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his honour on December 20 last. "Therefore," he concluded, "for the sake of your national righteousness, for the sake of your national fame, for the sake of humanity at large and of the Chinese in particular, and for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, in Whose sight we are all His children, and Who has taught us to love others as ourselves, we invoke your continued co-operation in this opium question until the last shipment of Indian opium has been landed in China, until the last opium-pipe has been burnt, and until the last acre of poppy shall have been uprooted, and the opium evil has disappeared not only in China, but throughout all the world."



It is a matter for rejoicing when we find a body of laymen recognizing their responsibility as regards the work of the Lord among the mass of unevangelized peoples around them. The *Mission Field* for January tells of "A Laymen's Missionary Movement in Ceylon." This had been suggested by the laymen's missionary movement in Canada. At a public meeting held in Colombo on October 14 the matter was considered, and the following resolution was proposed: "That in view of the large number of districts and villages in this island that are still unevangelized, and recognizing the fact that the laymen of all the Churches are equally responsible with the ordained ministers to pray and work for the coming of the kingdom of God upon earth, and that every Christian should recognize the world as his field, and to the measure of his ability work for its evangelization, the time has come, in the opinion of this meeting, when a forward movement should be made on the part of the lay members of the Christian Churches of Ceylon, with a view to enlisting the intelligent and practical interest of others in the evangelization of the island." Our readers will doubtless agree with those of the *Mission Field* that "we shall look with interest for further accounts of this new organization, and invite prayers for its success."



Literary Notes.

MR. ELLIOT STOCK has in hand for immediate publication quite a number of excellent books. The Rev. Dr. Harold Ford has prepared a volume entitled "Sermons, with Analyses, for Extemporaneous Preaching." This work is intended to be a companion volume to "The Art of Extempore Speaking," applying the principles embodied in that work specifically to the practical work in the pulpit. The same publisher is also sending out "The Awakening," a volume of sermons for Lenten reading, by Archdeacon Wilberforce. Another book on Mr. Stock's list, down for early publication, is Mr. Harold M. Wiener's "Essays in Pentateuchal Criticism." This is a critical study of the original text of the Pentateuch based upon a wide range of evidence, with copious parallel references.



One of Mr. Stock's most important issues is a cheap edition, at 2s. 6d. net—the original publication price was 5s. net—of "The Oxford Reformers and English Church Principles; their Rise, Trial, and Triumph," by the

late G. F. Bridges. The work has been prepared, and to some extent rewritten, by the author's nephew, the Rev. W. G. Bridges. The first part of the book gives an historical account of the Oxford Reformers during the fifty years' struggle for an open Bible. The second part gives quotations from their writings, illustrating English Church principles. Romance and realism are skilfully blended, with facts of history graphically described, and no one can study this work without being deeply impressed by the Reformers' firm hold of scriptural truths and their ability to expound them.



It is of some interest to note that that delightful story, "The Rosary," by Florence L. Barclay, is achieving a conspicuous success both here and in America. The author is the wife of the Rev. Charles W. Barclay, Vicar of Hertford Heath. Mrs. Barclay, who is a sister of Mrs. Ballington Booth, has been sojourning at St. Moritz, working upon her new story, which is expected to be in readiness some time in the autumn of this year. It is something, nowadays, to capture the fiction-reading public with a clever novel which also avoids anything of a sordid character. Mrs. Barclay has accomplished this combination of virtues. And it certainly suggests that sufficient common-sense still remains in the mind of the modern novel-reader to enable him (or her) to recognize a good story when such is placed upon the market. It speaks even more for the genius of the author. We anticipate the new story with the liveliest of interest. At the time of writing "The Rosary" is in its fourth impression.



Sierra Leone for a long time has borne a very bad name, but its character has at length been thoroughly vindicated. "A Transformed Colony" is the title of an entrancing book shortly to be issued by Messrs. Seeley and Co. The author, Mr. T. J. Alldridge, was for many years Commissioner in the Upper Mendi Country and also in the Sherbro, and from his intimate knowledge of the country the author is well qualified to give a vivid description of the customs of the people, the health and beauty of the Hinterland, and the enormous undeveloped wealth of the land. The book is profusely illustrated with photographs taken by the author himself.



