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Metchnikoff expounds at some length his main thesis—that human life is not only unnaturally short, but unnaturally burdened with physical and mental disabilities. He analyses the causes of these disharmonies, and explains his reasons for hoping that they may be counteracted by a rational hygiene. Finally, he discusses the social and moral aspects of his proposal.



It is probable that there is no other Member of Parliament who is so highly respected as Mr. Burt. Perhaps he has hardly an enemy in the House. His life is to be written by Mr. Aaron Watson.



"Trees and their Life-Histories" is the title of a new work by Professor Percy Gordon. The book is illustrated by over 100 full-page plates and 400 smaller ones.



Dr. Angelo Mosso has prepared a work upon "The Palaces of Crete and their Builders." It gives the results of recent excavations in Crete by members of the British and Italian schools of archæology, and is fully illustrated with actual photographs of many impressive memorials of ancient civilization brought to light in recent years.



In my notes last month I said that the Duke of Argyll's new book, "Passages from the Past," and Sir Harry Johnston's "George Grenfell and the Congo," were published by Messrs. Pitmans. This was a slip. The publishers are Messrs. Hutchinson and Co.

M. C.



Notices of Books.

THE INTERLINEAR BIBLE. Cambridge: *University Press.* Price 7s. 6d. net.

This cheap edition is very welcome. The publication last year of the Interlinear Bible superseded at once all other editions which give the Authorized Version and Revised Version in parallel columns. It is so printed that from one text both versions may be read. The plan adopted is to give the text in large print where the versions agree, and where they differ to put the Revised Version on an upper line and the Authorized Version on a lower. Thus the differences are seen at a glance. The facility with which the eye can see and the mind appreciate the differences between the versions gives this Bible an entire advantage over all other devices. No one who is contemplating the purchase of a Bible for study should think of obtaining any other than this. It is impossible to see how the method can be improved upon. The marginal notes of both versions are also given, and there are central column references, which are those of the edition of the Revised Version published some years ago. The Interlinear Bible is published in several editions and styles, particulars of which can be obtained direct from the publishers.

OLD TESTAMENT PROBLEMS. By J. W. Thirtle, LL.D., D.D. London : *Henry Frowde.* Price 6s.

The author is already favourably known by his former book, "The Titles of the Psalms," in which he propounded a new theory to account for one of the puzzles of the Old Testament. It is a view which has much to recommend it, and goes far to solve the problem of the Psalm Titles. Dr. Thirtle now contributes some fresh studies connected with the Psalter and the Book of Isaiah. The first section deals with the "Songs of Degrees," those fifteen Psalms (cxx.-cxxiv.) which are headed by this title. The explanation is that they were composed, or compiled, by Hezekiah to celebrate his deliverance from death and the prolongation of his life by fifteen years. Into the arguments adduced for this position it is impossible for us to enter. It must suffice to say that Dr. Thirtle has made out a very strong case which, if not entirely convincing, is nevertheless marked by a high degree of probability. Certainly it is far more satisfactory than any of the older theories. No one can have consulted the various commentaries on the Psalter without quickly coming to the conclusion that all the suggestions about the term "Songs of Degrees" are nothing more than mere conjecture. The result of this conclusion about these Psalms is seen in Dr. Thirtle's endeavour to make very much more of Hezekiah in connexion with the formation of the Psalter, which is discussed in the next section. The Psalter is regarded as almost entirely the work of David and Hezekiah. We are not quite so strongly impressed with the force of this position, for we cannot quite see why the Psalter should be limited to these two Kings. Modern criticism doubtless goes too far in pushing the Psalter back to a very late date ; but, on the other hand, we do not see any valid reason for doubting the inclusion of Psalms of the Captivity and the Restoration at the time of Ezra and Nehemiah. Dr. Thirtle's explanation of Ps. cxxxvii. is ingenious, but not convincing. The last section of the book takes up the question of King Hezekiah in relation to the Book of Isaiah, and at this point we come to the most debatable of the author's positions. The picture of the Servant of the Lord is said to be based on Hezekiah, and the various passages in Isa. xl. to lxvi. are interpreted in the light of Hezekiah's history. We frankly confess that when chapter liii. is thus read, it is certainly full of illuminating suggestions ; and if we are to have a historic basis for that chapter, we do not know of anyone to whom it can be more suitably applied than Hezekiah. But we cannot endorse Dr. Thirtle's method of getting rid of Cyrus in chapters xliv. and xlv. We have no *a priori* objections to textual emendation, though we think it ought to be used very sparingly, and we naturally look with suspicion upon the work of Dr. Cheyne and others in this connexion. For the details of Dr. Thirtle's contention we must refer our readers to the book. It is ingenious, decidedly able, but scarcely conclusive. Quite apart, however, from all these debatable points, the book is assuredly one to be read and studied. It is a distinct contribution to the study of the Old Testament. It is marked by great ability, real force of writing, and not a little suggestiveness of thought. Whatever we may hold as to his conclusions, Dr. Thirtle has laid all Old Testament students and scholars under a great debt by these two books, and we hope it will not be long before we have still more material from his pen.

