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ourselves, some portions of the speech (the illustration, e.g., from "Guy Mannering") seem to us as fresh as when we heard them. It was a melancholy debate. In the various debates we heard most of the speeches in the House of Commons and in the House of Lords, and we are not surprised that in Lord Malmesbury's diary there is at least a mention of Mr. Gladstone's "hostility and bitterness" regarding amendments in favour of the Church of Ireland.

The few extracts which we have given from the volumes before us will serve to whet the appetite of our readers, those at all events who are interested in political matters. A lengthy review of the "Memoirs" is not now within our power. Some of our Liberal friends will criticize, of course, certain comments in them, and the historical accuracy of several of their statements will be called in question. Sir Algernon Borthwick has written to the papers calling in question the reference to the *Morning Post*, and Lord Blachford believes that the entry about Mr. Newman at Oriel is altogether a mistake. But in any case this work will be regarded as forming an interesting and valuable addition to our somewhat scanty stock of political memoirs.

Short Notices.

The Church Quarterly Review, October, 1884. Spottiswoode and Co.

THIS number is above the average. The article entitled "Ordination, Nonconformity, and Separatism," is well worth reading; and with a certain portion of it we quite agree, but the tone is somewhat harsh. The writer distinguishes between the Nonconformists and the Dissenters or Separatists. The Nonconformists "had frequently generalized their enemies the Separatists as 'the Dissension' early in the seventeenth century. But the phrase 'Dissenter' first came into common use as a fitting description for the small, able, and pertinacious minority of Independents who sat in the Westminster Assembly of Divines." Thus the title "Dissenter" was invented by the Nonconformists, not by the Separatists. Lightfoot, in the latter part of his journal, writes of the "Independents" and the "Dissenters" interchangeably.

A see-saw article headed "Cardinal Repyngdon and the Followers of Wycliffe," complains of the "unmeasured laudations" which have appeared in "the excitement lately manifested" as to Wycliffe. Professor Montagu Burrows, we are told, has given "an enthusiastic but uncritical panegyric," and Canon Pennington's book is dismissed as "somewhat of a medley." These writers are able to take care of themselves. The *Church Quarterly* nibbles at the reputation of Wycliffe, with goodwill, but not with much success. Philip Repyngdon, who gave up his Wycliffism, sought the sunshine of Court favour; he became bitter against "heretics," was made Bishop of Lincoln, and at length a Cardinal.

"The History of the Old Catholic Movement" is ably written, and full of interest.

The Young Trawler. A Story of Life and Death and Rescue on the North Sea. By R. M. BALLANTYNE, Author of "Dusty Diamonds," etc., etc., with illustrations. Nisbet and Co.

During some sixteen years, the present writer has examined, now and then, a book by the author of "The Young Trawler." To write a notice

of these books, as a rule, has been a truly welcome task, for there are few writers of stories on the lines which Mr. Ballantyne has chosen who show anything like the same measure of skill and judgment. Mr. Ballantyne's tales are undeniably clever; they are also clever, and very readable. But more, they are generally stories with a purpose—practical, and in many ways likely to do good. A distinctly religious tone pervades the whole; and though there is just enough *sensation* in them to win boys' attention and approval, they are thoroughly sensible rather than "sensational." We have lent several volumes to cottagers and artisans, to the elder children in a Sunday-school, girls as well as boys, and to representatives of other classes, and we have always found that the tales were read with interest, and were much enjoyed. "The Iron Horse," "The Battery and the Boiler," "The Floating Light of the Goodwin Sands," "Deep Down, a tale of the Cornish Mines," and "Under the Waves," may be named as specimen stories of what, after all these years, makes a large shelf, and a handsome shelf in a library for the young. The volume before us has its own merits and its own attractions. Those of our readers who appreciated the article in the August *CHURCHMAN*, on the work done by the Thames Church Mission "among the Fishing Fleets of the North Sea," will understand what forms the staple of Mr. Ballantyne's "The Young Trawler." We may add that an appendix contains a very interesting statement as to the Dutch floating grog-shops, to which reference has of late been made in the newspapers. When, in the year 1881, Mr. Mather, the secretary of the Thames Church Mission, visited the "Short Blue" fleet of Messrs. Hewett and Co., and had his attention drawn to the "Cooper," or Dutch grog-shop, he thought: "Shall the devil have his mission-ship, whose crew are not afraid to face the winter gales, and the servants of the Lord be less earnest than they?" Prayer and effort were fruitful; funds were found for the *Ensign*. At present, there are four mission-vessels. These, as was explained in the August *CHURCHMAN*, toil all the week to maintain themselves, if possible; but, unlike the other smacks, they do not fish on Sundays. Mr. Ballantyne's timely tale about the trawlers may be heartily recommended.

