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But if the Church of England is to be Catholic in its character and Protestant in its doctrine, and if otherwise it will not long continue an Established Church, I contend that brotherly intercourse with Evangelical Nonconformists is not only a Christian duty, but a chief means by which the Church may secure the affection of the people, and also the continuance of its connection with the State.

If we admit these Nonconformists to be Christians, we must consider them as brethren and fellow-citizens of "Jerusalem, which is above, and which is the mother of us all"—therefore members of this one Established Church, which cannot be shaken, "whose builder and maker is God."

CHICHESTER.

Short Notices.

The Endowments and Establishment of the Church of England. By the late J. S. BREWER, M.A. Second Edition, Revised. Edited by LEWIS T. DIBBIN, M.A., of Lincoln's Inn, Barrister-at-Law. John Murray.

THIS volume, at the present moment, is of great value, and we hasten to invite to it the attention of our readers. It should be in the hands of all the Clergy, and of all the thoughtful laymen who are rallying to the defence of the National Church.

Mr. Brewer's work, probably, is known to many of our readers, and they will have pleasure in recommending a new, revised edition. The Archbishop of Canterbury, if we remember right, last year, in his Diocesan Conference, spoke warmly of Mr. Brewer's book, and it has been commended by representative men of various shades of opinion in the Church. Of the learning and judgment of the Author—particularly in regard to the Reformation period—it is needless here to write. Everybody who has fairly studied the reign of Henry VIII. knows something at least of the patient investigation and matured scholarship of Mr. Brewer. As an ecclesiastical historian, with regard to both research and ability, he stood in the highest rank. Few writers—it is well said—have "combined so successfully a glowing style, full of life and interest, with sound, solid reasoning." It is matter of regret that such an accomplished Professor should have left to us so little of his own writing.

The book before us (a revised edition of one of the Professor's valuable writings) will be heartily welcomed on all sides. The able Editor, Mr. Dibdin, who happily combines literary power with precision and positiveness, that clearness of detail which springs from laborious research, and who seems likely to take the place in ecclesiastical questions so long filled by Dr. Stephens, has made no needless alterations. The revision, indeed, we can well understand has been thorough, but everywhere the alterations and annotations—so far as time permits us to judge—have been judicious. Mr. Brewer's work has been made a *present-day* treatise. Mr. Dibdin has added two notes of some length, one on the historical origin of Parochial Tithes, and the other on the nature of the Establishment as an existing institution.

The book is divided into two parts : the first deals with Endowments, and the second with Establishment. As to Part I. Mr. Dibdin acknowledges in his preface the valuable aid he has received from the Bishop of Chester. To that eminent historian it would no doubt be a pleasure to be consulted in regard to revising a work on the National Church by a scholar to whose almost unrivalled qualifications for such a task his Lordship could well bear witness.

From lack of time (for the book has reached us too late for a worthy review) we can only quote one or two brief paragraphs from Part I. On page 90 we read :

Nothing can be more futile, preposterous, and absurd, than the popular notion that the parochial tithes and endowments of the Church of England were given by the nation as such, and were not the private charities of individuals, as much, to all intents and purposes, as a subscription at a missionary sermon in a Baptist Chapel, or a contribution at a Wesleyan Centenary.

On page 97 Mr. Brewer shows how unfounded is the notion (we fancy a very prevalent one) that there is a *common treasure* for the Church. There is no such thing. "Each parish has its Endowment for the sole benefit of the parish, which the Church may augment if it please, but cannot transfer or diminish."

On page 124, touching the energetic efforts of the Established Church, we read : "Its various funds, raised exclusively by the voluntary contributions of its members, for building new churches, for propagating "the Gospel in foreign parts, for improving the condition of its clergy, "for providing for their widows and orphans, for the relief and education of the poor, for the promotion, in short, of every good work, are "greater, more exemplary, more munificent, than any other nation "exhibits or ever has exhibited, or anything like it. They are a "permanent monument to the vitality and energy of the Church of England.

As some tall cliff that lifts its awful form,
Sweeps from the vale and midway leaves the storm,
Though round its breast the rolling clouds are spread,
Eternal sunshine settles on its head.

"But so far as its churches and its endowments are concerned, "whether before the Reformation or since, previous to its establishment "by Henry VIII. or subsequently, the Church of England owes no more "to the State than the dissenter owes. It owes the right of building its "own churches and supporting its own ministers—that and no more. It "owes the privilege of receiving the alms, oblations, subscriptions, and "endowments of those who are willing to give them—that and no more. "It owes its right to its own tithes, to the same source and no other. And "like the dissenter, like every other individual and every other society "and corporation in the nation, it owes to the State the protection of its "own property. That, and that alone, is the one gift, the only endowment—if endowment it can be called—for which the Church is "indebted to the State ; that and nothing more."

