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civil power of the Pope, which, like a tree blown up by the roots, says Signor Silvagni, "now lies dead for evermore."

In recommending these readable volumes we should remark that they are printed in clear type on charming paper. Our notice of them has been directed to one special point; but the work has a literary, social, and archæological interest.

Short Notices.

History of the Christian Church from the Fourteenth to the Sixteenth Century.

By Rev. T. B. SIKES, M.A., Rector of Burstow, author of "England's Prayer Book," etc. Cheap edition. Pp. 300. Elliot Stock.

This new, cheap edition of Mr. Sikes's book will be acceptable, no doubt, to many Churchfolk of "moderate views." The History—full enough for its aim—is written in clear and simple language. The little book is printed in good type.

The Shadow of the Hand, and other Sermons. By W. A. GRAY, Minister of the Scotch Free Church, Elgin. Pp. 349. Edinburgh: Oliphant, Anderson, and Ferrier. 1885.

It is seldom that one meets with such sermons as these coming from Scotland, or, for the matter of that, from England. They are evidently highly polished, and yet they are, for the most part, free from rhetorical floweriness. How they were *preached* we do not know. Some hearers, perhaps, may have thought them "extempore." Certainly, they *read* very well. And many readers of such sermons as Bishop Magee's, Dr. McLaren's, and the late Frederick Roberston's, will be glad to make acquaintance with Mr. Gray's. The first sermon in the volume is of course an exposition of Isaiah xlix. 2, "He hath covered me in the shadow of His hand."

Anglican Hymnology. By Rev. JAMES KING, M.A., Vicar of St. Mary's, Berwick-on-Tweed. Pp. 321. Hatchards. 1885.

This is a really interesting book. One can read it, and after an interval read it again. It is besides a useful work; and if its information be correct—and we take for granted it is—many who find Hymnology a pleasing and profitable subject will gratefully welcome it. Its *abridged* title is pretentious and misleading, but to quote the author's full title is to explain the aim and character of the book. Thus, "Anglican Hymnology, being an account of the 325 standard hymns of the highest merit according to the verdict of the whole Anglican Church."

The Abiding Christ, and other Sermons. By Rev. W. M. STATHAM, Minister of Harecourt Chapel, Canonbury. Pp. 280. E. Stock.

"The Abiding Christ" is the first sermon in this book which contains thirty-six sermons. They are short, but suggestive; and they are, to quote the preface, "not sectarian." Here and there is an apt quotation or a striking illustration. Against materialism and infidelity there are sometimes vigorous impassioned protests, and sometimes pathetic appeals.

"Before His Presence with a Song." Fifteen Hymns, with Preface and Appendix. By T. D. BERNARD, M.A., Canon and Chancellor of Wells, and Rector of Walcot, Bath. Elliot Stock.

A line in mention of this tasteful little volume was inserted in a recent CHURCHMAN, when time permitted only words commending the work as a very pleasing gift-book. The author's preface and the welcome Hymns—suggestive and deeply spiritual—call for at least a brief review.

Canon Bernard's observations on the tone and character of the more recent hymns—our store largely increases, year after year—are made in the form of questions ; and his four questions are these :

1. Is there not need of more substance in hymns, that is, of more distinct thought, more doctrine, more Scripture ?

2. Is there not a disproportionate amount of the subjective, introspective element, as distinguished from the more objective spirit of praise ?

3. Is there not occasion to be watchful against the advance, along this line, of a doctrinal language and a devotional taste divergent from those of the Prayer Book ?

4. Is it not desirable that there should be a more recognised distinction between hymns proper for congregational and those for only personal use ?

These questions speak for themselves. Few men, certainly, can be better qualified than the esteemed and honoured Rector of Walcot to propound and enforce them. Nor is it likely that any complaint will be made of this preface except that which relates to its brevity, and desiderates an essay, by the same pen, upon a subject which just now is so interesting and important.