THE AWAKENING OF CHINA. By W. A. P. Martin, D.D., LL.D. London : *Hodder and Stoughton.* Price 16s. net.

This large and handsome volume will doubtless prove the gift-book of the season, but it ought to be very much more than this. It is written by one of the leading missionary and educational authorities in China, and will do a great deal to educate people in this country in all things connected with China. As the author says, "China is the theatre of the greatest movement now taking place on the face of the globe. . . . It promises nothing short of the complete renovation of the oldest, most populous, and most conservative of Empires." Dr. Martin compares it with the awakening of Japan, and says it promises to yield equally startling results, and on a vastly extended scale. To explain the forces which are at work in this upheaval is the object of the work before us, and we are not surprised that Dr. Martin has come under the spell of the fascination of this grand spectacle, as he truly calls it. "Every day adds its testimony to the depth and genuineness of the movement in the direction of reform," and no thoughtful Englishman can possibly be indifferent to the far-reaching possibilities of the awakening of China. Part I. of Dr. Martin's book gives an account of the Empire as it is to-day, with its five divisions and eighteen provinces. Then follows in Part II. a history in outline from the earliest times to the eighteenth century. Part III. describes "China in Transformation," and speaks of the opening of China as a drama in five acts, starting with the Opium War and ending with the Boxer War. Later chapters deal with the Russo-Japanese War and subsequent movements for reform in China. It goes without saying that the information given in this book is full, accurate, and special. A number of well-produced photographs add to the value of this well-printed and attractive volume, which is intensely interesting and even fascinating to the reader. No one can study it without being impressed with the great problems connected with China that are now coming up for consideration by the Christian Churches of this country and America. Dr. Martin has done much to help us to face these problems in the right way.

TRACTS ON RITUAL. By J. T. Tomlinson. London : *Church Association.* 2 vols. Price 4s.

These volumes should be in the hands of every Churchman who wishes for precise and accurate information on the questions of ritual and doctrine, which lie at the root of present-day Church troubles. Mr. Tomlinson's painstaking research and wide knowledge have cleared up many obscure points, and have given the answer to most of the fallacies and misstatements associated with the names of party controversialists like Canon MacColl and Mr. Percy Dearmer, as well as to the theories of the more scholarly men of the same school, of whom Mr. Howard Frere may be taken as a representative. This collection of tracts embodies the results of much of this research. It includes correct and unabridged texts of some of the great legal decisions in ritual suits, as, for instance, the Bennett and Ridsdale Judgments, and a very full examination of the Lincoln Judgment. It also contains some useful papers on the Ornaments Rubric, which supplement the chapters on the subject in the author's well-known work on the Prayer Book ; a pamphlet

on the great Parliamentary debate on the Lord's Supper in 1548, which the Bishop of Durham has spoken of as being "prefaced and annotated by Mr. J. T. Tomlinson with characteristic fulness of knowledge, and with great critical care"; a careful summary and review of the theories laid before the late Royal Commission by the leading representatives of the Ritualistic school; and much other matter which space prevents us from even mentioning. Mr. Tomlinson's writings are not milk for babes, but to those who will give to them that attention which the importance and complexity of the subjects they deal with demand, these tracts will prove of the utmost value. One very important feature of them is that full and clear references are given to original sources, so that the author's statements can be readily tested and verified. Another feature of scarcely less merit is the low price at which the volumes are issued, bringing them quite within the reach of all who could profit by them. We cordially commend them to our readers.

