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however, that in many Romanist catechisms the commandment against image-worship is not to be found, and that not one Roman Catholic in a million knows that image-worship has been forbidden by the Word of God. Dr. Littledale writes:—

Even in Schneider's "Manuale Clericorum," a popular Jesuit book in Latin, for the use of students for the *priesthood* (Ratisbon, Pustet, 1868), where there is a very full set of questions for examination of conscience on the Decalogue, extending over pp. 403-411, there is no hint whatever at the Second Commandment, which is entirely suppressed; but the first question under the First Commandment is, "Has he believed everything which the Holy Roman Church believes, or held an opinion contrary to the Roman faith in any matter?" Bellarmine's Catechism cuts out the Second Commandment entirely.

In the *Guardian*, while we write, we observe a letter which gives a popular French catechism from which the Second Commandment has been excluded.

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## Short Notices.

*The Maidens' Lodge. None of Self and all of Thee. A Tale of the Reign of Queen Anne.* By EMILY SARAH HOLT. Pp. 250. Shaw and Co.

There are few modern works of fiction which we rate as highly as those written by Miss Holt. "Margery's Son," "Clare Avery," and "The White Rose of Langley;" tales of the Marian Persecution, of the Tudor times, and of the Lollards; all deserve warm praise, as carefully studied and admirably written. From a purely literary point of view, indeed, these writings may claim to have many charms; but the aim of the gifted writer, we feel sure, has been throughout distinctively and decidedly Christian. With the volume before us, a tale of Queen Anne's reign, we are greatly pleased. Its sketches of life and manners are graphic, and not a stage in the story is in the least degree dull. The key-note of the work is given in the Huguenot strain—

Mon sort n'est pas à plaindre,  
Il est à désirer;  
Je n'ai plus rien à craindre,  
Car Dieu est mon Berger.

*Cetshwayo's Dutchman.* The Private Journey of a White Trader in Zululand during the British Invasion. By CORNELIUS VIJN. Translated from the Dutch, and edited, with Preface and Notes, by the Right Rev. J. W. COLENSO, D.D., Bishop of Natal. With portrait of Cetshwayo. Longmans.

The title-page explains, sufficiently well, the character of this work. Mr. Vijn is a young Hollander, who for some three years traded in Zululand; and his statements have an interest of their own. Dr. Colenso's preface is, in the main, a bitter attack on Sir Bartle Frere.

*The Acts of the Apostles, I.—XIV.* With Introduction and Notes. By J. RAWSON LUMBY, D.D., Norrisian Professor of Divinity. Pp. 188. Cambridge Warehouse, 17, Paternoster Row.

A valuable little volume, one of the best of that useful series, "The Cambridge Bible for Schools." Professor Lumby's notes are terse and suggestive. On verse 1 he calls attention to the word "began;" St. Luke's second "treatise" is still an account of what the Lord does and teaches. The note on ix., verses 4 and 7, brings out the force of the accusative and genitive after *ακουειν*, as in xxii. 9; St. Paul's companions heard a sound,

but they did not understand what was said. The clear, simple, reverent, comments, thoroughly scholarly, on this passage, and on other passages, may be very favourably contrasted with Canon Farrar's. On xiv. 15, we observe, the meaning of *ὁμοιωθεῖς*, "subject to like sufferings" is not mentioned.

*Life Lost or Saved.* By SELINA DITCHER. Pp. 290. New Edition. Nisbet.

Earnest, affectionate, faithful words on true religion; well-written, and practical throughout, entirely free from sentimental Evangelicalism.

*A Word for Sunday.* By the Rev. J. C. RYLE, M.A. Pp. 40. W. Hunt & Co.

This valuable Paper contains the substance of Mr. Ryle's Address on the Lord's Day, delivered at the Annual Islington Meeting, in January last. The wish expressed by many to have the Address in a more permanent form has induced the distinguished writer to publish it, and it will have, no doubt, a very large circulation. Clear, vigorous, pointed, full, and thoroughly practical, the argument is interesting from beginning to end. The notes, we may add, are exceedingly good. We have read this Paper, on a most important subject, with the greatest satisfaction, and heartily recommend it, as peculiarly a Paper for this time. We know nothing like it.

*The Child's Life of our Lord.* By SARAH GERALDINA STOCK, Author of "Lessons on Israel in Egypt and the Wilderness," &c. With Illustrations. Pp. 320. Marcus Ward & Co.

By an inadvertence which we regret, the deeply interesting and attractive book before us was not mentioned in our New Year's list of gift-books. It is an excellent work, and we heartily recommend it. In a series of forty-seven chapters, most carefully written, the "Life of our Lord" is brought before children.

*The Clergy Directory and Parish Guide.* An Alphabetical List of the Clergy of the Church of England, with their Degree and University &c.; a list of Benefices, with the population, annual value, &c. Pp. 624. T. Bosworth, 108, High Holborn.

A cheap and useful book.

*Nineteenth Annual Meeting of the Church Congress. Official Report.* Edited by the Rev. F. W. EDMONDES, M.A., Rector of Coity. Pp. 600. John Hodges, 24, King William Street.