One hymn only we will quote ; it is that headed "The Supper of the Lord"—a hymn which strikes us as one of the best of the few really rich Sacramental songs, strong as well as sweet and sound.

Lord, we obey : Thy gracious call, prevailing
O'er conscious shame, has banished doubt and fear ;
Lord, we believe. With hearts no longer failing,
In thankful peace behold Thy guests appear.

Here breathe the words of grace and consolation ;
And holy hands in answering faith we raise.
Here we record Thy purchase of salvation,
And offer here our sacrifice of praise.

Thee we remember ; all within us blessing
Thy cross and passion and Thy work of love ;
Thy death for us before the world confessing,
Pleading its merits at the Throne above.

Thee we receive. The living bread from heaven
Is here assured the faithful soul to feed.
Oh, precious powers of life in mercy given !
Thy flesh is meat, Thy blood is drink indeed.

So with fresh purpose every sin forsaking,
Ourselves a living sacrifice we bring ;
And in one common grace of life partaking,
We with Thy holy Church exultant sing.

We sing with those in heavenly places, casting
Their crowns and palms before the eternal Throne,
Glory to God the Father everlasting,
And Son and Spirit in the Godhead One.

Work and Adventure in New Guinea, 1877 to 1885. By JAMES CHALMERS, of Port Moresby, and W. WYATT GILL, B.A., Author of "Life in the Southern Isles," etc. With two maps and many illustrations. Pp. 340. The Religious Tract Society.

We have here a readable record of good honest Missionary labour in an immense island (the largest island in the world, if we call Australia a continent), about which we have heard a good deal of late, but about which we have very scanty information. We know little of the people (whose land is so near to Australia), or of the work which has been done among them by English and Polynesian Missionaries. This book, then, "*Work and Adventure in New Guinea*," written by men singularly well qualified to give information, is in many ways of interest, and it will be welcomed by general readers as well as by staunch supporters of Missionary effort. Mr. Chalmers, who joined the New Guinea Mission in 1877, has well combined the qualities of Missionary and explorer, and an excellent use is made of his journals and papers. Mr. Wyatt Gill, author of that interesting book, "*Life in the Southern Isles*," visited New Guinea last year; and he tells us how the native teachers, many of whom he had himself trained for the work, have laboured with devotion, and how promising this field of operations really is.

The work of the London Missionary Society in this great island, to which, as has been noted, Mr. Chalmers devoted himself seven years ago, was begun in 1871. In that year Messrs. Murray and McFarlane set sail for New Guinea from Maré, one of the Loyalty Islands, with eight native teachers, inhabitants of that group. Mr. Lawes joined them in 1874. At present, as the map recently issued by the Directors of that Society shows, no less than thirty-two native teachers, some of them New Guinea converts, are toiling in the service of the Gospel on the south-eastern coast of the vast island. By the liberality of the late Miss Baxter, of Dundee, as many of our readers will remember, a steamer—the *Ellangowan*—was placed at the disposal of the Missionaries; and it has been a wonderful help to them, especially as the length of the coast-line occupied by the Society is more than five hundred miles. The little steamer was manned in 1878 by an efficient native crew, and commanded by Captain Dudfield; and the story of Mr. Chalmers's cruise—ninety villages being visited for the first time by a white man—has many enjoyable bits of description.

The book is very readable. Its sketches of social life, of manners and customs, and of scenery, and its natural history pictures, are exceedingly well done.

Steps unto Heaven. By Ven. JOHN RICHARDSON, D.D., Archdeacon of Southwark. Elliot Stock. 1885.

This is an admirable little book, and we strongly recommend it. Archdeacon Richardson justly remarks that the want of the age and of the Church of Christ seems to be a "more personal appropriation and enjoyment of the simplicity of the Gospel and grace of God." The keynote of his present work, indeed, is "appropriation and enjoyment;" it is thoroughly practical. We find terse telling sentences on every page, expounding truths of sober, sound, and spiritual religion. The divisions are these: Peril, Pardon, Peace, Power, Pleasure, Purity, Praise. We may add that the little book is well printed in large type. By a clerical error "Rev." instead of "Ven." appears on the title-page.