CRANMER ON THE LORD'S SUPPER. London: *Charles J. Thynne.* Price 3s. 6d.

We welcome very heartily this new edition of a standard work. Few of the great names that have adorned the English Church have had such a clear insight into, and such a firm grasp of, the essential doctrine of the Holy Communion as Cranmer had. His treatment cannot be too carefully studied. Dean Wace provides an introduction which adds distinctly to the value of this edition. He truly points out that the real question at issue to-day is not of a real and objective presence of Christ in the Holy Communion as a whole, but a real and objective presence of His Body and Blood in the elements. It is on this point that Cranmer's work is so valuable. On the question of sacrifice in the Holy Communion we could have wished to see in the introduction a clearer distinction between sacrifice and a commemorative memorial of a sacrifice. In the Holy Communion we commemorate the sacrifice of Christ, and offer the sacrifice of ourselves, our praise and thanksgiving. We feel that it is conducive to clearness of thought to distinguish between a commemorative sacrifice and the commemoration of a sacrifice. It is the latter which constitutes the commemoration of the Holy Communion. But the main point in Cranmer, as Dean Wace rightly urges, is "whether a sacrifice more or less propitiatory is made or applied by the priest." On this Cranmer speaks with no uncertain sound. This is a book to be studied and circulated. It will do much to clear thought and to bring before English Churchmen the true doctrine of their Church on this important subject. The book is well printed in good type, and has been carefully edited by Dr. C. H. H. Wright.

TARBELL'S TEACHERS' GUIDE TO THE INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS FOR 1908. By Martha Tarbell, Ph.D. London: *T. French Downie.* Price 4s. 6d. net.

This help to the international lessons for next year comes from America, and will prove of real service to all teachers. Its materials are remarkably full and varied, and it is scarcely likely that a teacher will need anything more than is found in these pages. There are exegetical explanations, suggestive thoughts from several writers, light from Oriental life, geo-

graphical and historical topics and outlines, and other suggestions for teachers. Bible students will also obtain a great deal of valuable information drawn from sources that are not easily accessible to ordinary readers. The lessons for next year are taken from the Gospel of St. John, and the Books of Samuel, Kings, and Chronicles, and almost everything for a study of these books will be found in this well-printed and well-arranged volume.

THE FOURTH GOSPEL AND SOME RECENT GERMAN CRITICISM. By H. L. Jackson, B.D. Cambridge : *The University Press*. Price 3s. 6d.

This thoroughly impartial and scholarly little book deserves to be read with care and with sympathetic attention. The net result of Mr. Jackson's criticisms is not much; but, then, in the case of a problem so beset with difficulties as that of the Fourth Gospel, it is not unreasonable for the critic to keep a suspended judgment. Mr. Jackson, however, though he preserves an unbiased mind, declines to accept any extreme position in regard to the authorship of the Gospel. He considers that it is impossible to decide definitely for the son of Zebedee, and that, though we are pointed to the "beloved disciple" (who may have employed an amanuensis), his identity is an open question. Mr. Jackson believes that the author was influenced very largely by Greek thought. It is a moot point. We are inclined to believe that the writer was much more powerfully influenced by Hebrew thought and by the prophetic writers than is generally allowed.

THE LOGIC OF HUMAN CHARACTER. By C. J. Whitby, B.A., M.D. Cantab. London : *Macmillan*.

A clever and, in a measure, thoughtful essay. The author assumes the correlation of physical structure and psychical function throughout this little work; but wisely notes that the study of character, as such, should not await the completion of cerebral physiology. It is curious to observe how utterly Dr. Whitby has depleted his conception of "character" of anything approaching the Divine. Indeed, he writes as though the God-idea had no relevance or bearing on human life at all. This is what robs the book of much of the value and interest it would otherwise possess.

THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF ELIZABETH M. SEWELL. Edited by her niece Eleanor L. Sewell. London : *Longmans, Green and Co.* Price 4s. 6d. net.