"Popular County Histories."—*A History of Norfolk*. By WALTER RYE, editor of "The Norfolk Antiquarian Miscellany." Pp. 300. Elliot Stock.

This is the first volume of a new series of County Histories, and if other volumes equal Mr. Rye's the series will—to use a common phrase—supply a lack. A series of handy volumes, County Histories by competent writers, "popular" and yet precise, attractive and yet thoroughly accurate, is sure to find readers. The history of a county has a value beyond what may be called local and personal, and many readers who have a

spice of antiquarianism will find county chronicles, with various bits of social, political, religious, and literary interest, an enjoyable study.

We might quote many brief passages from the volume before us, to show the thoroughness of Mr. Rye's work. Here is one specimen :

Of their personal conduct [Parliamentarian bands] we know little, and it was to supply this want that an impudent local forger concocted the "Squire Papers" which fairly took in Carlyle, who printed them as an appendix to his "Cromwell's Letters and Speeches." In my "Norfolk Antiquarian Miscellany" I dissected these papers at some length, but it is hardly worth while going over the ground again here. It will suffice, perhaps, to any one acquainted with the subject, to point out that at a time when double Christian names were so extremely rare, that a single example can hardly be found, one list only of a hundred and forty-nine names has *four* examples. The proportion of very unusual and Scriptural names, too, is ridiculously large. . . .

Here is a specimen of dialogue given to Mr. Rye the other day, as taken down from the mouth of an East Norfolk gardener. Emphasized as italicized :

As I was jumping t' holl from *Farmer Thirkettle's* little pightle inteu t' rhoed, she come up teu me and say :

"Can I get trew here?"

"Iss," said I, "but it is no *matter* of a rhoed."

"Whawt?" said she.

"It's only a *drifway*," sed I.

"Eh?" sed she.

"Nobbut a *paekway*," sed I.

"Oh," sed she; "and which way deu I go?"

"Tew go as the rhoed go, for tew or tree hundred *yard* till you come teu a paryard," sed I.

"Teu whawt?" sed she, etc., etc.

A Norfolk man, it may be added, cannot pronounce *h* when it comes after *t*, and so is compelled to say "teu" and "tree" for "two" and "three," and "trew" for "through."

Christmas Letter Mission—Samples (Hazell, Watson and Viney, 5, Kirby Street, Hatton Garden, E.C.)

We have much pleasure in inviting attention to this album, and inserting the following notice of the work of this excellent Society, which an esteemed correspondent has sent to us. The selection of samples in the album is really interesting. Many of the cards are exceedingly cheap.

"Some unexpected gift for our people at Christmas and the New Year!" How often does the wish for such a commodity rise to the lips of the clergyman and his workers? This need has been met by the Letters of the CHRISTMAS LETTER MISSION. Begun in 1871, in the parish of the late Rev. E. B. Elliott, of Brighton, by the distribution of a few hundred letters to the sick in hospital and infirmary, it has grown so rapidly that last Christmas more than 500,000 of the beautifully illustrated Letters, with Scriptural Text Cards, in ten different languages, carried greetings to all classes scattered in different parts of the world. The following, from a Kent Rector, gives an idea of their adaptation for parochial distribution :

"I advise any clergyman, who knows what it is to come home with a weary head from work, to get a supply of these charming letters. They carry wearied or volatile intellects along with them, and leave a substratum of spiritual help. I was delighted to have appropriate letters for the sick and aged. These could not join us in public worship, nor could I pay each of them a visit of sympathy. But the letters assured them of communion with us, and invited to communion with our incarnate Lord. One thing I learned was to secure a supply of C.L.M. envelopes. They at once announce the object of the letter, and their prettiness

arrests and pleases. In the *Letters for General Use* I found pleasant gifts for every member of my choir, who were thus confronted with a special token of Christmas kind feeling from the rector as soon as they assembled. Every one, too, of the often-neglected class of domestic servants in my parish thus received a reminder of their pastor's goodwill, from the squire's butler to the little 'general' of the lower middle class. And among them, too, to my great joy, I found tokens of loving remembrance to young people whom I had prepared for Confirmation, and who had left us, chiefly for service. The post took them to town, and all over the country, and even to America! As to the *Children's Letters*, it was quite a eureka to have them for the dear young ones of all classes, to carry the Gospel of Christmas on the wings of pleasantness and affection into the drawing-room and the nursery. Truly it was sowing seed beside all waters, and I believe every one who will sow these annuals will hereafter find they have produced perennials."

