

I minds it well, 'cause I tried to get it, on'y I wor too tired to grab un."

"Is that all you know?"

"Yes, I never had un, 'cause I could'n."

The lady smiled incredulously. Of course he was but come to get something for what he had told, or else to clear the charwoman, who was doubtless his mother: still she would go herself and see; if it had been so when she went out, it might (the brooch, I mean) be still clinging to the shawl even now. She told the boy to wait a minute, and then she went upstairs, and directly after came down, bearing the lost trinket in her hand. Oh, there was such a change in her look and voice, for bitter sorrow was in her heart, in that she had condemned the innocent. "My boy, what can I do to make up for my unkindness to your mother—anything you ask I will give."

"She ain't my mother, but she gi'ed me some coffee," Tim said shyly. And then he told the whole of his and the woman's tale, to which all the family listened in awe-stricken silence—such misery afloat in the world, such misery caused by their doings, such misery unaided by them, and Christmas all around. And they remedied it there and then, they gave Christmas to many, although they judged themselves hardly and called it the eleventh hour; and Tim and the widow, and many another learnt of Jesus, and of His love and patience under the trials of our flesh; learnt also a mighty lesson—to bear bravely on and wait for God's ending, whatever may befall.

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- (30) *Shall We Know One Another?* By Rev. J. C. Ryle, M.A.
[London: Cassell, Petter, and Galpin.]
- (31) *Stones of England. Westminster Abbey.* By Wmsett Boulding. 3s. 6d.
[London: Bemrose and Sons.]

ALTHOUGH the editions of the "Pilgrim's Progress" may be counted by the dozen, yet the book before us (1) has a place of its own, and worthily fills it withal. The forty illustrations by Sir John Gilbert, in his own inimitable style, greatly enhance the value of the volume, the get-up of which is in all respects worthy of its publishers.

Yet another dainty little volume by Miss Havergal (2); "Daily Thoughts on Coming to Christ," is its second title, and most happily and winningly does she descend thereon. As a corollary to this and the three preceding books in the series, the authoress has issued another (3) in which she says, "As my little series of daily books . . . aimed at calling attention to the royal utterances of our King, it seemed that *loyal responses* should follow them." The result is thirty one most charming little poems, gracefully written, and breathing a spirit of pure devotion. We heartily commend all five to those of our readers who have not seen them,

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The next volume we have to notice (8) is one of the most practical we have read for a long time. It is a series of homely, everyday sermons, piquant enough to attract the dullest reader's attention, short and earnest, and truly catholic. We should like to see this book in every young men's association in the country, and believe it would exert not a little influence on the social and moral characters of all those who perused it.

The name of Miss Weston acts like a charm on our blue-jackets, and good cause have they to be grateful to her. The narrative of her work (9) is intensely interesting, showing what one good woman can do, unaided for the greater part, save by her unwavering confidence in God's providence. What great things have resulted from her labour of love, and how the organisations arising therefrom are carried on, are fully told in this attractive volume, which we most heartily commend.

We don't like "That Boy" (10), though, doubtless, many will. We read the greater part of it in its serial form in an American magazine, and were then struck with what we should term its flippancy, though some may vote it as mere sarcasm. Powerfully written in some portions it undoubtedly is, but there seems to us a lamentable want of soundness underlying all. The conclusion is unnecessarily repellent.

Many a cottage home would be brightened by the advent of "The Mother's Friend" (11). Bright and cheery inside and out, full of good moral lessons, and attractive withal, this little volume should be sold by thousands.

A most useful volume next claims our attention (12). Modestly does the title-page announce it as "a collection of facts, notes, and information concerning much that is rare, quaint, curious, obscure, and little known in relation to Biblical subjects." Patiently and thoroughly has the compilation been made, and we heartily commend it to all studious readers.

Bright and cheerful is the volume so aptly entitled "After Work" (13), and many cottage homes would be enlivened by its possession.

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Mrs. Sherwood's Tales (15) are again re-issued in a cheap, serviceable form, and many benevolent people will be glad to have them for distribution amongst the youngsters of their acquaintance.

How many more text-books? Yet the last issued by the Book Society (16) can hold its own with any for compactness, attractiveness, and cheapness.

The Scripture Cards (17) just published by the same society, are cheap, well conceived, and very attractively printed, and reflect great credit on all concerned.

A good sheet almanack is that for which Mr. Groom is responsible (18); it should hang in every cottage-home.

The life of the great apostle of the Reformation is clearly and tersely told in the little volume by A.L.O.E. (19).

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A very cheap and attractive series of temperance tracts is that just issued by Mr. Smithies (22). Well printed, on thick tinted paper, with an attractive frontispiece, surely a packet of twelve sixteen-page tracts for sixpence deserves a large sale, and we hope will get it.

Mr. Gough very appropriately forms the subject of one of the most effective of the illustrated wall papers (23) that we have seen.

Mr. Marrat's book (24) fills a place hitherto vacant. To