A book which must prove to be of sincere interest to those who have valued the writings of this authoress and worker, who exercised so elevating an influence on girls—an influence of which one who knew her says: "It was the best possible antidote to vulgarity, self-assertion, and love of sensation. If she did not find them Christian gentlewomen, she made them so." "She first taught me," writes one of her pupils, "the beauty of religion, and her simple words that 'Our Lord was her best Friend,' lived out day by day with such splendid courage, love, and sympathy for others, will never be forgotten by me."

THE PARSON'S LOOSE-LEAF POCKET-BOOK AND DIARY FOR 1908. Edited by the Rev. Dundas Harford. London : *J. Walker and Co.* Price 6s. 6d. net.

Many of our readers are already familiar with the system of loose-leaf pocket-books and note-books, by means of which it is possible to remove

and add leaves at pleasure. The present book is an attempt to provide clergy with a loose-leaf pocket-book and diary adapted to their special requirements. Separated by a series of tabs or guide-cards, there are leaves for the calendar of Lessons, a complete diary (four days to a page), a class register, a list of addresses, a visiting list, special notes and accounts. The value of this plan is that the leaves which are not required during any particular time can be removed and added when required. We have tested it pretty closely from the standpoint of parochial utility, and consider that it is likely to prove of very real service to the clergy. The initial cost is somewhat heavy for a pocket-book, but as it is in morocco leather it will last for several years, and the cost of the refills for each year is very slight. It should be added that transfer-cases can be obtained in which to keep year by year the old diaries, so as to have a complete record. Our clerical readers who are just about to purchase their note-books and diaries for next year would do well to write to the publishers for full particulars of this admirably arranged and most convenient note-book.

CRITICS AND THE LAW. By Colonel C. R. Conder. Edinburgh and London : *William Blackwood and Sons.* Price 2s. 6d.

This comes from one of the best known of our archæologists, and affords yet another testimony that archæology is apparently unable to live in the atmosphere of the Wellhausen criticism. The author considers it very needful that "the speculations of the past should be reviewed in the light of the better knowledge which science has brought us of late." He therefore subjects the school of Wellhausen to a severe and searching examination, and, after discussing critical assumptions, giving an outline of the history of criticism, and dwelling upon certain critical limitations, he comes to some well-defined conclusions against the modern critical position. This brochure is worthy of careful study. It is candid, fair, and reasonable, and should carry conviction to all who are not so possessed by presuppositions that they are unable to let the Bible speak for itself in the light of archæological discovery. Is it not a striking fact that not a single archæological find during the last fifty years has gone to prove one of the contentions of the modern critical position ? On the contrary, discovery after discovery has supported the traditional view of the Old Testament.

W. HOLMAN BENTLEY, D.D. By H. M. Bentley. *R.T.S.* London : Price 6s.

This story of the life and labours of a great Congo pioneer is excellently written by his widow. Dr. Bentley was an original member of the Baptist Mission on the Congo. Filled with the Holy Ghost, he faced initial difficulties with a bravery and enthusiasm of a remarkable type. He had the skill of an artificer as well as the scholarship of a translator. No difficulty daunted him. His manual and linguistic labours alike will not be forgotten. He reduced the Congo language to writing, prepared a grammar and dictionary of it, and translated much of the Holy Scriptures. His labours were nothing short of colossal. Ability, humility, fidelity, spirituality were his shining gifts. One cherishes as one reads these pages a hallowed memory of a splendid life lived to the last in the Master's service. The life

is so well written that it chains the willing reader's interest to the last. There is a photo, map, and sixteen other illustrations.

THE BEST THINGS IN LIFE. By the Rev. J. R. Miller, D.D. London : *Hodder and Stoughton*. Price 3s. 6d.

Dr. Miller's visits are as regular as they are welcome. We expect a book from him each autumn as one of the certainties of our publishing season. He is one of the most helpful of devotional writers of the present day. His books are marked by a genuine spirituality, a true knowledge of the heart and its needs, a tender sympathy, and a quiet appeal. They refresh and inspire the reader, and lead him to the green pastures and still waters. Not the least attractive element is the frequent and apt poetic quotations from authors that are very little known. The present volume is a worthy addition to a long list of similar works, and will be found to possess all its author's well-known and appreciated characteristics. The familiar blue-and-white binding adds to the attractive appearance.

