

grant from the Hort Fund, able to examine personally a considerable number of manuscripts deposited in continental libraries; but in many other cases he wisely sought and readily obtained the help of scholars having easy access to libraries in distant parts. He also secured ungrudging help from various specialists on matters connected with the Oriental branches of the subject, and the entire result of his long and well-sustained labours is nothing less than a treasury of skilfully tabulated information well worth the best attention of students of liturgy.

It would be tempting to refer to various points of special interest in the work, but we must content ourselves with a mention of the noteworthy fact that the Odes of Solomon, which have, in consequence of Dr. Rendel Harris' discovery, been much to the fore lately, were in the early Greek ritual one of the sources from which the Hymns of Praise at each Dawn Service were drawn.

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Entre Nous.

Little Books on the Devout Life.

'Little Books on the Devout Life' is the general title given to a series of eleven volumes edited by Mr. F. B. Meyer, and published at the Memorial Hall, E.C. With the exception of the volume by the Rev. R. F. Horton, D.D., which is issued at 2s. 6d. net, with a cheap edition at 1s. net, they are all published at 1s. 6d. net. Why Dr. Horton's volume differs in price is not evident, for it agrees with the rest in its beautiful crimson and gold binding and in its general contents. One and all they are devotional, with a fine flavouring of scholarship and chaste writing. The usual 'Ohs' and 'Ahs' of the devotional volume are absent; the intellect has its place in worship along with the emotions. And more welcome still is the place that is given to the imagination. How much the imagination can do for us in our approach to God is only beginning to be understood. These writers help us some way to the understanding of it.

The volumes have their individuality. No one would pass from Dr. Monro Gibson to the Rev. Charles Brown without recognizing the rise or fall in the temperature, or from Dr. Campbell Morgan to Dr. Rendel Harris without acknowledging the variety there is in the very best gifts used to the very best purpose.

What a volume that is of Dr. Rendel Harris on *The Guiding Hand of God*. With a learning that is the amazement of the most learned, there is also a fertility of suggestiveness that causes ever new surprise and delight; and all is whole-heartedly given to the Lord. Who, for example, can write practically on Providence and escape disaster? Dr. Rendel Harris is always victorious and at ease.

But Dr. Rendel Harris is only *primus inter pares*. Here is the complete list: *The Possibilities of Obscure Lives*, by Alfred Rowland, B.A., LL.B., D.D.—'to those whose lot is cast in quiet places, with the hope that it may intensify in them sweet contentment'; *Lessons from the Cross*, by Charles Brown, wherein the Atonement is handled experimentally; *The Life of the Christian*, by G. Campbell Morgan, D.D.; *As a King ready to the Battle*, by W. J. Townsend, D.D., an exposition and application of the passage about 'the whole armour of God'; *The Soul's Wrestle with Doubt*, by F. B. Meyer, B.A., a picture in many panels of 'the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith'; *The Whole Armour of God*, by George S. Barrett, D.D., another exposition of the famous text, different and complementary; *The Devotional Use of the Holy Scriptures*, by J. Monro Gibson,

D.D.; *The Guiding Hand of God*, by J. Rendel Harris, M.A., D.Litt.; *The Open Secret*, by R. F. Horton, M.A., D.D.; *From Natural to Spiritual*, by J. B. Meharry, D.D.—'to foster spiritual experiences and triumphs while we essay to "so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not things eternal"'"; and *A Chain of Graces*, by George Hanson, M.A., D.D., one of the graces being Self-control.

H. Bindon Burton.

Mr. H. Bindon Burton is an Irishman and a politician. He is more of a politician than a poet. Very fervid are the political verses near the end of his volume, running altogether away with the rhythm and sometimes even with the rhyme. The title of the volume is *Eölsyné* (Maunsel; 5s. net).

Good Anecdotes and Bad.

Mr. Arthur H. Engelbach has collected and published a volume of *Anecdotes of Pulpit and Parish* (Grant Richards; 3s. 6d. net). They are of all kinds. Here is one: 'A good story is told of the late Bishop of Ripon, who, when addressing an open-air meeting on one occasion, was interrupted by an atheist, who asked him if he believed that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. "When I go to heaven," said the Bishop, "I'll ask Jonah." "But supposing," the other persisted, "he is not there." "Then you will have to ask him," was the quick retort.'

The Great Text Commentary.

The best illustration this month has been found by the Rev. F. J. Sainty, Shawlands, Glasgow.

Illustrations of the Great Text for July must be received by the 20th of May. The text is Ac 21¹³.

The Great Text for August is Ro 15¹⁸—'Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, in the

power of the Holy Ghost.' A copy of Durell's *The Self-Revelation of our Lord*, or of Walker's *Christ the Creative Ideal*, or of Briggs' *The Fundamental Christian Faith*, will be given for the best illustration sent.

The Great Text for September is Gn 13¹¹—'So Lot chose him all the Plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other. Abraham dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the Plain, and moved his tent as far as Sodom.' A copy of any volume of the *Great Texts of the Bible*, or of the *Greater Men and Women of the Bible*, or any volume of the 'Short Course' Series, will be given for the best illustration sent.

The Great Text for October is Lk 17³²—'Remember Lot's wife.' A copy of Walker's *Christ the Creative Ideal*, or of Sayce's *Religion of Ancient Egypt*, or of Allen and Grensted's *Introduction to the Books of the New Testament*, will be given for the best illustration sent.

The Great Text for November is Ro 5²⁰—'And the law came in beside, that the trespass might abound; but where sin abounded, grace did abound more exceedingly.' A copy of Cohu's *Vital Problems of Religion*, or of Walker's *Gospel of Reconciliation*, or of any two volumes of the 'Short Course' series, will be given for the best illustration sent.

Those who send illustrations should at the same time name the books they wish sent them if successful. More than one illustration may be sent by one person for the same text. Illustrations to be sent to the Editor, Kings Gate, Aberdeen, Scotland.

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