The Uncanonical and Apocryphal Scriptures. Being the Additions to the Old Testament Canon which were included in the Ancient Greek and Latin Versions; the English Text of the Authorized Version, together with the additional matter found in the Vulgate and other Ancient Versions; Introductions to the several Books and Fragments; Marginal Notes and References; and a General Introduction to the Apocrypha. By the Rev. W. R. CHURTON, B.D., Fellow of King's College, Cambridge, Canon of St. Alban's, and Examining Chaplain to the Bishop. Pp. 600. London: J. Whitaker, 12, Warwick Lane. 1884.

The full title-page, which we have given, shows the character of this work; but in explanation of the title itself, we may quote Canon Churton's remark that the Books and Fragments commonly designated "Apocrypha" are all "Uncanonical," but not all "Apocryphal" in the strictest sense of the term. The book is well printed, and handy.

Sermons on Neglected Texts. By C. S. ROBINSON, D.D., Pastor of the Memorial Church, New York. Pp. 310. Dickinson, 89, Farringdon Street, E.C. 1884.

There are many good things in this book; some of them are anecdotes and quotations.

Sermons. By DAVID SWING, Pastor Fourth Presbyterian Church. London : R. D. Dickinson. 1884.

A calculation was made one day as to the number of men's names—heroes, statesmen, authors, and so forth—which on an average appeared in a leading article of a certain newspaper. The critic was nearly right as his calculation proved, in his remark about "brilliant" leader-writers of a showy sort. We are reminded of this by a perusal of some of Mr. Swing's sermons. On p. 152, for example, we find the names of Gough, Everett, Wendell Phillips, and Talmage; on the next page, Paine, Voltaire, Bolingbroke; and so forth. There is thought in the sermons. Thus, in pointing out objections to evolution, it is remarked that "Mr. Beecher can harmonize the theory with religion more easily than he can harmonize it with scientific facts. . . . The facts of science do not blend with the assumed situation as readily as does a *more facile religion.*" (The italics are our own.) For ourselves, we are amazed at the readiness with which many religious men have dealt with the "assumed situation." What are "the facts of science"? (FACTS.) This is one question. Another is, What about the Bible record of creation, in particular of the creation of *man*? These questions we think, many shirk. But we turn again to Mr. Swing. In replying to evolutionists who hold the theory in its atheistic form, he remarks that after all that has been said about "forces," the real question is of *guiding* force. Mr. Swing's objections to evolution are more worthy of note because his sermons are extremely "Broad." The remark was once made that a certain discourse hadn't enough "Gospel" in it to save a fly. To say nothing about "the Gospel," Mr. Swing's notions about theology may be understood from his remark that "Gladstone, Victor Hugo, and their class" are moving along, giants to the last. Victor Hugo! Is a "Presbyterian" Church, even in New York, satisfied with this?

The Boy's Own Annual.—The Girl's Own Annual. R. T. S.

These excellent magazines have been so often commended in the pages of THE CHURCHMAN, that a few words only are necessary in our praise of the volumes for 1884. Full of interesting matter, they are wonderfully cheap. Of the two volumes, somehow we prefer "The Boys"; it will be a treasure for the winter evenings, to many, through a village library.

Touchstones; or Christian Graces and Characters tested. By Right Rev. Bishop OXENDEN. Hatchards.

We heartily recommend this volume, which, like all the honoured Bishop's writings, is thoroughly practical, and of a gentle, winning tone. It is always a pleasure to give away, or lend, or recommend, a book by Bishop Oxenden. What an amount of good has been wrought by his publications! They are many in number, but all are wise, and of value.

Quacks: The Story of the Ugly Duckling. After H. C. Andersen, by MARION M. WINGRAVE, Authoress of rhymes in "Afternoon Tea." London : Ward, Lock and Co.

This is a charming, very tasteful volume; and happy indeed will be the little folks who receive it. The illustrations, coloured, are delightful; and the "get up" of the whole is excellent. The drawing, in some respects, is faulty; but children will not notice a lack of likeness in shape or colour. "Quacks" is a choice gift-book.

The Mela at Tulsipur. Glimpses of Missionary Life and Work in India. A book for children. By Rev. B. H. BADLEY, M.A., for ten years a Missionary in North India. The Religious Tract Society.

A good "Missionary" book for young readers; instructive, and not dry. The *Melas* are religious fairs; and Mr. Badley tells all about them.

The Church of England Continuous Sunday Service Book, for the Year of our Lord 1885. London: Henry Frowde. Oxford: University Press Warehouse.

The Sunday Service Book will prove, we make no doubt, very popular. We gladly welcome it, and are pleased to commend it. The Morning Services are printed separately. Morning and Evening together do not make the book too bulky. A quotation from the preface will explain its character:

The Annual Sunday Service Book of the Church of England has been prepared, at the suggestion of many well-known clergymen, in order to meet the requirements of those who, for whatever reason, find the present arrangement of the Book of Common Prayer in some cases intricate and confusing.