THE THREE ADDITIONS TO DANIEL. By the Rev. W. H. Daubney, B.D. Cambridge : *Deighton, Bell and Co.*

There is much that is valuable and helpful in this book; but there is, mixed up with this, a great deal of such very questionable matter that we cannot recommend it to our readers without large reservations.

THE RELIGION OF ANCIENT ROME. By Cyril Bailey. London : *Archibald Constable and Co., Ltd.* Price 1s. net.

SHINTO : THE ANCIENT RELIGION OF JAPAN. By W. G. Aston. London : *Archibald Constable and Co., Ltd.* Price 1s. net.

JUDAISM. By Israel Abrahams. London : *Archibald Constable and Co., Ltd.* Price 1s. net.

This useful series continues to provide valuable help and guidance for students of comparative religion. The volume on ancient Rome shows what the religion of Rome did in making and holding together a nation. The volume on Shintoism has special interest in connexion with Japan, and the writer considers that this religion will assuredly have little place in the religious future of that nation, owing to its inadequacy as the spiritual food of full and vigorous manhood. The volume on Judaism is from the standpoint of the modern Jew, and has little or nothing to say about the Judaism of Old Testament times.

THE PRACTICE OF PRAYER. By G. Campbell Morgan. London : *Hodder and Stoughton*. Price 1s. 6d.

No subject could be more momentous, and scarcely any present-day writer is better calculated to instruct us concerning it. The general topic is associated with the Lord's Prayer, which here finds a valuable interpretation.

WILSON CARLILE AND THE CHURCH ARMY. By Edgar Rowan. London : *Hodder and Stoughton*. Price 6d.

A popular biography by a warm admirer. The vicissitudes and triumphs of the Church Army are well told, and in such a record we may find touches of pathos, pity, and humour.

THOUGHTS ON SILENCE. By Jessie Coombs. London: *Elliot Stock.*
Price 1s. 6d.

An excellent book by a well-read, spiritually minded lady, who for years has carried on a devoted work for the Young Women's Christian Association. Very helpful for quiet reading, both by those who live in the bustle of life, as well as those who are excluded from its activities. It is marked by originality and culture.

GIFT BOOKS.

THE FORTUNES OF THE FARRELLS. By Mrs. George De Horne Vaizey. *Religious Tract Society.* Price 3s. 6d.

This authoress's stories are always interesting, and the present one is no exception to the rule. Four young people are invited guests for three months in the beautiful house of a rich and eccentric squire. The object of the invitation is made known to them at the beginning of their visit. Squire Farrell wishes to choose an heir from among them. We must admit that we feel such a situation is purely imaginary, and entirely unlikely to occur in real life. But, accepting the absurd and incredible situation, we cannot fail to enjoy the story. The characters are well drawn, and there is a wonderful air of reality in the descriptions of the events depicted. Mrs. De Horne Vaizey has the power of taking her readers into her story and entertaining them thoroughly. We recommend this volume as a Christmas gift for girls in their teens.

MISS LORIMER OF CHARD. By Evelyn Everett Green. *Melrose.* Price 5s.

The owner of an estate, Miss Lorimer, falls in love with an authoress of her own name, and, being eccentric, makes her will bequeathing everything to this unknown namesake. The reader will be interested to learn how Miss Frances Lorimer No. 2 carries on this position of trust. Of course, there is a disappointed person in the story who hoped to have been heir. The love-story, which ends so tragically, adds to the interest. It is hardly necessary to say that a book by this well-known writer is bound to be read and enjoyed.

LITTLE WHY BECAUSE. By Agnes Giberne. *Religious Tract Society.* Price 1s. 6d.

Little Why Because is a dear little girl of five whose parents go to Africa and leave her in the care of two maiden ladies. Her companion Hecla, who seems to us to share the honours with the heroine, is an impulsive, warm-hearted girl. A sad experience, resulting from her disobedience, shows how Hecla's character altered and improved. This is a story which is sure to please the children.