For further particulars readers of THE CHURCHMAN may consult an advertisement on another page. It may be added, however, that full information concerning the work and plans of this Mission may be obtained by sending an addressed Postal Wrapper to the Central Secretary, Miss Bewes, 67, Ladbroke Grove, Notting Hill, W.

Cassandra's Casket. By EMMA MARSHALL. Nisbet and Co.

We are always glad to welcome another book by Mrs. Marshall. Few have written so many tales, and fewer still have written so well. No matter on what lines the gifted writer builds and fashions her work, the story is sure to be "a story," readable and also profitable. Readers who value culture and refinement, but above all seek for truth and unction, will recommend her Tales, especially for young ladies. "Cassandra's Casket" is not unworthy to rank with preceding volumes of a charming series. School Girls will enjoy its descriptions of school life. The picture of Nesta's heroic self-sacrifice with the sinking boat, is graphically drawn (though a nautical pen might correct certain details with advantage), and the scene in which Cassandra thanks her dying friend is very touching. We may add that this volume is a handsome present.

Cairnforth and Sons. A Tale. By HELEN SHIPTON. S.P.C.K.

This book is likely to be helpful to some for whom a story of a conventional, common-place character would have little attraction. It is well written, strong and suggestive, with freshness of tone as well as skilful work. Scenes in factory life are graphic. Launcelot Cairnforth, the son of a Lancashire mill-owner, is cleverly drawn. He was a thorough "gentleman," after a fashion religious, but selfishly indifferent, well pleased with his luxurious life. Then came a change—

At least not rotting like a weed,
But having sown some generous seed,
Fruitful of further thought and deed.

The Mill in the Valley; or Truth will out. By C. E. M. Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.

A pleasing, wholesome tale of country life. Old Jesse Crump, who hoarded his savings, is well drawn; and the thief's end is dramatic. George Broome marries happily.

Norwegian Pictures. With a map and 127 illustrations from sketches and photographs engraved by E. Whymper and others. By RICHARD LOVETT, M.A. Religious Tract Society.

Another volume of the "Pen and Pencil Series" (one of the most successful ventures of the time) will be heartily welcomed by numbers on every side. Swiss Pictures, Indian, Scottish, American, French, and so forth, not forgetting Dr. Macaulay's charming "Sea Pictures"—there is

no more attractive and enjoyable shelf in our library. "Norwegian Pictures" is worthy of its companions, and is just now very timely. Mr. Lovett has done the "pencil" and editorial portion of the work with skill and judgment. A bit of Sweden is happily given, and the volume is as usual admirably finished.

The Rover of the Andes. A Tale of adventure in South America. By R. M. BALLANTYNE. With Illustrations. J. Nisbet and Co.

We have sometimes wondered what has been the total circulation of Mr. Ballantyne's books for the young. He has written many—a very large number, indeed—and all of them, so far as we can judge, have been remarkably successful. The present writer, within the last fifteen years or so, has had the pleasure of reviewing "The Iron Horse," "Fighting the Flames," "Shifting Winds," "The Lighthouse," and many other excellent Tales; all of them good—*very* good; bright, sensible, wholesome, stirring; just what boys like, and withal what parents should be pleased to see boys like. In the present day, when to boys—and for the matter of that to girls—so many stories, easily obtained, are sadly mischievous, such books as Mr. Ballantyne's have a special value. We heartily welcome a new Tale by this esteemed and able writer; the scenes, as usual, are cleverly drawn. There is a good description of a storm in the Andes, and of an earthquake; adventures in hunting, and among the Indians, also, are attractive.

The Life of Jesus Christ the Saviour retold from the Evangelists. By Mrs. S. WATSON. With Maps and Illustrations. Pp. 450. The Religious Tract Society.

The aim of this volume, says the preface, "is to present the narrative of the four Gospels in a compact and consecutive form, with so much of illustrative detail and occasional comment as may make the earthly life of the Saviour a deeper reality to the reader." Again, "Faithful narration is the purpose of the work." The purpose has been well carried out. We are much pleased with the book, and think it likely to do good service. Sunday School and Bible Class Teachers, and other thoughtful and devout young men and women, who wish to study a "Life of Jesus Christ," and are not able to use Farrar, Edersheim, and Geikie, will find Mrs. Watson's work—which embodies the results of researches of these and other eminent authors—very interesting and really helpful.

The book is admirably printed in clear, large type, and has several illustrations and maps.