Mr. Unwin has lately published, in his "Half-Crown Library of History and Biography" a revised edition of Mr. William Howie Wylie's "Thomas Carlyle: The Man and His Books." Mr. Wylie was on intimate terms with Carlyle, and his biography is full of personal reminiscences, table-talk, and anecdotes of the philosopher. There is an Introduction by Mr. William Robertson, the newly-elected M.P. for Ayr Burghs. Mr. Unwin has also had to go to press with another impression of the Rev. Augustus Jessopp's historical studies, "Before the Great Pillage." Dr. Jessopp has a delightful style, and all his books are very readable.



"The Church of England in the Eighteenth Century," by Dr. Alfred Plummer, is an addition to the "Handbooks of English Church History" series issued by Messrs. Methuen. The aim of this volume, the sixth of the series, is to vindicate the character of the eighteenth century, not by question-

ing the existence of many dark features, but by showing that there are many bright features in it which are ignored. The progress of religion is traced, and eight leaders of thought are taken as illustrating the contradictory estimates of the century.



In Messrs. Hodder and Stoughton's spring list are to be found a number of good items. There are, for instance, "Aspects of Christ," by Principal Selbie, Dr. Fairbairn's successor at Mansfield College, Oxford, and "Light from the Ancient East," by Professor Deissmann. It was to be expected that the interesting "Life of Mary Baker Eddy," which has been running serially through *McClure's Magazine*, should find an English publisher. Whatever we may think of Mrs. Eddy's dogmas, she is undoubtedly an interesting individual, and we note that Messrs. Hodder and Stoughton will issue the book in England. Of course, in its book-form the biography has been much revised. There is also in the same publisher's list that very important work (the completing portion of it) on the "Reformation in Scotland," upon which Dr. Hay Fleming has been so closely engaged for some time.



We are promised what is likely to prove an attractive book by Messrs. Bell and Sons. It deals with a trip, part hunting and part exploration, through Uganda, Victoria Nyanza, the Kelmanyaro region, and British East Africa. A good book, written in a readable style, not too ponderous, and yet not too inconsequent, about these parts, is sure to have a welcome; for we do not know too much about the places visited. Mr. Peter MacQueen is the author, while Mr. Dutkewich, who accompanied him upon the trip, took a number of capital photographs which illustrate the volume.



The bound volume of *THE CHURCHMAN* for 1909 was issued a little while ago. It is published by Mr. Stock at 7s. 6d. Those of our readers, however, who desire to have their own numbers bound up will no doubt be glad to know that a handsome cloth binding-case, gilt-lettered, is issued at 1s. net, and can be obtained direct from the publisher post free for 1s. 2d.



The same publisher announces "A Three-Hours Service for Good Friday; Devotions on the Seven Last Words of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ," by the Rev. J. Eckersley, M.A. The work consists of readings from Scripture, with prayers from the Book of Common Prayer, and also continuous suggestions for private devotions.



We understand that the Trustees of the British Museum are arranging for the publication, compiled by Mr. Lionel Giles, of an Alphabetical Index to the "Ku Chin T'u Shu Chi Ch'êng," or "Illustrated Encyclopædia of Chinese Literature, Ancient and Modern." Mr. Giles is in the Department of Oriental Printed Books and MSS.



It is not out of place to follow the previous paragraph with the information that Messrs. Nisbet are shortly issuing an important work by Lord William

Cecil, entitled "Changing China." It will be remembered that the author visited Shanghai a year or two since in connection with the Centenary Conference in that town, afterwards making a tour of the many missionary stations scattered up and down the country. Then, again, on a later occasion, he went to China on behalf of some Oxford men who are contemplating an educational scheme. The book is the outcome of his impressions, and is likely to be one of the most important books of the spring season. Lord Hugh Cecil has prepared for publication a volume entitled "Liberty and Authority." It was originally an address delivered at Edinburgh University.



Messrs. Nisbet, who, by the way, are issuing some very good books this season, are bringing out a life of Lord Morley. This has been written by Miss E. E. Major. We doubt, always, the policy of issuing a biography of a prominent person during his lifetime, and we sincerely trust that many years may pass before it is necessary to set down the official biography of Lord Morley. But the life of so eminent a public man is bound to be interesting. It would be worth reading and contemplating even for the literary side alone; while his service to the State, and his association with most of the great intellects of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, should prove exceedingly attractive. There is also, of course, his long association with the stalwarts of the old Liberal school, few of whom are now living. His friendship with Mr. Gladstone alone would make a discreet biography of Lord Morley a valuable book. We shall look forward to the work with considerable interest.