A Cradle of Empire. The Salvation Army Book-stores, 8, Paternoster Square.

This little book will at least furnish food for thought to those who sympathize with the following words of the Bishop of Durham, quoted on its title-page: "Whatever may be its faults, it (the Salvation Army) has at least recalled to us the lost ideal of the work of the Church, the *universal compulsion* of the souls of men."

The Church Defence Handy Volume The Church Defence Institution, 9, Bridge Street, Westminster. 1885.

This "handy volume" contains the leaflets of the Institution, together with papers, speeches, and statistics, by Bishops, Members of Parliament, and other men of light and leading. Many of our readers, probably, are already acquainted with it. The subject of Church property, in connection with Church history, is fast becoming the great political question of the time.

A Glimpse Behind the Curtain. Hareem Life in Egypt. By MARY L. WHATELY. Pp. 290. Seeley and Co. 1885.

We have much pleasure in inviting attention to this very readable book, a new edition of "Scenes from Life in Cairo," which was strongly recommended in *THE CHURCHMAN* as soon as it appeared. The author of "Among the Huts in Egypt" has rare qualifications for such a work as this—a "story" founded on truth, and on intimate acquaintance with the country. There are graphic sketches of hareem life, and carefully drawn picture-descriptions of Egyptian manners and customs, in the country as well as in town. No book is better calculated to stir up interest in Missionary work of various kinds than this "Glimpse Behind the Curtain."

A portrait of the Earl of Chichester, our readers are aware, was recently placed in the new Committee Room in Salisbury Square, to commemorate the completion of the fiftieth year of his presidency of the Church Missionary Society. In the *Sunday at Home* for May appears an interesting article entitled "The Earl of Chichester"—biographical recollections which are opportune, and will afford pleasure to many. The *Sunday at Home* touches on the good work done by the noble Earl as first Ecclesiastical Commissioner: "Well known for his attachment to evangelical religion, there could be no doubt of his being influenced by spiritual considerations in the discharge of business, whilst his catholicity of spirit and his sense of justice prevented him from employing his opportunities for the promotion of party purposes." The *Sunday at Home* also recalls the sympathy with various religious and philanthropic movements which has been shown by the noble Earl during a long and consistent career; to many excellent institutions he has been indeed a faithful friend. Again, Lord Chichester is greatly esteemed in his own neighbourhood and county. "As the head of a family," we read, "the master of a household, the neighbour of his tenantry, and the centre of an attached circle of his friends, he has always been an object of reverent affection to every one of them." The influence of his quiet, kindly, considerate, unaffected piety in Sussex circles, as elsewhere, his friends well know, has been remarkable. The *Sunday at Home* mentions that the venerable Earl is Lord-Lieutenant of Sussex, and chairman of the Quarter Sessions in the eastern division of the county (an excellent man of business); but an additional fact has an interest of its own. On the 5th of January last,

at the Court of Quarter Sessions, Lewes, a resolution, moved by Viscount Hampden, G.C.B., seconded by Mr. Grantham, Q.C., M.P., was unanimously passed, recording their "grateful acknowledgment of the valuable services" rendered by the Earl of Chichester, on the fiftieth anniversary of the day of his appointment as chairman.

In the May *Sunday Magazine* (Isbister and Co.) appears an article with illustrations, "At the Deep-Sea Fisheries," by Rev. Dr. Stevenson-Moore. —*Blackwood* asks, "Why have we no proper Armament?"—In the *National Review* the principal paper is "The Advance of Russia towards India," by Colonel Malleson, C.S.I. In another paper Mr. Alfred Austin refers to those mangle-mangle periodicals which devote portions of their space to Theological Polemics; Agnostics, Ultramontanes, and sceptics of every shade, contributing; one paper, as Lord Beaconsfield said, arguing that there is no God, another that the Pope is God's vicegerent. One of Lord Beaconsfield's colleagues, happily still alive, once observed to Mr. Austin "that he thought this collocation of reciprocally destructive "opinions upon opinions of solemnity and importance so demoralizing to "the public conscience, that though often importuned to join the fray, "he had uniformly refused to do so." Mr. Austin further alludes to what he terms "the nimble dialectics of that delightful theological comedian, Mr. Matthew Arnold."—The *Monthly Interpreter* (T. and T. Clark) contains an interesting criticism of Professor Drummond's book.

