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practically every site mentioned in the work, while the author has himself selected the "subjects" for the numerous illustrations.

"An Apostle of the North" is to be the title of the biography of the late Bishop Bompas, the well-known missionary to Red Indians and Eskimo in North-West Canada. The author is the Rev. H. A. Cody, himself a worker in the same field. The volume will be illustrated.

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Positive Preaching and Modern Mind. By P. T. Forsyth, D.D. London: Hodder and Stoughton. Price 7s. 6d. net.

This volume contains the Lyman Beecher Lectures on Preaching delivered at Yale University, U.S.A., last year. Dr. Forsyth's book is in a noteworthy succession, of which Phillips Brooks' "Lectures on Preaching" is perhaps the best known. The present volume differs from most of the preceding lectures in dealing mainly with the substance rather than with the methods of preaching. The first lecture is on "The Preacher and his Charter." in which the fundamental importance of preaching is emphasized, and God's chief gift is shown to be, not the Church and Sacraments, but the Word. "I will venture to say that with its preaching Christianity stands or falls." These are bold words, but they are true. Then comes a discussion of "The Authority of the Preacher," as to which Dr. Forsyth contends that the final authority in Christianity is that of a Redeemer, and that this makes the authority of the pulpit evangelical, the preaching of the Cross. "Preaching as Worship" is next considered, and the relation of the preacher to the Church pointed out. The preacher's place in the Church is not sacerdotal, but sacramental, and, with his love of paradox, Dr. Forsyth argues that the sermon is an act involving the real presence of Christ. Then come lectures on "The Preacher and the Age," "The Preacher and Religious Reality," "Preaching Positive and Liberal," "Preaching Positive and Modern," "The Preacher and Modern Ethic," and a closing one on "The Moral Poignancy of the Cross." Among the most interesting parts are those where Dr. Forsyth takes his readers into his confidence, and tells out his own experience. He has passed from a belief in purely scientific criticism into a realm of spiritual experience, wherein he can even say that one of John Newton's hymns to him "is almost Holy Writ." As against the New Theology, Dr. Forsyth says that he "cannot conceive a Christianity to hold the future without words like grace, sin, judgment, repentance, incarnation, atonement, redemption, justification, sacrifice, faith, and eternal life" (p. 288). The book is not easy to read. The author is far too fond of paradox and antithesis to be altogether welcome to many, but to those who will take the trouble to think out its meaning this book will yield its own blessed and abundant fruit. The author is possessed of one thought—the centrality of

the Atonement as the revelation and bestowment of grace; all else is Dr. Forsyth has the gift of seeing that the supreme issue of Christianity has reference to the Cross (p. 256). We have suffered far too much from the modern emphasis on the Incarnation instead of the Cross, and even though we have been led in this direction by great and honoured names, we must at all costs recover our equilibrium. Dr. Forsyth is one of those who are doing splendid service in bringing us back to the New Testament centre of gravity. His emphasis on the Godward side and the objective reality of the Atonement is very refreshing. He rightly says that it is the very kernel of the Gospel, and in these days, when so many men seem afraid to allow themselves to believe the full New Testament teaching, it is impossible to over-estimate the value of the truths emphasized in this book. Dr. Forsyth is often far too free and unguarded on questions of Biblical criticism, and we believe that when he sees more clearly than he does now the bearings of the doctrine of redemptive grace on the authority of the Bible, the result will be much more conservative and satisfactory than we find it at present. We are also more than surprised to find that he considers the Virgin Birth is irrelevant to the Incarnation (p. 256). This is another instance which seems to us to show that, notwithstanding all Dr. Forsyth's spiritual pilgrimage, he has, to use his own words, "yet a long way to go." But we are too grateful for what he has given us on the Atonement to be in any serious degree critical or complaining. This is a great book, a powerful book—a book that, if studied by preachers, will make their life strong, their preaching powerful, and their testimony for Christ and His grace convincing. It is a book to be read again and again, and pondered with prayer by all who would know what to preach. We should much like to quote, but space forbids. We cannot, however, refrain from calling attention to the author's severe and telling criticism of much of the modern teaching on the Fatherhood of God. Very truly is it pointed out that "It offers us a God, genial, benignant, patient, and too great in His love to make so much as Paulinism does of the sin of a mere child like man" (p. 339). It is easy to see how such a conception will affect our preaching. We must content ourselves with urging our clerical readers to get the book at once, and to give it earnest and prolonged attention. They may find in it an answer to many a ministerial questioning and fear. To our lay-readers we would suggest the wisdom of purchasing the book and presenting it to their clergy. In so doing they will do themselves as well as the clergy an immense service.