By the publication of the present work this long-felt difficulty will, if the hopes of the promoters are in any degree realized, be effectually removed.

The Morning and Evening Services are here given without omission or alteration of any kind *in the precise order in which they are used in our churches Sunday by Sunday throughout the year*; so that they can henceforward be readily and intelligently followed, even by persons wholly unaccustomed to them.

John Wyclif's Polemical Works in Latin. For the first time edited from the manuscripts, with critical and historical notes, by RUDOLF BUDDENSIEG. English edition. Two vols. Published for the Wyclif Society, by Trübner and Co., 57, Ludgate Hill.

We thoroughly agree with the remarks made by Mr. Wratislaw in the present CHURCHMAN concerning the support given to the Wyclif Society; and for ourselves we regret that a fitting notice of the work done by Dr. Buddensieg has not appeared in our pages. To these two volumes we shall return. The Society is by no means as well known as it ought to be.

Notes on the Church Service. By the Right Rev. W. WALSHAM HOW, D.D., Bishop of Bedford and Suffragan of London. Wells, Gardner, Darton and Co.

This tiny book, in its way a *multum in parvo*, will be interesting and helpful to many. The esteemed Bishop's "Notes" are on the modes of rendering the Services; nearly all of them on the *musical* rendering. They may be well compared with Mr. Hay Aitken's in a recent CHURCHMAN.

The Prophets of Christendom. Sketches of Eminent Preachers. By the Right Rev. W. BOYD CARPENTER, Lord Bishop of Ripon. Second edition. Hodder and Stoughton.

We are pleased to see a second edition of these graceful and suggestive "Sketches." Few men were better qualified to write on eminent preachers than Mr. Boyd Carpenter.

The Doctor's Experiment. By the Author of "Under Fire," etc. R. T. S.

This is a "pretty book," and the tale is pleasing and wholesome. Whether schoolboys will reckon these "Adventures of one of Dr. Reade's pupils narrated by himself" very interesting, and "natural," is matter of doubt. There is plenty of incident.

From the Religious Tract Society we have received *My Coloured Picture Story Book*, with sixty-four coloured plates (some of which surely we have seen before); a good book for the smaller children: the annual of *The Child's Companion* (bright, as usual): also, *The Sweet Story of Old*, "A Sunday book for the little ones," by the author of "Jessica's first Prayer," with twelve full-paged coloured illustrations; and the annual of our old friend *The Cottager and Artisan*.

The sixth volume of "By-Paths of Bible Knowledge," that excellent series of the Religious Tract Society, is *Egyptian Life and History according to the Monuments*, by M. E. HARKNESS; a good volume, but hardly equal to some of its predecessors.—A dainty little book is *Flowers from the King's Garden*; texts with pictures for a month; quite a gem.—*Short Biographies for the People*, also from the R.T.S., may be heartily commended; a well-printed book and cheap; Luther, Calvin, Pollock, Knox, Anselm, and others; Vol. I., Nos. 1-12; a new and useful series. These biographies are short, but full, and interesting.

Of *Theology and Life*, sermons chiefly on special occasions, by Dr. PLUMPTRE, Dean of Wells, a new issue has reached us (Griffith and Farran). The writings of this suggestive and learned divine are well known. His sermon on the "Prophets of the New Testament" has a special interest just now.

Light for India, quarterly Record of the Christian Vernacular Education Society for India, is now published by Mr. Elliot Stock.

Thoughts Suggested by the Report of the Royal Commission on Ecclesiastical Courts. A Paper read at the Annual Conference of the Midland Clerical and Lay Association, 1884, by J. T. TOMLINSON, author of "The Legal History of Canon Stubbs." An ably-written paper. It is published by Messrs. Bemrose and Sons, 23, Old Bailey; and Derby.

Messrs. Nisbet and Co. have published a charming tiny book, *Ivy Leaves*, selections from Miss Havergal's verses, illustrated. Another interesting little book is *Life in Hospital*, "by a Sister;" very touching.

A "popular edition" of Archdeacon FARRAR'S *Life and Work of St. Paul* has been sent to us by Messrs. Cassell and Company. The volume (of 780 pages) is well got up, and printed in clear type—sufficiently large; it is of convenient shape, and very cheap. Such an edition is sure to prove "popular."

Of Dr. BLAKENEY'S excellent *Hand-Book of the Liturgy*, and Captain CHURCHILL'S new book, *Church Ordinances, from a Layman's Stand-point* (interesting and likely to be very useful), notices are deferred.

THE MONTH.

THE Marquis of Salisbury has made some remarkable political speeches in Scotland, mainly upon the Franchise Bill; and it seems probable that the House of Lords will adhere to its former decision. Lord Hartington, speaking at Rawtenstall, was conciliatory; and Mr. Chamberlain's speech in the Potteries, although, as usual, strongly Radical, and with