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and that in the end the opposition will cease. But the circular was unlike the compromise in this particular respect, that the Board was nearly equally divided upon it, whereas the compromise was carried with almost unanimity. One of the leaders of the Nonconformist opposition was assured by one of the fuglemen of the circular that he intended to have more circulars. The opposition will plainly be continued, and without the agreement of the Nonconformists no permanent religious settlement at the Board is possible.

It is said that the teachers are to a large extent promulgating Unitarianism and Agnosticism, or at the least are doubtful what kind of Christianity they ought to teach. The facts are these. One class of infants was found saying that Joseph was the father of our Lord ("Thy father and I have sought Thee sorrowing"), and one headmistress dropped the doxology at the end of a hymn. To argue from single instances is one of the most fatal of the mistakes pointed out by Lord Bacon. These cases should have been quietly dealt with by the Committee at the Board. The great mass of the teachers teach the Christianity which all orthodox Christians believe. The head teachers of the whole vast Division of Greenwich have unanimously repudiated the insinuations of Lord Halifax. The imaginary Unitarian aggression is the wildest of fictions. The imaginary Unitarian Plot of 1894 is only fit to rank with the Popish Plot of Titus Oates.

WILLIAM SINCLAIR.

Short Notices.

Evening Communion: the Argument for the Practice stated, and the Objections against it answered. By the Ven. JOSHUA HUGHES-GAMES, D.C.L. Pp. 160. Price 2s. 6d. Nisbet and Co.

IN this interesting volume by the able and learned Archdeacon of Man the reader will find ample material to enable him to form a sound judgment on the important subject of which it treats. The arguments for and against the practice of evening Communion are fully and fairly stated; and after what even opponents must admit to be a temperate discussion of the subject, the practice itself is recommended as being Scriptural and primitive, as well as reasonable and right, under circumstances which happily obtain largely in our day. We refer to evening services being largely attended, especially by the working classes, including many who are practically hindered from attendance at Divine service at any other time of the day. Testimony is given (at p. 93)—which might be greatly increased—that the cessation of evening Communion where it has been established has driven many Church communicants and their families into Dissent. The supposed necessity that the Holy Communion should be partaken of fasting is shown to be the main objection to

evening Communion in the minds of those who object to it on principle. There can be little doubt but that this same supposed necessity had much to do with the practical abolition of evening Communion in the second and third centuries, and onwards. Really primitive Christianity, however—the Christianity of Christ and His Apostles and prophets, and of the New Testament Churches—knew nothing of such materialistic superstition, except to condemn it, and consequently saw no objection to partaking of the Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of Christ in the evening, and “after supper.” We sincerely welcome and heartily recommend the Archdeacon’s book in defence of the lawfulness, the propriety, and the reasonableness of evening Communion. Neither he nor we have a word to say against mid-day or early-morning Communion, but we maintain the right to provide that holy ordinance for our communicants at such times as suit the convenience of those especially who are least able to choose their time, whether morning, noon, or evening.

Bunyan’s Pilgrim’s Progress. Pp. 423. Samuel Bagster and Sons.

Many who have read and loved Bunyan’s rare old allegory will welcome this handy little edition, with its clear type, interesting preface, and quaint side-illustrations, reminding us of the woodcuts in our grandfathers’ days.

Lessons on the Church Catechism. By the Rev. T. H. BARNETT. Pp. 176. Church of England Sunday-School Institute.

Mr. Barnett has given us a useful manual for Sunday-school and other Church teachers. His work is a little wanting in illustration, but he succeeds in his attempt to place before his readers Church doctrine as Bible truth. This manual is unexceptionable in its teaching, and clear in its arrangement.

Epistles and Hymns of St. Patrick. Edited by the Rev. THOMAS OLDEN. Third edition—revised. Pp. 128. S.P.C.K.

Protestant Churchmen in Ireland will be glad to learn that all the Church of Ireland holds to-day was held by St. Patrick, and that nothing that she rejects was accepted by him. Especially is it noteworthy that his teaching was in accordance with that cardinal principle of the Church—that “Holy Scripture containeth all things necessary to salvation.”

Everyday Religion. By Mrs. PEARSALL SMITH. Nisbet and Co. Price 2s. 6d.

Though not written from the point of view of the ordinary Churchman, still, we must cordially welcome another work from the pen of the spiritually-minded author of “The Christian’s Secret of a Happy Life.” That work, we believe, has already passed through forty editions, and has been translated into more than a dozen languages; and we may confidently predict that a similar usefulness will attend her latest book. Mrs. Pearsall Smith holds, with Fénelon, that true religion resides not in the emotions, but the will, and this wholesome doctrine may be said to underlie her teaching. There breathes through the book a pleasant spirit of practical piety, assured peace, and trustful faith, characteristic of the Society of Friends.

The Book of Job and the Song of Solomon. Translated into English metre by Talmid. Pp. 85. James Thin, Edinburgh.

For this attempt “to convey more accurately the structure and emphasis” of these two books there will no doubt be admirers, if they do not find the metre too halting, and the meaning more obscure than in the Authorised Version.

The Village Church, and what it Teaches. By the Rev. G. F. MACLEAR, D.D.
Pp. 105. S.P.C.K.