A CRITICAL AND EXEGETICAL COMMENTARY ON THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW. By Willoughby C. Allen. Edinburgh: T. and T. Clark. Price 12s.

It is some years since a new volume was added to this series, and in view of the great value of several of the earlier issues, like Plummer's and Sanday's works, it is not surprising that Mr. Allen's is already in its second edition. The Introduction occupies 75 pages, the Commentary 300, while 40 pages more are concerned with an important concluding Note and full Indices. The title-page describes the work as "Critical and Exegetical," but the critical element predominates, and the exegetical is on the whole somewhat far to seek. Those who are expecting a Commentary after the manner

of Plummer, Sanday, and Swete will be disappointed, for there is very little here of elucidation of the Evangelist's meaning. Mr. Allen's studies have lain chiefly in another direction, and he has given us the abundant fruit of them in this criticism of the First Gospel. The Introduction deals first with the sources, and here Mr. Allen follows the usual line, regarding the Gospel as compiled from St. Mark, the matter common to Matthew and Luke, and the matter found only in Matthew. The 50 pages taken up with this topic form a valuable and exhaustive introduction to the Synoptic Problem. The plan, characteristics, and theology of the Gospel are next treated, followed by a discussion as to the author, date, and style. Mr. Allen's conclusion as to the authorship is that "it is difficult to suppose that the book in its present form is the work of the Apostle Matthew," and Matthew's connexion with it is explained by the fact that "one main source for its material was that of the Apostle's collection of the sayings of Christ." The Commentary will, we fear, appeal to few besides scholars, for the reason that it is so largely taken up with the differences between the Synoptic Gospels. Thus the phrases "Mk has," "Mt omits," "Lk has," etc., are found on every page, where ordinary readers, and even not a few students, would give much for some clear, terse explanation such as Mr. Allen can evidently His treatment of the great rock passage (xvi. 17-19) shows what he could have done if his purpose and method had been similar to that of Plummer. We have been specially interested in Mr. Allen's conclusions as to the character of the Gospels. While speaking strongly and rightly of radically false methods of studying the Gospels on the part of many of the traditional commentators, which have led by force of reaction to the modern critics failing to see that there are elements in the Gospel outside the range of their scientific analysis, Mr. Allen believes that the "scientific investigation of the Gospels upon the best historical methods that the future can ever give us will lead to results which will largely coincide with the old conservative and traditional intuitions." The concluding note on "The Gospel as a Contribution to our Knowledge of the Historical Life of Christ" is valuable and informing, though we cannot follow Mr. Allen in the free use of his materials. It is, however, a great point to be told by one of the foremost among our younger scholars, that with certain allowances the teaching of the First Gospel has "every claim to be regarded as historically accurate." The book is a perfect marvel of minute scholarship. Nothing seems to have escaped Mr. Allen's eye, and all that needs to be said about the differences in the Synoptic Gospels can be found here. still longing for a Commentary on Matthew to place beside Plummer and Swete.

Moses and the Prophets. By C. H. Waller, D.D. London: James Nisbet and Co. Price 5s.

The sub-title is "A Plea for the Authority of Moses in Holy Scripture." The book is addressed to the Archbishop of Canterbury in reply to a request to be shown in what respects Dr. Driver is guilty of "apostasy," in the technical sense. This personal element gives special interest to the book. Thirteen allegations are made in support of the author's contention. It is impossible to pass in review all these contentions, but those who know

Dr. Waller will be well aware that he has good reasons for the hope that is in him. While we do not profess to endorse all his positions or favour all his language, we can heartily commend this book to the study of those who are interested in Old Testament problems, and who realize the great issues at stake in the controversy. It is a distinct contribution to the subject, and should not be overlooked by any who wish to know the truth.