Mr. Arnold expects to have ready this spring several volumes which are likely to come into demand. There is "Across the Sahara: From Tripoli to Bornu," by Hanns Vischer, M.A.; "Neighbours and Friends," by Miss Loane, who will be remembered as the author of a much-talked-of book published last year; and "The Clergy and Social Service," being the Cambridge Lectures on Pastoral Theology, by Dr. W. Moore Ede, Dean of Worcester.



An illustrated book in colours, dealing with Pompeii, is to be issued by Messrs. A. and C. Black, who are so widely known for their beautiful books. The artist is Signor Alberto Pisa, and the text has been carefully done by Mr. W. M. Mackenzie. Not a single important part of this ancient city has been forgotten, and it promises to be an excellent piece of book-making.



This month—on the 12th, to be exact—will appear the first number of a new penny weekly newspaper, to be called *The Literary Post*. Its size will be a little different from what one would expect of such a paper. It will be as large as *The Westminster Gazette*, and we also hope it will become as successful. The object of *The Literary Post* is to provide the general reader with a complete guide to current literature, and to cover the whole field of literary activity in a thoroughly comprehensive way. A strong effort will be made to avoid the more ponderous quantities of the weekly reviews, and to cultivate in the headings of the articles and the treatment of books the

attractive elements of a popular newspaper. But although this end is to be aimed at, the value and weight of the criticism will not be impaired in the least. Readers will also have the opportunity of reading special articles about authors and their work, as well as about special phases of literature; while there will be published from time to time interesting character sketches, brightened by portraits and other illustrations. An important feature will be a condensed survey of the world's literary output—English, American, and Continental. Mr. Edwin Oliver, a well-known man in the world of letters, will edit *The Literary Post*. Mr. Oliver has a wide experience of most sides of literature, and his personality and knowledge are likely to make the new journal a successful venture.



Notices of Books.

THE TEMPLE DICTIONARY OF THE BIBLE. Written and edited by Rev. W. Ewing, M.A., formerly of Tiberias, Palestine, and Rev. J. E. H. Thomson, D.D., formerly of Safed, Palestine, and other Scholars and Divines. With 500 illustrations. London: *J. M. Dent and Sons, Ltd.* 1910. Price 10s. 6d.

Messrs. Dent have produced a Dictionary of the Bible which is certain to take a highly honourable place among the numerous helps of the kind at present being published. It is a massive one-volume work of 1,012 pages, profusely and finely illustrated with photographs, engravings, and maps, is well planned, skilfully executed, comprehensive, and altogether is fitted to prove a most useful aid to the Bible student. Not the least of its recommendations is that it is produced at the extremely moderate price of 10s. 6d. The editors—Rev. William Ewing, M.A., formerly of Tiberias, Palestine, and Rev. J. E. H. Thomson, D.D., formerly of Safed, Palestine—deserve congratulation on the successful completion of their important task. The need of compression has led to the use of what is perhaps, for literary effect, an excess of abbreviations in such words as from (“fr.”), which (“wh.”), could (“cd.”), etc. It is a feature of the Dictionary that the Apocrypha is treated by itself as a separate part of the work, following the Biblical part. There is an advantage in this.

The subject-matter of the Dictionary deserves high praise. The articles are evidently written by excellent scholars, though only the principal articles are signed. It is understood that much of the unsigned work is by the two editors, and it is ably done. Admirable work is done in the articles on Palestine and Jerusalem, and on all geographical, topographical, and archaeological subjects, on “customs,” etc. Many of the topographical articles are done by Dr. Dalman. Professor Sayce writes valuable articles on the “Exodus,” “Hittites,” etc. Professor James Robertson writes on the “Pentateuch,” on “Deuteronomy,” and on “Psalms,” with other subjects. Professor James Stalker does the important article on “Jesus.” The position taken up in the articles on the Christian facts is entirely positive. Professor James Iverach writes on the “Gospels,” on “Mark,” on “John,” etc. These are fair examples of the high quality of the work.