PIP AND CO. By Irene H. Barnes. *Church Missionary Society.* Price 1s. 6d.

A book written with the evident intention of awakening missionary interest in boys and girls. There is a financial venture in it called "The China Missionary Company, Ltd." We question whether the story is not a little overdone with its almost overwhelming youthful interest in mission work and schemes of help. There is much, too, that would be above the heads of many young people. We know well that a company of "sowers" or a "missionary band" can do much, but we should like to see the young folk who would do as much as is related in this book. While hoping the book may be useful, we cannot help wishing that the writer had been content with fewer wonders in the direction of youthful endeavour.

THE FORGOTTEN DOOR. By Frank Cowper, M.A. Oxon. *S.P.C.K.* Price 1s. 6d.

A tale of A.D. 70. A wholesome, interesting story for young people on Sunday evenings. It is based on Josephus and Merivale's "History of the Romans under the Empire." This glimpse into Jerusalem just before the awful siege is vivid and full of thrilling incident that carries the reader along. A very good book for boys.

BINGLE'S WIDOW. By Mrs. Philip Barnes. *S.P.C.K.* Price 1s.

A short story of East-End life, quaint and pathetic, with a touch of humour. The terrible drinking habits, the funeral extravagances, and the marriage orgies of the East Enders are exemplified. The chief charm is the influence of the patient, sympathetic old widow.

BARBARA'S BEHAVIOUR. By M. Branston. *S.P.C.K.* Price 2s.

Barbara is a pickle who grew up to keep other pickles in order. In the course of her life she goes through the Boxer risings in China, and is saved by a native Christian. A bright and interesting story for girls.

THE EXPERIENCES OF ISABEL. By A. E. D. *S.P.C.K.* Price 1s. 6d.

Shows how the daughter of Christian parents was drawn into deceit by means of bridge-parties and Sunday amusements.

DARLING OF SANDY POINT. By Bessie Marchant. *S.P.C.K.* Price 2s.

The story of a boy's adventure in Patagonia and Tierra del Fuego while seeking his missing father. Darling is a child rescued from a wreck while a baby who finds her parents after many years. A good Sunday-school prize.

BRAVE LITTLE BILLY. ORPHANS INDEED. A LITTLE THUMBPOD. UNCLE PETERKIN THE OGRE. *S.P.C.K.* Price 2d. each.

Good little stories.

IN A QUIET VALLEY and ROBIN THORNE. By Alison Maclean. *S.P.C.K.* Price 6d. each.

Stories of village life, suitable for reading at Mothers' Meetings.

CRAGS OF DUTY. By Emilie Vaughan Smith. *S.P.C.K.* Price 1s.

The great truth enshrined here is that "the path of duty is the way to glory." Muriel White, and the unfolding of her character in these pages, make interesting and profitable reading. When religion grips her we see the ideal reached. We have pleasure in bringing this useful gift-book to the notice of Sunday-school teachers.

ST. AUSTIN'S CLIFF. By Bentham Sandwith. *C. J. Thynne.* Price 1s. net.

This tale of monastic life is a commentary on mixed marriages. It is also another link in the chain of witness against the secrecy and potential horrors of a system unexposed to light, criticism, and inspection. The mother's Protestantism speaks after her death, and her son, though brought up under the shadow of the monastery, refuses his adherence to its system. His horror-stricken father, himself a Romanist, finds the young man at the point of death, in a dungeon, accidentally made manifest by a fall of earth. There is much sound teaching scattered throughout the book.

ICE-GRIPPED. By W. C. Metcalfe. *S.P.C.K.* Price 2s. 6d.

The opening chapter introduces us to three boys—sea apprentices—and a hen-coop. They are washed overboard, and all three cling to a coop till they get on to an ice-island. They sojourn there for a time. What they find, how they get away and navigate a schooner back to Boston, the rescues of a lover and his lass, these pages tell. It is a capital, wholesome story, and another inculcation of the lesson of pluck. We recommend it as a gift-book for boys. They will revel in it.

RONALD THE MOOR RANGER. By R. Stead. *S.P.C.K.* Price 2s. 6d.