WORDSWORTH'S MASTER-PASSAGES. Selected by John Hogben. London:

Andrew Melrose. Price 2s. net.

This dainty little book is very welcome. It tempts us by its attractive form "to take up and read it." An interesting and informing essay on Wordsworth and his poetry is followed by a choice selection of one hundred of the poet's most characteristic pieces. The editor and publisher have done a real service to young students of literature in making the best work of the great Lake poet available in this very attractive form.

THE OLD FAITH AND THE NEW LEARNING. By Rev. J. F. Bethune-Baker. London: Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge. Price 6d.

A series of addresses to Ordination candidates by one of the best known of Cambridge scholars. It is full of wise things well said, and cannot fail to do real service to those for whom it is specially intended. The author's plea for definite Bible study is specially welcome, as also his emphasis on the ministry of conversion, the need of atonement, and the awful fact of sin. His reference to "the gospel of fear" is particularly significant, and indicates a welcome return to old-fashioned ways. We regret that the introductory note by the Dean of Westminster raises a false issue in speaking of the peril of separating "between the revelation contained in Holy Scripture and the revelation continuously given by the Holy Spirit through the life of the Christian society." The Dean fails to distinguish between the Spirit of God as the Spirit of revelation and the Spirit of illumination. It is the latter alone which characterizes the work of the Spirit in the Christian Church, as contrasted with that of Holy Scripture.

God's Self-emptied Servant. By R. C. Morgan. London: Morgan and Scott. Price is, net.

A new edition, revised and enlarged. On the practical side, as explanatory of the Epistle to the Philippians, this is an admirable little book. On the doctrinal side in relation to the Kenosis it does not seem to us so satisfactory. Notwithstanding the significant alterations and additions as compared with the earlier issue, the author does not seem to us to have fully thought out the serious implications of his position.

THE HIGH-PRIESTLY PRAYER. By the Right Rev. H. C. G. Moule, D.D., Bishop of Durham. London: Religious Tract Society. Price 3s. 6d.

There is no need to multiply words in commending Bishop Moule's book. No subject more sacred than St. John xvii. could be touched on, nor is there any living teacher more likely to draw out something of the wealth of meaning from this precious spiritual possession. It is the voice of the Holy Ghost speaking through His servant. There are thirty chapters. To read

and re-read a chapter each day of the month would indeed be to enter into the Holy of Holies. Such a commentary must inspire and help the soul.

St. Chrysostom on the Priesthood. By the Rev. T. Allen Moxon. Early Church Classics. London: Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge. Price 2s.

The latest edition of this series. The Bishop of Southwell writes a preface. We are glad to have this well-known work of the great "John the Golden-mouthed" in so convenient a form.

SELECTIONS FROM THE WRITINGS OF JOHN RUSKIN. London: Andrew Melrose. Price 2s. 6d. net.

It is not so long ago that the contents of this volume cost a large sum, while now it is to be obtained in a very attractive form for half a crown. As the introductory note says, selections from an author are not always satisfactory; but in this case we have selections which virtually received Mr. Ruskin's own sanction and critical approval. Mr. Horace Groser, the writer of the introductory note, truly remarks that "even in these fragments of his prose we have at once the magic of his language and the spirit of his teaching." To those who have yet to make the acquaintance of one of the great masters of the English style, as well as to those who are already familiar with his marvel and charm, this attractive volume may be heartily commended. Both within and without it is a joy and a delight, and as a gift-book it ought to be in very great request.

Notes on the Parables of Our Lord. By Archbishop Trench. London: G. Routledge and Sons. 2s. 6d. net.

Dr. Smythe Palmer, who writes an excellent introduction to this edition, says at the close, after giving the chief literature on parables: "None of these books, it may be safely said, has superseded Archbishop Trench's, which still retains its pre-eminence as the classical work par excellence in this important branch of theological study."

FREDERICK TEMPLE. By Archdeacon Sandford. London: Macmillan and Co. 4s. net.