The recently issued portion of the "Foreign Theological Library," of Messrs. Clark's new series, being the first issue for 1885, is *Old Testament Prophecy*, by Professor ORELLI, and the second volume of *Encyclopædia of Theology*, by Dr. RÄBIGER. Dr. Orelli's work has a peculiar interest, and for theological students who can discriminate, a peculiar value. Its full title—"The Old Testament Prophecy of the Consummation of God's Kingdom traced in its Historical Development"—shows what is its aim. The learned author places the student at the Old Testament standpoint, so far as this is possible; he considers each prophecy in its relation to speaker, hearers, and historical circumstances; what did it mean in that day? He thinks that the ancient Church used in a one-sided manner the maxim of Augustine, correct in itself, *N. T. in Vetere latet Vetus in Novo patet*. But though he now and then presses his own view, as it seems to us, rather in a one-sided manner, Dr. Orelli holds strongly the miraculous element in prophecy, and he shows the Christian fulfilment of Jewish predictions. "No phenomenon analogous to Biblical prophecy, even in form," he concludes, "is anywhere to be found in the world of nations." Turning to his exposition of Isaiah ix. 7, we find: "miracle of counsellor, *strong God*;" a divine character, wisdom beyond human comprehension; divine energy in action. Dr. Orelli remarks: "*Strong God*, for the phrase cannot be understood differently than in x. 21, where it is used of the Lord Himself." The Professor then, of course, refers to the Incarnation.

We are always pleased to receive and to recommend a book by Dr. MACDUFF. His writings have attained a very large circulation; and whatever else may be said of them, it will be admitted that they are thoughtful, devout, able, and of a tender tone. His *Communion Memories* (Nisbet and Co.) will have an interest for many outside the Church of Scotland. The sacramental addresses are suggestive and spiritual. One charm of this volume is a very pleasing photograph of the first and last communion.

No. I. of the new monthly coloured magazine (S.P.C.K.), *The Child's Pictorial*, price twopence, is bright, clever, and attractive.

From the Church of England Temperance Publication Depôt (Palace Chambers, Bridge Street, S.W.) we have received two of Archdeacon Farrar's recent sermons—*Individual Responsibility* and *The Shadows of Civilization*—published at one penny each.

We are pleased to recommend another timely little book by Dr. MACAULAY (Editor of the "Leisure Hour"), *Gordon Anecdotes*. This is a good addition to the "Anecdote Series" of the R. T. S.

The sixth volume of that excellent series of the Religious Tract Society, *Present Day Tracts*, contains papers by Dr. Blaikie, Rev. T. Radford Thomson, Rev. A. H. Sayce, Dr. Mitchell, Rev. W. Arthur, and Sir William Muir. This volume closes the first series of the *Present Day Tracts*. The second series, a prefatory note tells us, will be commenced in the autumn.

In the April CHURCHMAN reference was made by the Rev. Clement Cobb to the publications of the Church Defence Institution. Some of these are now before us. They are well printed, and very telling. No. 26, just two pages, *Liberal Statesmen on Disestablishment*, contains quotations from Mr. Gladstone, Sir W. Harcourt, Lord Selborne, and Mr. Forster. Thus Lord Selborne, speaking at Alton, on December 23, 1874, made the following earnest appeal :

If sacrilege was to come upon this land, let the clergy, at least, have nothing to do with it. Let them not be persuaded to think that a better state of things would exist if the Church were free from State control than that under which they now lived. Let them not for one moment imagine that a better state of things would be arrived at by their helping the enemies of religion and of the Church, who were striving to take away from men their churches and their endowments. They might depend upon it that those who were discontented and wished to pull the Church down upon their heads would find themselves no better off in any point of view if it were done. They would rather be very much the worse ; while, with respect to the State, he trembled, as a citizen, to think of the consequences that might result from the breaking of those ties that entered so deeply into the whole national and social life of the country, and were so entwined around existing institutions."

