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Short Notices.

The Martyrs of Polynesia. Memorials of Missionaries, Native Evangelists, and Native Converts, who have died by the hand of violence, from 1799 to 1871. By the Rev. A. W. MURRAY, author of "Missions in Western Polynesia," and "Forty Years' Mission-work in Polynesia and New Guinea." Pp. 217. Elliot Stock.

THIS is a thoroughly good book. Its author is well known, and a book of his is sure to be well read. The London Missionary Society has been remarkably successful in Polynesia, and a faithful history of martyrdom in the islands of the South Seas by a veteran Missionary of that Society will be welcomed by earnest supporters of Missionary work in many circles. Of Mr. Murray's fifteen chapters seven are taken up by memorials of the martyrs of the New Hebrides, and four are devoted to martyrs of the Loyalty Islands. Records of the martyrs of Tonga, of the Tahitian group, and of the Melanesian Missions complete the work. Several of the papers, it seems, have already appeared in Australian periodicals. Of those about whom Mr. Murray had to write many were more or less personally known to him. John Williams he knew well. Of Mr. Harris [Eramanga, 1839] he knew a little, and considerably more of the elder Gordon and his wife [Eramanga, 1861]. Most of the native martyrs he knew intimately.

In recommending the volume as a valuable addition to the Missionary library, we should add that it contains some illustrations, and a good map of Polynesia.

Anno Domini. A Glimpse at the World into which Messiah was born. By J. D. C. HOUSTON, B.D., Minister of the Presbyterian Church, Hyde Park, Belfast. Pp. 160. R.T.S.

This little volume is designed for that section of the great general reader class who have neither time nor opportunity to consult standard works, and who wish to know something of the religious and moral state of the world at the time when the Word was made flesh. The information about the Gentiles and the Jews is given in a clear and interesting form.

The Parallel Bible. The Authorized Version arranged in parallel columns with the Revised Version. Henry Frowde: Oxford University Press Warehouse, Amen Corner.

A noble volume, worthy witness to a great and memorable work. The manner in which the printing and publishing of the Revised Version has been carried out is really wonderful, and merits unstinted praise. It is a treat to use the beautiful book before us.

Sermons in Brief. From the MS. notes of a London Clergyman. Dickinson: Farringdon Street. 2 vols. 1885.

These sermons, as a rule, seem sound, sensible, and suggestive, the divisions being fairly natural, and not dry-bony. Here and there is an excellent discourse. But how far such sermon-heads are really helpful, and desirable, is a matter of opinion. The volumes are very well printed.

Book-Lore. A Magazine devoted to Old Time Literature. Vol. I. Elliot Stock.

In this handsome volume, printed with great taste, appears a variety of interesting matter. A paper on some remarkable misprints which have given names to different editions of the Bible has curious bits. The articles are short, as a rule, but rich and readable; the reviews and the notes will be specially welcome to many.

No Condemnation—No Separation. Lectures on Romans viii. By MARCUS RAINSFORD, B.A., Minister of Belgrave Chapel, London. Hodder and Stoughton.

Many will be glad to hear of and make themselves acquainted with these lectures; and others who have read previous books by Mr. Rainsford will, to say the least, equally value his present work.

The Public Schools Historical Atlas. By C. COLBECK, M.A., Assistant Master at Harrow School. London: Longmans, Green and Co.

This most useful atlas contains in all 101 maps, and may fairly be regarded as affording every possible historical illustration that would be of general advantage. Many histories of special periods have of late been published, each very fully accompanied with maps; but, so far as we are aware, this is the first complete atlas which illustrates every epoch—each map dealing with one period only, ranging from one of the Roman Empire to a plan of the Battle of Waterloo. The maps are drawn and coloured well.