Mr. W. Temple, son of the late Archbishop, writes a biographical introduction to this "appreciation." It gives us the more personal aspect of the great life, and shows us the making of the man. We get at his thoughts and affections in a way otherwise impossible. Under main headings of development, discipline, power, responsibility, and the completed life, we are presented with a complete picture. Nobody can fail to be struck with the deep piety, the strenuousness, the fairness, the grasp of principle, and yet withal the simplicity of the man. The letters are a revelation of warmth of heart unsuspected by an outsider, and will do much to correct certain general impressions. On the whole we feel much indebted to the Archdeacon for this most interesting and suggestive bit of biography.

THE GIFT OF SUFFERING. By R. J. Bellamy, B.D. London: James Nisbet and Co. Price 1s. 6d. net.

A little book of thirty-two brief readings for the sick. Must prove edifying and comforting to sufferers, full of sympathy, and of helpful application of Holy Scripture.

SHORT BIBLE NOTES. By O. Aldridge. London: S. W. Partridge. 18. net.

These notes are very useful to busy people. The writer presses into service some of the best poetry and prose quotations. The teaching is scriptural and distinctly helpful. The Old and New Testament are read as consecutively as possible. The minor prophets are not touched.

THE PRAYER BOOK SIMPLY EXPLAINED. By the Rev. E. V. Hall. London: S.P.C.K. Price 1s. 6d.

A little book to explain the Morning and Evening Services and the Litany to boys and girls. It does not include the Sacraments, and avoids all contentious details. It is simply and sensibly done.

Supposition and Certainty. By the Rev. J. Stuart Holden, M.A. London: Robert Scott. Price 2s. net.

An excellent little volume of twelve addresses, the book being named from the first one on "supposing" that Jesus is in our company when He is not. They were delivered at Keswick, Northfield, and other Conventions, and are full of the Gospel of the Cross, and of the Holy Spirit. Those who read in a teachable spirit may discover how the Christian life can be and should be, here and now, victorious, and filled full of spiritual blessing. The sins and failures of Christian people in our midst are faithfully dealt with. For those who will yield themselves to God, and who desire to be made usable by God in fruitful service and in unflinching witness, the way of power and holiness in Christ and by the Holy Spirit is set forth with convincing attraction as well as with scriptural clearness. We could wish, however, that the subjects had been dealt with by a less "spiritualizing" and more exegetical method.

THE FULNESS OF THE GOSPEL. By D. L. Moody. London: Robert Scott. Price: cloth, 1s. 6d.; leather, 2s. 6d.

The voice of D. L. Moody "yet speaketh." His "cry" was one of warning and hope. It denounced the sin, but it drew to the Sin-bearer. All his deliverances are marked by devotion to God's Word, simplicity, terseness, and a judicious use of the best kind of anecdote. This book deals with some of the fundamental doctrines of the Christian Faith, and as he was reviewing them and intending to enlarge their scope he received the home-call. So we have his last message. The title of the book gives the measure of the man. The Gospel he loved, lived, and preached was indeed a "full" one. His son, Mr. W. R. Moody, writes a preface. Nathanael is put by mistake for Nathan on p. 108.

Spiritual Worship. By the Rev. F. S. Webster, M.A. London: Robert Scott. Price 18. 6d.

We have read with pleasure and profit these sermons on the responses which occur in our Liturgy for Morning and Evening Prayer. The author has selected a field not hitherto specifically traversed, and he has extracted valuable spiritual counsel and suggestion for personal and public life. He has preached to us a thoughtful and searching Gospel, and his little book must be cordially welcomed as a useful addition to devotional works on the Church Service.

THE UNESCAPABLE CHRIST. By Rev. E. W. Lewis, B.D. London: P. Wellby. Price 3s. 6d. net.

The sermons contained in this volume are an expression of the "New Theology," as it is commonly termed. Why "new" we do not quite see; the heresy which this "New Theology" promulgates is as old as the Gnostics. What is "new" therein is not true; what is true is not new. Mr. Lewis's sermons are full of rhetorical exaggerations, and not less full of perfectly unsound—and unverifiable—propositions. He speaks of the Incarnation as a cosmic principle, which it surely is not; he endeavours to minimize the efficacy of Christ's death as the great factor in the Atonement; he doubts whether Jesus really claimed to be the Messiah, though "at times he seemed to claim" this. There are some fine things, we gladly admit, in the book (chapters x. and xii., for example); but we regret its publication, believing it to be, in the main, utterly at variance with the historic faith.

