, and we commend it to Bible students as worthy of their careful attention, even though they may reject all its particular interpretations. Of the general truth of the principles here laid down for the enjoyment of the Bible we have no manner of doubt.

THE RELIGION AND WORSHIP OF THE SYNAGOGUE. By Rev. W. O. E. Oesterley and G. H. Box, M.A. London: Sir Isaac Pitman and Sons, Ltd. Price 105. 6d. net.

The sub-title more definitely explains the end and purpose of this book-"An Introduction to the Study of Judaism from the New Testament Period." The writers are two scholars who have made all things Judaic their special study. One of the chapters appeared in our columns last year. The work is divided into three parts. The first gives a historical sketch of modern Judaism from the Babylonian Exile to the present day. The second part treats of the doctrine of Judaism, its view of God, the Messiah, and other aspects of truth. The third gives a deeply interesting account of the practical side of Judaism, its religion, home-life, etc. There can be no question of the importance of the subject to all Christian people, and the authors have rendered valuable service by making available such a mass of interesting and We are not prepared to accept their critical important information. position, nor is their view of Sacraments quite our own. We feel, too, that Evangelical Churchmen will be prepared to give more importance to the Zionist movement; but these points, important in themselves, do not materially affect the book as a whole. The survey is singularly comprehensive, and, although written from the Christian standpoint, it seems to be almost as accurate and well informed as though it were written from within the Jewish fold. The book will long remain a valuable work of reference for the great majority of English readers who have neither time nor ability to consult the original authorities. For those who are interested, as we all ought to be, in missions to the Jews, this book will be of special value.

MANKIND AND THE CHURCH: An Attempt to Estimate the Contribution of Great Races to the Fullness of the Church of God. By Seven Bishops. Edited by the Right Rev. H. H. Montgomery, D.D. London: Longmans, Green and Co. Price 7s. 6d.

This volume is one of the most remarkable in the history of missionary literature. It would be worth purchasing if only to read Bishop Montgomery's admirable introduction; but, in point of fact, every one of the essays contained in the volume has a value of its own, which even a careless reader could scarcefy overlook. Not all the essays are of equal value, though their subject-matter is of equal consequence to the Church of Christ; but there is no essay that is not pregnant with suggestion. The most notable of the essays is, without doubt, Bishop Milne's, on the possible service of Hinduism to the collective thought of the Church. It is, in fact, an exhaustive essay, and deserves the most careful consideration. Another excellent essay is the late Bishop Hoare's, on the Church of China. In view of developments in the Celestial Empire, we commend this thoughtful piece of work to all students of missionary enterprise.

THE CHURCH AND THE CHANGING ORDER. By Shailer Mathews. New York: The Macmillan Co. Price 6s.

This book, though we should be sorry to commit ourselves to an acceptance of all its teaching, is a really noteworthy piece of work. It deals with the "Crisis of the Church," mainly in reference to (1) recent critical theories as to the nature of the sacred records, and (2) to those social movements which are so marked a feature of our day. It is written with real downright earnestness, both moral and spiritual; and the vigour of its thought is sustained by a no less vigour of expression. We cannot but be grateful to Professor Shailer Mathews for his very instructive and, in many respects, illuminative work.

New LIGHT ON THE NEW TESTAMENT. By Adolf Deissmann. Edinburgh: T. and T. Clark. Price 35. net.

The substance of this book appeared a year ago in the *Expository Times*, and created much attention. The author is a pioneer in the work of showing the relation of the papyri to the interpretation of the New Testament. The last few years have indeed thrown "new light on the New Testament," and there is evidently very much more to come. After a statement of the problem, Professor Deissmann shows the importance of the papyri for the philological, literary, and religious interpretation of the New Testament. No serious student can well dispense with this little book, more particularly as it will set him in the way of making further inquiries and prosecuting fuller researches for himself. The book closes with a statement of "problems for future investigation." We must, of course, take care, amidst all this new material, that we do not make the mistake, so characteristic of modern scholarship, of going to the other extreme, and deny all influence of the LXX on the New Testament. Professor Deissmann is not quite guiltless of this tendency himself, but with this caution we may freely hand ourselves over to his guidance and that of his British colleague, Professor Moulton, to whom this little volume is very appropriately inscribed.