The Report of the Church Congress of 1879 has an interest of its own; held at Swansea, one of its chief subjects was, naturally, the Church in Wales. The Report seems well edited, and, with the exception of speeches in the Welsh language, is as full as possible. Unlike other Church Congress Report volumes, which have merely a paper cover, the volume before us is neatly bound in cloth.

*The Clergy List for 1880.* John Hall: 38, Parliament Street, London.

This useful compendium, as is well known, is prepared with great care; its information, brought down to the time of issue, is reliable. In the present volume there are some additional statistics; and the names and addresses of the Members of the Houses of Convocation have been printed in full. One portion of the work, the alphabetical list of Benefices in England and Wales (with post town, net value, population, incumbent, curate, patron, &c.) takes up no less than 263 pages of close print.

*The Book of Household Management.* By Mrs. BEETON. New Edition. Pp. 1296. Ward, Lock & Co.

Mrs. Beeton's "Book of Household Management" has been well-known in a very wide circle for several years. The present edition, "entirely

new, revised, and corrected," bears on its title-page the announcement "three hundred and thirteenth thousand; such a fact speaks for itself. Cookery, management of children, recipes, medical, sanitary, and legal memoranda, servants, &c. &c., such are some of the chapter headings. There are many woodcuts and coloured illustrations; there is a good index.

*Apparitions: a Narrative of Facts.* By the Rev. BOURCHIER WREY SAVILE, M.A. Second Edition. Pp. 280. Longmans & Co. 1880.

The object which Mr. Savile had in view by the publication of a work on Apparitions is "to show that there is sufficient evidence for believing in the appearance, about the time of death or shortly after, of deceased persons to those living on the earth." Mr. Savile's name is a guarantee for the piety, good sense, and literary judgment of the work.

*Poetical Remains and Letters of the Rev. Thomas Whytehead, M.A.* With a Preface by the Dean of Chester. Daldy, Isbister & Co.

This is an interesting and profitable volume. Mr. Whytehead, Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge, in the year 1837, Examining Chaplain to the Bishop of New Zealand in the year 1842, entered into his rest in the year 1843, aged 27. He was a Christian of singular sincerity and thoroughness. A few years ago, when the new chapel of St. John's College, Cambridge, was erected, the roof was adorned with a series of painted figures illustrating each century of the Christian era with portraits of its representative men. Thomas Whytehead was chosen, together with Henry Martyn, William Wilberforce, William Wordsworth, and James Wood, to represent the nineteenth century. Mr. Whytehead's name will be familiar to many of our readers from the beautiful hymn which opens thus:—

This world I deem  
But a beautiful dream  
Of shadows that are not what they seem;  
Where visions arise,  
Giving dim surmise  
Of the sights that shall meet our waking eyes.

*Stoicheiology: or the Science of the First Principles of Christian Doctrine.* An Historical and Speculative Exposition of Articles VI., VII., VIII. Pp. 243. By the Rev. JOSEPH MILLER, B.D., Curate of Christ Church, Salford. Hodder & Stoughton.

We have quoted one of the title-pages of this volume, a portion of a not completed work on the Thirty-nine Articles, the first volume of which we have not seen. In our judgment the exposition is decidedly too "Speculative." The author is right, possibly, in supposing that "the excellent text-books on the Articles" with which we are familiar, Burnet, Browne, Boulton, Jelf, and Hardwick, are "out of date with reference to the new currents of theology." But certainly we cannot approve of "currents of theology" because they are "new." Wordsworth's lines concerning

—blind Authority, beating with his staff  
The child that might have led him,

may be quoted, no doubt, to show the unwisdom of denouncing inquiry; and of a reverent, earnest inquiry we have not the slightest fear. As to doctrinal works, however, we have always thought the *ad Olerum* remark about not taking *ὁ νομπος* into the pulpit, unless the Preacher was quite sure he was able to put him out again, a very wise remark. Mr. Miller, evidently has read a great deal, but he has not given himself time to digest it. If we were reviewing his work at length, we should feel bound to

take exception to several of his remarks. We mention only one point. In the opening sentence on "Holy Scripture containeth all things . . ." he says that this clause "would almost indicate" that Holy Scripture "only contains the Word of God." This is a most unhappy, as well as uncalled for, remark. If Mr. Miller's exposition were more "historical" and less "speculative," he would have pointed out how the Article was directed against the statement of the Church of Rome as to traditions, and is in no wise inconsistent with the statement that the Bible is the Word of God.

*Japan and the Japan Mission of the Church Missionary Society.* By EUGENE STOCK, Editorial Secretary of the Society. With a Map. Pp. 140. Seeleys.