THE CHURCH AND MODERN MEN. By W. Scott Palmer. London: Longmans and Co. Price 2s. 6d.

This book is by the author of a work which attracted some attention not long ago—"An Agnostic's Progress." Mr. Palmer writes with a good deal of earnestness, and an evident desire to get to the truth both of religion and of life. Yet we do not altogether like the book. For one thing, it is not attractively written; for another, it is very inadequate in certain important particulars. In capable hands we think it may prove useful, if only as indicating the demands of the "Modernist" in our own Church. It is a question, however, if these demands are ceded, how much of the faith, as the Christian conscience has for generations understood it, will be left.

THE ONE FOUNDATION. London: Hodder and Stoughton. Price 3s. 6d.

Readers of the British Weekly will recognize this novel as one dealing with the New Theology. The name of the author (or may we say authoress?) is not given, but we do not think it would be altogether difficult to guess the identity. He (or she) has no reason to withhold the name, for the book is by no prentice hand. The story is well told, and the characters are faithfully drawn. We follow the development with a real interest, until everything comes to a happy conclusion. It is a novel with a purpose—or, if we will, a truly "religious" novel—and cannot do anything but good by its healthy, sane, spiritual, and faithful portraiture of some aspects of modern ecclesiastical truth and life.

GLORIA CHRISTI. By Anna R. B. Lindsay. London: Macmillan and Co., Ltd. Price 2s. net.

The last of a series of handbooks on the study of Missions, dealing with the special topic of "Missions and Social Progress." In the course of five chapters various aspects of Missions are treated—Evangelistic, Educational, Medical, Industrial, Philanthropic—while a closing chapter shows how Missions have contributed to other forms of social progress. A useful bibliography is given. The series of which this book forms a part emanates from America, and deserves to be much more widely known in this country by all who are seriously interested in Missions. The present work is a valuable compendium, full of information well and clearly stated.

LIFE ON THE UPLANDS. By J. D. Freeman. London: Hodder and Stoughton. Price 2s. 6d. net.

Another book on the twenty-third Psalm. Surely it might have been thought impossible to write anything new and fresh on so familiar a passage of Scripture. If anyone has been tempted to come to this decision, let him read this book. It is one of the most excellent and enjoyable pieces of expository and spiritual teaching that we have seen for a long time. No one should think of expounding the twenty-third Psalm without consulting this admirable little volume.

THE STORY OF CHURCH MISSIONS. By Eugene Stock. London: James Nisbet and Co., Ltd. Price 1s. 6d. net.

This is an attempt to bring before young readers of the educated classes an account of missionary work in the Church of England. It is written in the author's well-known clear, crisp style, and is marked by all his accuracy and fulness of knowledge, and his great power of making his points tell upon his readers. Not only will the book serve its specific purpose, but it will afford "children of larger growth" an introduction to a knowlege of Church Missions which it is to be feared they sadly lack at present. We know of no book more likely to elicit interest in Missions among those who are now ignorant of, and therefore indifferent to, them.

THE POETICAL WORKS OF THE REV. H. F. LYTE. Edited, with a Biographical Sketch, by the Rev. John Appleyard. London: Elliot Stock. 1907.

The fame of Lyte as the author of, perhaps, the most popular hymn in the English language has been allowed to eclipse his claims upon our regard as a poet in a wider field. Yet Palgrave, in his famous "Golden Treasury," found room for two of his secular pieces; and he might possibly have done not amiss had he included one or two more. And, indeed, Lyte was a true poet. At his best he is exquisite. Hence we gladly welcome this edition of his works. At the same time, the volume would have been far more valuable had a judicious selection been offered us, rather than a complete edition. Few poets bear reprinting in the bulk. But, as we gather from Mr. Appleyard's biographical sketch, the editor was hardly the person to be entrusted with such a selection. His praise is indiscriminating, and he often praises the wrong thing. A biographical notice should be something more than a note of admiration.