BAPTISM: WHAT SAITH THE SCRIPTURE? By the Rev. D. H. D. Wilkinson, London: Charles J. Thynne. Price 15, net.

We welcome a new and cheaper edition of this excellent little work. The treatment is clear and convincing, and the book is specially suitable for use among those who are troubled with difficulties on the subject.

### GIFT-BOOKS.

ADVENTURES IN BIRD-LAND. By Oliver G. Pike. London : Religious Tract Society. Price 6s. net.

Another journey into bird-land, under the guidance of an old and valued friend. Mr. Pike is a delightful guide and an enthusiast, who conveys his intense love for birds to his readers, and makes them wish for equal knowledge, skill and patience in connexion with bird-life. There are sixteen chapters, full of chatty and deeply interesting material, and nearly one hundred photographs, taken direct from nature by the author, besides other pictures, and one hundred pen sketches on the borders of the pages, drawn by a youth in his teens. While the book is intended for boys it can, and doubtless will, be read by old boys as well, and also by those who are not and never will be boys. The last chapter very appropriately provides "a few hints for the bird-photographer."

BY MEADOW, GROVE, AND STREAM. By Henry Hilton Brown. London: Religious Tract Society. Price 3s. 6d.

How often people have wished for some book on Natural History which would help a beginner to study Nature, and would not assume any scientific knowledge, but only a desire to observe and learn ! Well, here is the very thing. In his preface the author explains very clearly and helpfully why he has published his book. It is concerned with objects which first attract the notice of a rambler, including trees, flowers, birds' eggs, and insects of several kinds. Examples of each group have been carefully selected, and they are described briefly and in such a way as to help beginners. Black-and-white drawings are made, examples and sketches for measurement have been furnished in special cases. A list of books for further study is given at the end of each chapter, and practical instructions are given for collecting and preserving objects mentioned. To those who, like the writer of these lines, have no knowledge whatever of Nature, this book will be of special interest, for it will make its readers long to go forth and learn, under the author's guidance, all that can be known by minds that do not wish for the higher technicalities of Nature-study. Not the least valuable feature of the book is the way it leads up from Nature to Nature's God. It is attractive as a gift-book as well as valuable to the beginner. Parents and teachers should make a note of this admirable introduction to the science of observation by young people.

SENSE AND SENSIBILITY. By Jane Austen. Cloth, IS. net. LAST DAYS OF POMPEII. By Lord Lytton. Cloth, IS. net. VANITY FAIR. By W. M. Thackeray. Leather, 2s. net.

Illustrated Pocket Classics. London and Glasgow: William Collins Sons and Co., Ltd.

A WEAVER OF WEBS. By John Oxenham. Price 7d.

A DAUGHTER OF HETH. By William Black. Price 7d.

WRECK OF THE GROSVENOR. By W. Clark Russell. Price 7d.

COMIN' THRO' THE RYE. By Helen Mathers. Price 7d.

THE SECRET WOMAN. By Eden Phillpotts. Price 7d.

THE GREAT REFUSAL. By Maxwell Gray. Price 7d.

THE BROWN EYES OF MARY. By Madame Albanesi. Price 7d.

THE GOLDEN BUTTERFLY. By Besant and Rice. Price 7d.

Modern Fiction. London and Glasgow: William Collins Sons and Co., Ltd.

These reprints surely represent the high-water mark of attractiveness combined with cheapness. The mystery is how it is done, but that is the publishers' business. As the

novels are either classics of our language or else well-known works of fiction by modern writers, it is unnecessary to do more than call attention to them, and recommend these astonishingly cheap editions to our readers. Quite apart from the interest of the books themselves, their appearance is attractive enough for any bookshelf.