From the Church Missionary Society we have received several very interesting publications. We heartily recommend a tract-pamphlet, *Some Last Words of Earl Cairns*. It contains Lord Cairns' speech at the Exeter Hall meeting on March 24th, and a few of his dying words. *King Mtesa, of U-ganda* (extracts from letters and journals of Missionaries); *The Hydah Mission*, *The Mombasa Mission*, and *Four Speeches of the late Earl Cairns on behalf of the Church Missionary Society*, we are able at present merely to mention. Like all the publications of this admirably-managed Society, these are edited with judgment and ability.



IT is desired to invite the attention of the readers of THE CHURCHMAN to the work carried on in St. Mary's Hall, Kemp Town, Brighton. The *Report of the Forty-eighth Year of St. Mary's Hall* may well, in such a periodical, be earnestly recommended. "An institution for assisting clergymen in

the education of their daughters," St. Mary's was founded by Henry Venn Elliott; and some twenty years ago the present writer heard from the lips of that good man the story of its rise and progress. The President of St. Mary's is the Bishop of the Diocese; and the Vice-Presidents are Bishops Thorold and Carpenter. The Trustees are the Earl of Chichester, Prebendary Snowden Smith, Bishop Lord Arthur Hervey, Henry Hebbert, Esq., the Rev. John Barton, the Rev. E. L. Roxby, H. C. Malden, Esq., and Canon Babington. The venerable Canon still kindly gives his services as Secretary; and Lord Chichester takes the same interest in the institution which to its great advantage he has shown from the beginning. To some supporters of St. Mary's—clerical and lay—it has seemed probable that the Clergy might be willing to aid its resources. Offertories, as well as Donations and annual Subscriptions, would be highly acceptable. Daughters of clergymen in every diocese¹ are educated at St. Mary's; and many Incumbents of the wealthier parishes, it is hoped, may be pleased to make known, in sermons and in pastoral intercourse, the claims of so beneficent an institution. The number of pupils received is one hundred.

A small portion of the *Report* may here be quoted :

The new Lady Principal, Miss Birrell, was unanimously elected last Midsummer, out of some fifty candidates, to fill the post, and entered upon her duties in July. She came with very high testimonials of her fitness for the office, and from experience of the first six months of her oversight, the Trustees have a confident hope that the best results to the Institution will follow in the teaching, training, and domestic management; also they believe that while progress will be made in sound scholarship to prepare these young students for after usefulness, there will be maintained that high moral and religious standard which shall be in harmony with Holy Scripture, and with the principles which from the first have been inculcated in St. Mary's Hall.

It has been determined to erect, as soon as possible, a Sanatorium at the back of the Hall and on the premises attached to it. Such a valuable addition to the present building was long since desired by the first esteemed Founder, the Rev. H. V. Elliott, and has for some time been contemplated by the Trustees. The estimated cost is from £1,500 to £2,000, but as there will shortly be sent forth an especial appeal on the subject, no further remarks need here be made.

It will be observed from the Statement of Accounts, that the ordinary receipts have amounted to £3,870 12s. 5d., but in addition thereto, the Rev. Canon Babington gave the handsome donation of £1,000 in Stock Consols. This does not appear in the Account, not having passed through the Bank, but it swells the total receipts to £4,870 12s. 5d. The ordinary expenditure has been £4,335 12s. 7d.

¹ Some pupils, according to the *Report*, are from the Church of Ireland, and others are the daughters of Missionaries.