This publication eminently deserves the title *multum in parvo*. On the people of Japan, the two religions of Japan (Shintoism and Buddhism), Old and New Japan, Jesuit Missions, and Protestant Missions, ten chapters are both interesting and instructive. The Mission of the Church Missionary Society takes up five chapters; and the story, we need hardly say, is well told. In the concluding chapter comes the question, "What are the Prospects of Christianity in Japan?" a question not easy to answer. "The replies given by different observers," writes Mr. Stock, "differ. There are no doubt Europeans and Americans in Japan who, like some of the English in India, confidently affirm that the Missions are a failure, or perhaps doubt their existence, although they may have lived next door. Mr. Griffis, in the book already quoted so often, says, 'It is hard to find an average man of the world' in Japan who has any clear idea of what the missionaries are doing or have done. Their dense ignorance borders on the ridiculous.'" Again, we read, that Mr. Griffis says, "A new Sun is rising upon Japau. Gently, but resistlessly, Christianity is leavening the nation. In the next century the native word *inaka* (rustic, boor) will mean heathen." Precisely, we may add, as in the early days of Christianity, *paganus*, a rustic, "meant heathen." "The danger to Japan now," writes Mr. Stock, "is from Socialism, Nihilism, and Atheism, which are rearing their grim heads above the sea of perplexing doubt in which the sudden influx of education has plunged the national mind."

*Lives of the Leaders of the Church Universal, from Ignatius to the present time.* As edited by Dr. FERDINAND PIPER, Professor of Theology, Berlin. Translated from the German and edited, with many additional lives, by H. M. MACCRACKEN, D.D. 2 vols. Edinburgh: T. and T. Clark. 1880.

Some three years since it was suggested to Dr. Maccracken, of Toledo, Ohio, that he should undertake the translation into English and the editing of the lives of the Christian leaders for all the days of the year, recently published in Germany under the editorship of Dr. Piper; further, that he should add to the work the life-stories of leaders in the Church in America, and in certain pagan lands, passed over by Dr. Piper. To these suggestions Dr. Maccracken agreed. Concerning Dr. Piper's work it is stated that in the year 1850 that divine offered, in a Church-diet at Stuttgart, this thesis: "The whole Evangelical Church in Germany is interested in forming a common roll of lives for all the days of the year, to be settled on the foundation of our common history, and thus to be made a bond of union of the churches in all the countries." The completed biographies were published in 1875. The work met with great favour; and the roll of names contained in it was officially published and commended by the German Government. A large proportion of the second volume gives the lives of American Christians, such as Jonathan Edwards, Francis

Asbury, Albert Barnes, and Judson. The work, on the whole, is well done.

*Six Plain Sermons on Penitence.* By the Rev. W. H. CLEAVER, M.A. J. Masters and Co.

These sermons—where preached it is not stated—are termed “plain.” To us, on the briefest examination, one point seemed “plain”: the Sermons do not set forth the Gospel. After observing, in a prefatory note, the expression “the Sacrament of the Altar,” we turned to a page in the middle of the book and read these words:—“If your life’s work be to deepen penitence, sacramental confession must not be ignored.”

*United Temperance Mission, held at Newport, Mon., 1879.* Edited by Rev. R. VALPY FRENCH, D.C.L., Rector of Llanmartin. Pp. 315. Tweedie and Co.

This volume contains a report of the speeches at the Temperance Conferences held in Monmouth last year. “Ministers of various denominations,” medical men, and representative laymen from different parts of the country, discussed the moral and religious aspects of the great question which had brought them together. Among the speakers were Dr. B. W. Richardson, Mr. Kirton, I.O.G.T., Canon Barker, Rev. Dawson Burns, Mr. R. C. Morgau, and Canon Wilberforce.

*Ecce Christianus.* Pp. 340. Hodder and Stoughton.

Here is “an attempt to ascertain the stature and power, mental, moral, spiritual, of a man formed as Christ intended.” It opens with a quotation from Mr. Gladstone’s praise of *Ecce Homo*, and desires to free men “from the trammels which ecclesiasticism has thrown round” them. The book is very “Broad;” but apart from this, it lacks judgment, and—in spite of what some people might term “fine language”—is flabby and feeble. A specimen sentence—one is enough—may be quoted:—“It is almost as certain as anything can be that the ceasing of all transgression of the laws of Nature, which are the laws of God, would slowly but surely eliminate every disease, which is only the manifestation in the body of a moral, disorder in the soul.”

*How to write the History of a Parish.* By J. C. Cox. Pp. 112. Bemrose & Sons.

An interesting little book, with a very tasteful cover. Registers, Bells, Rolls, and so forth, are the chief topics.

Messrs. W. Kent & Co. have published two admirable little volumes, *Poems of Wordsworth*, “selected from the best editions.” These dainty, gilt edged, beautifully printed books, form portion of “The Miniature Library of the Poets,” a choice series.

A good cheap edition of *the Works of William Paley, D.D.*, has been published by Messrs. Ward, Lock & Co.

We can recommend *Notes on the Revelation of St. John the Divine*. The notes extracted chiefly from Elliott’s “*Horæ Apocalypticae*,” and arranged for insertion in Bagster’s Polyglot Bibles, each column in the Notes containing the interpretation of the corresponding column in the Bibles. By S. H. G. The pamphlet is published by Messrs. S. Bagster & Sons.

A pleasing little book is *Counsel and Might* (Nisbet & Co.); prayers and meditations selected from sermons by Dean Vaughan.

The 8th volume of *The National Church*, a useful periodical, organ of the Church Defence Institution (9, Bridge Street, Westminster, S.W.), contains a mass of valuable information.