TWO OF THEM AND THE PRINCE. By Helen H. Watson. London: Religious Tract Society. Price 15. 6d.

An interesting and attractive story for young children. "Two of Them" appear throughout the tale, while "the Prince" is only introduced in the last chapter. We heartily recommend this simple little story, which is well told, and is sure to please little girls in particular.

CLANRICKARD COURT. By E. Everett Green. London : Religious Tract Society. Price 35. 6d.

Clanrickard Court is a stately English home into which a family of children are introduced on the death of their father. As they had led a wild life hitherto, we follow the various incidents and experiences of these impulsive children with much interest. The characters are well drawn, and there is the usual struggle between right and wrong, which happily ends in a victory for the good and true. There are two pretty love-stories, which add to the attraction of the book. We need hardly say that the tone and wholesomeness of this volume are all that can be desired, while the formation of character is evidently of great importance in the mind and aim of this well-known authoress.

THE SETTLERS OF KAROSSA CREEK, and other Stories of Australian Bush Life. By Louis Becke. London: Religious Tract Society. Price 28. 6d.

The title alone is sufficient to attract a boy to this book. How can a genuine lover of adventure fail to have his attention arrested by stories of Australian bush life? The second tale is concerned with the exciting mysteries of smuggling, and shows the misery that is caused by methods of dishonesty. The third and last story gives us an account of a canoe fight.

#### PERIODICALS AND PAMPHLETS.

CHURCH QUARTERLY REVIEW. January, 1908. London: Spottiswoode and Co. Price 35.

The first article is by the Bishop of St. Albans, on the Lambeth Conference and the Pan-Anglican Congress, giving an account of what is to be considered at these important forthcoming gatherings. An unsigned article on "The Law of the Church and the Law of the State," discusses the subject with special reference to the Deceased Wife's Sister's Marriage Act, and takes the strong but impossible line that any such marriages celebrated in Church would be disloyal as a violation of the law of the Church. "Education and Crime" is another timely and useful article, at the conclusion of which the writer pleads for religious instruction to be continued as an integral part of school-training, on the ground that no Sunday-schools or supplementary classes will be adequate to the work. The principal of Leeds Clergy School has a particularly interesting and useful article on "Methodism and Reunion," written with all the balance and reasonableness which we have learned to associate with his utterances. Other articles are "Socialism and Reform," "The Papacy in the Nineteenth Century," and "Oxford University Reform," by the Warden of New College, in which he comes to the conclusion that a Royal Commission is not necessary. Not the least valuable item in this review is its list of articles from the various quarterly and monthly theological publications of this and other countries. The short notices are not made so prominent and definite a feature as in former days.

THE BIBLIOTHECA SACRA. January, 1908. Oberlin, Ohio, U.S.A. Sold by Kegan Paul and Co., London. Price 75 cents.

The present number has four articles of very special theological interest. The first is on "Contributions from the History of Religions to the New Testament." The second is on "Science and Higher Criticism." The third is on "Some Perils of Current Views of Immanence." The fourth, by one who is well known to our readers, Mr. H. M. Wiener, is on "Israel's Laws and Legal Precedents." This article is a very searching and trenchant criticism of Dr. Kent's book of the same title. Mr. Wiener, with his legal knowledge, is easily able to show that writers on Old Testament Criticism are not always conversant with legal procedure and phraseology before they discuss the laws and legal institutions of Israel. The number contains other articles of a literary and Biblical nature, to which space prevents us from referring in detail. We are glad to call attention to this valued quarterly review on Biblical and religious topics. THE JOURNAL OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES. January, 1908. London: Henry Frowde, Price 35. 6d. net.