Three Martyrs of the Nineteenth Century. Studies from the Lives of Livingstone, Gordon, and Patteson. By the author of "Chronicles of the Schönberg-Cotta Family." S.P.C.K.

A welcome book; deeply interesting; worthy of the accomplished author. In heartily recommending it, as we do, it is hardly necessary to say more. But we may add that the book is beautifully printed in large type.

"*Tzeénah Urééneh.*" A Rabbinical Commentary on *Genesis*. Translated from the Judeo-Polish, with Notes and Indices. By PAUL ISAAC HERSHON, author of "Treasures of the Talmud," etc., etc. With Introductory Preface by Ven. Archdeacon FARRAR, D.D., F.R.S. Pp. 320. Hodder and Stoughton.

By his previous writings, says Canon Farrar, in the introductory preface to this curious book, Mr. Hershon "has placed within reach of English readers such a knowledge of Rabbinic literature as it would

previously have been impossible for them to acquire without long and laborious researches. . . . In the translation which he now lays before the reader, Mr. Hershon once more furnishes abundant methods of the singular methods of exegesis which prevailed for centuries in the schools of Tiberias, of Babylonia, and of mediæval Europe." *The Tzeénah Uréénah*, "Go ye and see," Cant. iii. 11, is a commentary on the Pentateuch for the use of Jewish families. It is said to be the work of Rabbi Jacob (Frankfort, 1693), and among the communities called Polish-Jews it has always been popular. Mr. Hershon's translation is made from a copy published at Wilna, in 1877, printed in the Judæo-Polish dialect. The work, it seems, can be easily purchased in London, where there are now many thousand Polish Jews. Mr. Hershon selected the Book of Genesis as a fair specimen of the whole.

Purity Treated Purely. A Sermon preached at the Foundling Hospital, Sunday Morning, August 23rd, 1885. By the Rev. C. LLOYD ENGSTRÖM, M.A., Rector of St. Mildred's, Bread Street, and St. Margaret, Moses, and Barnard Hyde, Lecturer of the Salters' Company. Rivingtons.

A vigorous and valuable discourse. We regret that we cannot give any extracts.

Unbeaten Tracks in Japan. An Account of Travels in the Interior, including visits to the Aborigines of Yezo and the Shrine of Nikko. By ISABELLA L. BIRD, Author of "Six Months in the Sandwich Islands," "A Lady's Life in the Rocky Mountains," etc., etc. New edition, abridged. John Murray.

This charming work was reviewed in *THE CHURCHMAN* as soon as it appeared. We are pleased to welcome a new, a cheaper edition, and to recommend it heartily. The record of long journeys in Japan on "unbeaten tracks," has an interest and value of its own. One of the best books of travel (written with singular skill), it will bear reading a second time.

Who was Philip? A Tale of Public School Life. By the Rev. H. C. ADAMS, M.A., Author of "The Mystery of Beechey Grange," "Schoolboy Honour," etc. Griffith, Farran, Okeden, and Welsh.

Mr. Adams is so well known, and so much valued, as a writer of Tales for Public School Boys, that we need say very little in commending this story. The conversations and the cricketing sketches are, as usual, inimitable. The volume is tastefully got up and has eight illustrations.

The first Article in the new *Quarterly Review* is on the "Revised Version of the Old Testament," and an able, vigorous, and interesting article—of the kind which everybody anticipated—it surely is. "The Predecessors of Shakespeare," "Taxes and Taxation," "Taine on Jacobinism," "England and Egypt in the Soudan," are other ably-written articles. "Our duty to South Africa" is excellent. Owing to the pressure on our space we are unable to give, as usual, two or three extracts from the *Quarterly*. But for one passage from the article on "The Coming Elections" space must be found. Lord Salisbury has "warned us, in language which cannot "fail to produce a powerful and lasting effect upon the country, against "the insidious attempts of Mr. Morley and others to banish all religious "influences from the education of the young. Mr. Chamberlain's scheme "of 'Free Education' would add so immensely to the local rates, that "the public could not and would not support the burden, and the demand

"for relief would soon become irresistible. This contingency has, of course, been foreseen by Mr. Chamberlain and his friends, and it falls in well with their plans. Their anticipation is, that the new requirements created by the additional cost of education to the State, would have to be provided for out of Church property, and that in this way a plausible pretext would be given for confiscation. Religious education, and voluntary and denominational schools, are all to be thrown aside. We are, as a nation, to repudiate Christianity. The design is at once bold and crafty, but we cannot believe that it will succeed. It was most necessary and most desirable that at such a moment as this, the people should receive the most emphatic assurance, that the Conservative Party will have no share in this evil work ; that it will stand resolutely by the 'principles of Christianity,' which Englishmen were once ready to die for, much as they are now decried and defamed by Radical pedants and adventurers. The Church, as part of the body which represents these principles, will be defended to the last. 'It is,' said Lord Salisbury, 'a matter of life and death to us.' He will have no vacillation and no compromise : the 'two voices' of Mr. Gladstone's manifesto are put to silence, and we hope to shame. It is at once the duty and the privilege of the Conservative Party to support that 'sacred institution' which 'has held up the torch of truth, and has maintained the truths of Christianity before the world.'