This is a reprint of chapters that have appeared in *The Dawn of Day*. It is intended to present in a popular form the argument for the truth of the Resurrection of our Lord to be derived from the realization of all that the fabric of a church and its services imply. It is written with all Canon Maclear's ability, and will be valued by those who look at things from a moderate High-Church point of view.

The Resurrection Glory; or, Thoughts on 1 Cor. xv. By S. S. Pp. 76.
Elliot Stock.

This little commentary is written in an earnest, devout spirit, but we do not think it will otherwise commend itself to our readers. The writer says in his preface, "In some respects the views set forth differ from prevailing theological opinions"; two of these views are, the future annihilation of the wicked, and that "there appears to be within the Godhead some difference of rank."

The Golden Secret in Christian Work. By J. OSWALD JACKSON. Pp. 64.
R.T.S.

The "Golden Secret" is "the principle of individual effort—of *one bring one*." There is not much else in this book.

Little Rests by the Way. By E. H. G. Pp. 154. Elliot Stock.

An excellent little work. It pleasantly reminds us of F. R. Havergal's "Morning Bells" and "Little Pillows," though written for older children. We recommend it to god-parents and guardians for those under their charge.

Foreign Missions and Home Calls. By the Author of "Are Foreign Missions doing any Good?" with introductory letter by the present Bishop of Durham. Twentieth thousand. Pp. 102. Elliot Stock.

We rejoice to find that this most useful and forcible little work has had so much deserved success.

The Word in the School. By ANDREW S. LAMB. Nisbet and Co. Twenty-first thousand. Pp. 104.

This little work is a review, from the point of view of an Evangelical Christian, of the comparative capacities of Board School, Voluntary School, and Sunday School for the conveyance of Gospel truth. Dissatisfied with the Board School system, except as a vehicle of Biblical knowledge, recognising that the Voluntary Schools cannot provide for many more than half the children of the country, and conscious of the defects of many Sunday Schools, Mr. Lamb suggests that Boards of Managers should arrange their syllabus from passages of the Bible compiled to illustrate each other. Such a manual for Board School teachers would be of high utility.

Facing the Foe: Notes on Bible Characters, for a Young Men's Bible-Class. By VIOLET BROOKE HUNT. Pp. 64. S.P.C.K.

There is in these Bible lessons a tone of true sympathy with young men in their troubles and difficulties and aspirations. The characters are vividly drawn, the lessons are practical, and the book will be of service to other teachers. We strongly recommend it.

Fifty-two Simple Meditations for Lent. By the Rev. HARRY WILSON.
Price 1s. Griffith Farran and Co.

Though we cannot agree with the teaching of this course of meditations

on such subjects as "absolution," "the sacred food," and others, which are treated from a sacerdotal standpoint, still, there is much in them that we are glad to find. The arrangement of the meditations is excellent.

Self-Discipline: Six Lectures on Pastoral Theology. By Principal GIBSON. Pp. 157. S.P.C.K.

These lectures, which were delivered in the Divinity School, Cambridge, last year, do not touch on controversial matters. They contain vigorous, kindly, wise, and much-needed advice, and should do much good. We commend them most earnestly to all young clergymen.

The Poems of George Herbert. With a Preface. Pp. 256. Samuel Bagster and Sons.

This is one of the "Bagster's Christian Classics" series, and is a neat and well-got-up little edition of the saintly Herbert's works. Herbert expressed a hope in his simple, humble way that his poems "might turn to the advantage of some poor dejected soul"; and this edition cannot fail to add to the already ample realization of his diffident hope.

Lessons on Confirmation. By the Rev. PETER YOUNG, M.A. Third edition. Pp. 170. S.P.C.K.

Mr. Young gives us a new edition of his plain and useful heads of instruction to Confirmation candidates. Probably every clergyman has formed his own Confirmation lessons, but many will value the help of this admirable little work. There are twenty-one lessons, each amply illustrated by Scripture references. Forms of private prayer are added.

Present Day Tracts. Vol. xii. Pp. 52. B.T.S.

Our readers will be heartily glad to have a new volume of this admirable series. The present one contains six papers: Testimonies of Great Men to the Bible and Christianity, by Dr. Murdoch; Theology an Inductive and Progressive Science, Dr. Angus; Modern Scepticism compared with Christian Faith, M. Kaufmann; Human Suffering in the Light of Christianity, Dr. Sterling Berry; the Psalms of David and Modern Criticism, Dr. Green; and Christ's Doctrine of Prayer, Dr. Edgar. The essays will be no inconsiderable help to consecutive thought on these great subjects.

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 National Church, The Foreign Church Chronicle, The Evangelical Churchman, The Gospel Magazine, The Church Sunday-School Magazine, Blackwood, The Cornhill, Sunday Magazine, The Fireside, Cassell's Family Magazine, The Quaver, 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, The Philanthropist, Light in the Home, Awake, India's Women, Parish Magazine, New and Old, The Dawn of Day, The Bible Society's Gleanings for the Young, The Bible Society's Monthly Reporter, The Cottager and Artisan, Friendly Greetings, Little Folks, The Child's Pictorial, The Children's World, Our Little Dots and The Boy's and Girl's Companion.