If you want adventure of the most exciting kind, you need not quit Old England's shores. In this story you have the life and adventures of young Ronald Lindsay. He is introduced to us arriving at Roggleton, seventeen miles from everywhere. His difficulties and troubles with the village lads, always suspicious of a stranger, his devotion to his father and adopted grandfather, his experiences with gipsies and poachers as moor ranger—that is, agent and overseer to the estates of Lord Lenthwaite—and his final inheritance of a large fortune, form the essence of the book. We recommend it as a gift for boys. It is an excellent story of grit, go, and gumption, and the writer is to be congratulated on the character presented.

THE CHILDREN'S ILIAD. By Rev. A. J. Church, M.A. *Seeley and Co.* Price 5s.

This story from Homer, told in simple language, is excellent. The chapters are short, the sentences well written, yet in such a way that children will understand. Many of us would have liked an introduction to Homer of this kind in our early days. Twelve illustrations scattered about the book add a vivid interest to its pages, and the printing and presentation of the whole place us under debt alike to author and publisher.

THE ORDEAL OF SUSANNAH VANTHAM. By Emily Pearson Finnemore. *S.P.C.K.* Price 3s. 6d.

This is a strong, well-written story, and a glaring instance of the love of money being a root of all kinds of evil. Susannah Vantham destroys a will that disinherits her and benefits Sarah Warrener, the object of her son Dick's affection. Dick sees his mother destroy the will, which he has read. He leaves his home, and is joined later by his father, hitherto a tool in the mother's hand. Susannah has done the deed because she is anxious to make her son a "gentleman." The curse the money brings her, and her slow but final repentance, reaches a dramatic climax. The writer has very considerable power, and holds us all the way. We should think the book well worth placing in the hands of older girls.

PAMPHLETS AND PERIODICALS.

THE JOURNAL OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES. October, 1907. London: *Henry Frowde*. Price 3s. 6d. net.

The opening article is on "The Confirmation and Defence of the Faith," by Archdeacon Cunningham, and its purpose is to point out the direction in which we shall do well to look for the new apologetic which shall be relevant to questions which are now being forced upon our attention. The principle which underlies the Archdeacon's paper is his conviction that in facing the real differences between science and religion, instead of seeking for their resemblance, lies the best hope of an ultimate reconciliation. Mr. J. H. A. Hart has an elaborate discussion of the great passage, "Thou art Peter, and on this rock will I build My Church," but we cannot say that we have found much enlightenment from his interpretation. The rest of this number is filled with the usual notes and studies, reviews of books, and chronicle of recent publications. Most of this material is too technical to be of any general use except to scholars. The reviews strike us as somewhat slight for so important a publication.

THE BIBLIOTHECA SACRA. October, 1907. London: *Kegan Paul, Trench, Trubner and Co., Ltd.* Price 3s. 6d.

The opening article of this number is by Mr. Harold M. Wiener, who is a welcome contributor to our pages. It deals with Hebrew Monotheism; and has particularly in view the position of the Wellhausen and Kuenen schools of criticism. With his accustomed penetration and grasp, Mr. Wiener has no difficulty in showing the baselessness of the view which advocates the late origin of Israelitish Monotheism. We hope Mr. Wiener's papers contributed to our columns and to those of other magazines will be gathered together in volume form, for they contain a large amount of valuable material which ought to be at the convenient disposal of students of the Old and New Testaments. This number also contains articles on "St. Paul's Thorn in the Flesh," "The Effective Blend of the Old and New Evangelism," and other papers dealing with Biblical and religious questions. We welcome this quarterly as one of our most valuable allies in the cause of sober Biblical criticism and teaching.

JOURNAL OF THE GYPSY LORE SOCIETY. October, 1907. Liverpool: *Gypsy Lore Society*, 6, Hope Place.

The second number of the new series, containing nine articles, with reviews, notes, and queries dealing with many topics of value to all who are interested in gipsy folklore.

THE DECEASED WIFE'S SISTER MARRIAGE ACT, 1907. A Letter to the Diocese of Canterbury, October, 1907. By the Archbishop of Canterbury. London: *Macmillan and Co., Ltd.* Price 6d. net.

We are glad to have this full and thorough statement of the Archbishop's position on this important subject. We make further reference to it in our editorial columns.

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