From Messrs. R. Bentley and Son (New Burlington Street) we have received copies of the new, complete, edition of Jane Austen's works : *Pride and Prejudice*, *Northanger Abbey* (with *Persuasion*), *Sense and Sensibility*, *Emma*, *Mansfield Park*, and *Lady Susan*, with a Memoir by Miss Austen's nephew. The six volumes, well got-up, and printed in clear type, are "handy" and cheap.

Gwendoline, by Miss GIBERNE (R.T.S.), is a well-written story, pleasing, and suggestive withal. Lady Halcot is drawn with skill, and so is Gwendoline, who in the end is happily married. The volume is tastefully "got up," and is a really good gift-book.

Many readers will be pleased with a simple and suggestive little volume, *Bible Flowers and Flower Lore* (Hodder and Stoughton). It has thirty chapters ; the balsam, myrtle, aloe, rose, etc., etc. As to the "Rose of Sharon," the author, following Canon Tristram, says it must be the sweet-scented Narcissus.

One question not seldom occurs to a Reviewer—How much shall I quote from this book ? "This," of course, means that the book is really good, with graphic descriptions, and so forth. A friendly pencil has marked several passages in one of that class of Missionary works which for the present writer has peculiar attractions, *In Southern India* : "a visit to some of the chief Mission Stations in the Madras Presidency." Limits of space, however, are rigid, and practically unsqueezable, and quotations, at all events in our present notice, cannot be made. We must content ourselves with assuring our readers that they will find *In Southern India*, by Mrs. MURRAY MITCHELL, author of "A Missionary's Wife Among the Wild Tribes of South Bengal," not only readable, but highly informing. "Madras ; Female Work ;" "Dindigal, its Medical Mission ;" "Tinnevelly—Palanickotta ;" "Cottayam, its Missions ; the Syrian Christians of Malabar ;" "Cochin, its White and Black Jews," are some of its Chapters. The book, well printed, has a map and has many illustrations.

We have pleasure in recommending a very readable story by ELLA STONE, published by Messrs. Nisbet, *Grace Murray*. The character and life of the heroine are admirably portrayed. The doctor did not "propose" to Grace, but to Nellie. It is a touching scene—years afterwards, Grace promising the dying father, a widower, that his children should receive from her a mother's love and care. The religious tone of the tale is excellent.

Short Biographies for the People. Vol II. is like Vol. I., very good. The new biographical series of the Religious Tract Society has more than once been commended in these pages.

The Annual volumes of the *Boy's Own Paper* and the *Girl's Own Paper* are as attractive and interesting as usual. Wonderfully cheap. The monthly numbers have been several times noticed in these pages.

“^o^o Several notices of new books are unavoidably deferred.



THE MONTH.

THE TWENTY-FIFTH CHURCH CONGRESS was held at Portsmouth; and some of those who took part in the proceedings—representative men, well qualified to express an opinion on the point—observe that the Congress of 1885 will favourably compare with not a few of its predecessors. An esteemed correspondent writes to us: "There was a very good tone at this Congress—no friction, the most perfect temper; and I am sure it will do good. As to numbers, it was rather a disappointment; the elections were an adverse influence." The absence of influential laymen is probably to be accounted for upon political grounds. "Church and State" was naturally the key-note of the sermons and the most striking speeches.

On Monday evening at an enthusiastic assemblage of the C.E.T.S., in the Congress Hall, Bishop Wilberforce presiding, Canon Ellison, the founder of the Society, stated that the members now number 650,000, while there are branches for women, agricultural labourers, soldiers, merchant seamen, etc.; and that, by the co-operation of the Missions for Seamen Society, 24,000 pledges had been taken among the sailors. Alluding to the immense help that the Society had experienced in the grand organization of the Church of England, he wound up, amidst enthusiastic cheers, by saying that he believed the work of the C.E.T.S. would teach a large majority of our countrymen to write after the word "Disestablishment" "NEVER."

The Congress sermons on Tuesday morning were preached by the Bishops of Carlisle, Derry, and Ripon. The Bishop of