The Scottish Church, a sixpenny magazine, is published by Messrs. R. and R. Clark, 42, Hanover Street, Edinburgh. The August number contains several well-written papers. "The latest Liberationist: Lord Lorne," is extremely clever, "hard-hitting," and not without a spice of bitterness. "The latest convert to Liberationism is the Most Noble the Marquis of Lorne, K.T., LL.D. His confession and testimony, partially confided to 'the Radicals of Hampstead by word of mouth, are bestowed on such of 'his countrymen in general as read the *Scottish Review* in the pages of 'the July number of that organ. . . What will most immediately strike 'every educated reader is the Marquis's very defective style. His composition is so faulty, his relatives and antecedents are so loosely jumbled, 'and the limbs of his periods are so ill jointed, that it is often hard to 'make out what he is driving at. The very first sentence is a puzzle: "The General Assembly of the "Establishment" has announced its 'intention to go to the polls, and will no doubt influence, for some years 'to come, the question of "religious equality." What does he mean? "The General Assembly will for some years to come influence the question 'of religious equality! Possibly; but what connection has this with its "'going to the polls'? or what does the Assembly's going to the polls 'mean? The sentence is a fair sample of Lord Lorne's crooked style and 'of his reckless assertions. The General Assembly never announced its 'intention to go to the polls, whatever that may signify. It never did or 'said anything that, to an observer with the slightest discernment, could 'convey the impression of political pugnacity, which Lord Lorne no doubt 'wishes to convey under this phraseology. Equally unwarrantable is his 'next allegation, founded on a remark of Lord Salisbury's as to the ignorance of Scotch ecclesiastical affairs in England, and the relation of the 'liberation campaign in Scotland to the design of disestablishing the 'English Church. 'So matters of conscience with us are to be judged, 'entirely, as they may affect a Tory party, assisted by a bench of bishops 'in England.' Partisan ill-will has seldom invented a more unjust and

"misleading insinuation. But these random strokes fall on every page. "When 'the State gift,' by which it pleases his Lordship to designate the "patrimony of the Church, 'brought undue State interference, divisions "began.' The statement is absolutely baseless. The endowments of the "Church were never a 'State gift,' and never 'brought undue State interference,' which, in its turn, created schism. The first divisions in the "Church—which, as far as we understand Lord Lorne, are not those he "specially refers to—arose out of the conflicts between Presbytery and "Episcopacy, and continued, with alternations of fortune, for nearly one "hundred years, without creating anything that could be called dissent. "Each party, as it triumphed, absorbed or subdued the other. The "Presbyterian 'divisions,' of which Lord Lorne doubtless intends to "speak, sprang out of no State interference with any question of the "Church's property. They were—from the secession of the Erskines to "that of Dr. Chalmers—schisms originating within the Church itself, in "disputes about claims and principles with which the Church's endowments had nothing to do. Even in the 'ten years' conflict,' which produced the secession of 1843, it was not the Church's property that "invited State interference, but the Church's violation of the terms of her "compact with the State. Before he lectures us upon our divisions, Lord "Lorne should master the rudiments of their character and history. He "should also learn to speak with propriety of the religious institutions of "his country, and of the Presbyterian ministry, one of the greatest of "them. Although Mr. Buckle was ludicrously wrong in describing Scotland as, next to Spain, the most priest-ridden country in Europe, it is "undeniable that the Scotch, as a rule, hold the ordinances of religion, "and those who administer them, in high respect. This is a sentiment "common both to Churchmen and Nonconformists. It is one which the "noble Lord seems to spend his feeble ingenuity in outraging."