Select Poems of Christina Rossetti. With an Introductory Note by Rev. A. Smellie. M.A. London: Andrew Melrose. 2s. 6d. net.

A delightful little volume—charmingly printed, charmingly bound, and carefully edited.

THE PREACHER AND HIS SERMON. By Rev. J. Paterson Smyth. London: Nisbet and Co. 1s. 6d.

Good and sound advice is given here, and the whole book moves on straight, useful lines. The writer advises us to test our sermons by Cicero's famous rules: Placere—are we interesting? Docere—are we instructive? and

Movere—are we impressive? He rightly bids us, at the outset, to take heed to ourselves, and then to our teaching. First the man, then the matter, then the message.

PAMPHLETS AND PERIODICALS.

THE OFFICIAL YEAR-BOOK OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND, 1908. London: S.P.C.K. Price 3s.

This new issue contains a mine of information concerning the Church of England and the Anglican Communion throughout the world. It is not only indispensable as a work of reference, but its contents are of the greatest interest to Church people as showing the condition and progress of Church work. Carefully tabulated statistics show the voluntary contributions of Churchmen and the number of baptisms, confirmations, communicants, etc. The literature of the year is dealt with, and a vast amount of information concerning every part of the work of our Church at home and abroad. The S.P.C.K. is doing a great service in providing us with this book year by year.

THE SONS OF GOD. By E. W. Bullinger, D.D. London: Eyre and Spottiswoode. Price 3d.

-THE PAULINE EPISTLES. By E. W. Bullinger, D.D. London: Eyre and Spottiswoode. Price 3d.—THE VAIL. By E. W. Bullinger, D.D. London: Eyre and Spottiswoode. Price 1d.

Three valuable pamphlets full of interest to Bible students. Even those who cannot endorse the author's positions will find many suggestions in these pages.

Pan-Anglican Papers—The Anglican Communion: In Relation to its Parts. By the Rev. D. W. Clarke. The Anglican Communion: In Itself. By the Dean of Westminster. Church Work among Imported Races in Christendom. By F. P. Luigi Josha. Methods of Carrying on Missionary Work. By Deaconess Ellen Goreh. The Church and its Ministry: The Ministry of Women. By Mrs. Creighton. The Church and its Ministry: Ministry and Finance. By Rev. Canon Bullock-Webster. The Church and its Ministry: Methods of Appointment, of Distribution, of Service. By the Rev. R. B. Rackham. The Church and its Ministry: The Call to Holy Orders. By the Rev. H. H. Kelly. Christianity and Socials. By the Bishop of Birmingham. Morality in Commercial and Social Life. By the Rev. Paul B. Bull. Marriage. By the Rev. J. H. F. Peile. Capital and Labour. By Charles R. Buxton. S.P.C.K. Price 2d. each.

These form the first instalment of the papers to be considered at the forthcoming Pan-Anglican Congress. The subjects themselves, to say nothing of the treatment, show abundantly the timeliness and importance of the subjects to be taken up at the Congress.

James Anthony Froude. By the Rev. Astley Cooper. London: Elliot Stock. Price 3d.

A valuable appreciation of the great writer. One of a number of indications to show that
Froude is gradually coming to his own.

A Godless Socialism. By F. G. Kannaway. London: The Walter Scott Publishing Co., Ltd. Price 3d.

A plain statement and strong criticism of Mr. Blatchford's views on the subject.

A LITTLE PRIMER ON CHRISTIAN SOCIALISM. By the Rev. James Adderley. London The Whitwell Press. Price 3d.

A little book intended to introduce Church people to the study of social questions from a religious point of view. The religious point of view of Mr. Adderley is, of course, well known, and must be taken into consideration in his treatment of the subject.

THE STORY OF THE FORTY DAYS. By C. L. Cooper. London: S.P.C.K. Price 3d.

A short, plain statement of the reasons for accepting as authentic the New Testament story of the post-resurrection appearances of our Lord.

England's Answer to the Children's Cry. By E. Boyd Bayly. London: Jarrold and Sons. Price id.

A very telling pamphlet on the Drink Question, and deserving of wide circulation at the present time. Full of facts and pointed appeals.