The first article is on "The Theology of Dr. Du Bose," and is written very appropriately by Mr. W. H. Moberly. While the writer is hearty in his praise of the American theologian, who is now becoming so well known in our midst, he is also critical of some of Dr. Du Bose's distinctive points. His conclusion is that no recent theologian has carried us further forward towards the true ideal of philosophical theology, and for this reason "he has rightly been hailed not only a philosopher but a prophet." For our part we are not quite so sure of this, but we shall doubtless know better when Dr. Du Bose deals with the Person of Christ and the Objective Atonement, as he has promised to do. Meanwhile, no one should overlook this article as an introduction to Dr. Du Bose's writings. Sir Henry Howorth continues his discussion of the Canon of Scripture, by treating of the view held on the subject by the Continental Reformers, Luther, Zwingli, Lefèvre and Calvin. The rest of this number is taken up with subjects appealing almost entirely to professed students. Among them is a valuable contribution by Dr. Burn on "Some Spanish MSS. of the Constantinopolitan Creed," which deals usefully with the Filioque Clause.

THE IRISH CHURCH QUARTERLY. January, 1908. Dublin : The Church of Ireland Printing and Publishing Co., Ltd. Price 6d.

A new aspirant to public favour, and judging by this first number it will be heartily welcomed by all who are interested in the study of theological and ecclesiastical subjects. An article by the Bishop of Edinburgh, entitled "A Contribution towards the Study of the Prayer Book of Humble Access," is worth the entire cost, being marked by all Dr. Dowden's erudition and balance of judgment. Dr. Pooler writes on "Hincks, the Egyptologist and Assyriologist." Dean Bernard discusses "The Traditions as to the Death of John the Son of Zebedee," and the inevitable "Rome and Modernism" is the subject of another useful article. We shall look forward with the greatest interest to the next number, for we believe this Quarterly has a place of its own to fill.

LONDON DIOCESE BOOK FOR 1908. London: S.P.C.K. Price 1s. 6d.

Indispensable to all who wish to know about things ecclesiastical in the London Diocese. THE DAY OF DAYS ANNUAL. Vol. XXXVI. London: "Home Words" Publishing Office,

Price 2s. This admirable monthly magazine for Sunday reading is very welcome. It is the organ of a Union founded by the editor, called "Hold Fast by your Sunday Union." All who are interested in the observance of the Lord's Day should make a note of this magazine and of the Union it represents.

EPISCOPACY, and other Sermons. By George Salmon, D.D. London: S.P.C.K. Price 6d. No praise is required at this time of day for the sermons of the great Irish theologian. This cheap form will be very welcome.

THE LEAVES OF THE TREE. A Popular Illustrated Report of the British and Foreign Bible Society. London: The Bible House.

Full of good things of the deepest interest to all who love the Bible and the Bible Society.

EASTERTIDE WITH JESUS. By Anthony Bathe. London: Longmans, Green and Co. Price, paper 6d., cloth 18.

Some truly spiritual meditations, though we cannot accept all the teaching on the Church and Sacraments.

MATRICULATION DIRECTORY. January, 1908. Cambridge : Burlington House. Price 15.

THE INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF APOCRYPHA. January, 1908. London: International Society of the Apocrypha. Price 6d net.

JOURNAL OF THE GYPSY LORE SOCIETY. January, 1908. Liverpool: Gypsy Lore Society. 6, Hope Place.

THE SECOND COMING OF OUR LORD AS CONNECTED WITH THE JEWISH PEOPLE. A Paper read before the Reading Prophetical Society. By Captain Alex. W. Cobham. Reading: William C. Long. Price Id.

MAN'S RELATION TO AND APPREHENSION OF THE UNIVERSE. By the Rev. R. W. Corbet. London: Elliot Stock. Price 6d.

THE CALL OF THE CHURCH TO LAYMEN. Pan-Anglican Papers. Being Problems for Consideration at the Pan-Anglican Congress, 1908. London: S.P.C.K. Price 2d.

STEADFAST AND ALWAYS ABOUNDING. By the Rev. J. Stuart Holden. London: Profestant Reformation Society. C. J. Thynne. Price Id.

UNITY! By the Rev. Herbert J. R. Marston, London: Protestant Reformation Society. Price 1d.