The Leisure Hour has the following :

It is very well known that any person discovering a printer's error in an Oxford Bible will be paid a guinea if he will take the trouble to point it out to the Controller of the Press—provided, of course, that it has not been discovered before. The editions of the Sacred Scriptures issued by the University are very numerous, and from one or another of them errors are now and again picked out, and several times during his term of office the present controller has been called upon for the guinea, and has paid it. When the Revised Bibles were about to be issued the question arose as to whether guineas should be paid for printers' errors in this enormous issue of entirely new print. Every edition, of course, is an independent work of the compositors and proof-readers, and in an undertaking of such magnitude it could hardly be doubted that mistakes would in the aggregate be numerous, and prudence seemed to suggest that no undertaking should be entered into until the work had for a time had the benefit of the gratuitous criticism of the public. Up to the moment of our writing, however, after running the gauntlet of public scrutiny for a good month, only three printer's errors have been discovered in all the editions. In the pearl 16mo. edition there is an error in Ezekiel xvii. 26, where an "e" is left out of righteous, and the word is printed "rightous." In the parallel 8vo. edition there are two mistakes. In Psalm vii. 13, "shafts" appears instead of "shafts," and in Amos v. 24, in the margin, "overflowing" should be "everflowing." Of course there may be others to be found yet, but that for a whole month only these should have been brought to the notice of the authorities is astonishing, considering the magnitude of the enterprise.

The Approaching Australasian Centenary. This pamphlet (Elliot Stock) is a reprint of the article in a recent CHURCHMAN by Mr. B. A. HEYWOOD, author of that excellent book "Memoir of Captain Stephens, R.N." It will have, we hope, a large circulation in its new form.

The Scottish Review, Number XI., contains several interesting and informing articles (Alexander Gardner, 12, Paternoster Row). A paper by Lord Lorne on Disestablishment in Scotland, appears to bear marks of haste; we, at all events, are disappointed with it. "The time has come," says the esteemed writer, "to ask that Scotland shall have religious equality;" and accordingly, Disestablishing agitation is spoken of as "invigorating." The noble Marquis seems to have no fear that "agitation" may affect other institutions besides the Establishment, although Irish landlords, as a rule, have complained that confiscation has been contagious; but what he suggests has the mild and attractive watchword "*Union*." Would Presbyterians who hold to the principle of a National Church be brought to unite with the U. P. body and the Free Church by the shock of Disestablishment? We greatly doubt it. *The Scottish Review* also contains an able review of "Natural Law in the Spiritual World," and the reviewer, we think, is right in saying that the defence in the *Expositor* "fails to reconcile the Professor's contradictions or to vindicate his book from the charge of superficialness and erroneousness." The conclusion of "The Political Portrait Gallery" is that the interest of the future, so far as can be proved at present, centres round four persons—Lord Salisbury and Lord Randolph Churchill, Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Rosebery.

Picturesque Wales is a cheap and pleasing little hand-book of scenery accessible from the Cambrian Railways (Adams, 59, Fleet Street).

The Art Journal (J. S. Virtue and Co.), a capital number, contains "A Reverie," from the drawing by Marcus Stone, A.R.A., some more sketches of Eastbourne, and "An Old Coach Road," with bits of Canterbury and Dover.

In the *Sunday at Home* appears another instalment of "The Jews after the Dispersion," by the Rev. H. C. ADAMS. These papers have all along been excellent; they are readable as well as full of information. The literary power of the learned author has long been known; his present work shows considerable research, and it happily meets a want. We hope it will appear in a separate form. Dr. Green's paper on the Revised Old Testament is, of course, exceedingly good.

Some of our readers may be glad to make acquaintance with a shilling pamphlet, published by Mr. A. Gardner (Paisley and London), having this title, "*On Natural Law in the Spiritual World*," "by a brother of the natural man." It concludes that Professor Drummond's work is a book that "no lover of men will call religious, and no student of theology scientific."

A reprint from *Home Words* entitled *Tim Teddington's Dream*, by Miss GIBERNE, has already had a large circulation. We heartily wish it a much greater success. Only a penny, like so many valuable little publications, it comes from "Home Words" office, 7, Paternoster Square, E.C.

In the *Church Missionary Intelligencer* appears "Bishop Hannington's visit to Chagga," and several interesting papers.

In the *National Review*, a very good number, "Gordon or Gladstone," by Mr. Stanley Leighton, M.P., will be read with painful feelings by many who take little interest in the disputes of "party" politics.

