

school-teachers, for whom it was specially compiled.

Sermon Aids. By G. HUNTINGTON, M.A. (London: Hodges, 1873.) This idea, not new, is well carried out by its compiler. Here the clergy may obtain in each part, which costs only sixpence, from eight to ten outlines of sermons, which either the extemporary preacher, or the preacher of written sermons, will find at once orthodox, well-reasoned, and practically valuable.

The Christian Passover; or, Notes on the Holy Communion. (London: G. J. Palmer, 1873.) This is a cheap and concise account of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, explaining the nature and uses of, as well as the duty of the faithful towards the Holy Communion. We have never seen the common excuses, which are everywhere heard against receiving that Holy Sacrament, so well met and answered as here. The preparation for Communion is very well and lucidly set forth. It would be a valuable, as it certainly is a cheap, book for presentation to children just confirmed.

The Duty of Fasting Communion. A Sermon by the Rev. F. N. OXENHAM. (London: Rivingtons, 1873.) There are at least two sides to this question, and Mr. OXENHAM takes very strongly one side. No person could object to the practice of taking the food for the soul before partaking of the food for the body; but we question the wisdom of enforcing this rule hardly and strictly, where our own Church leaves the question open.

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Received with thanks.—G. L.—T. W.—M. A. P.—R. S.—T. A.—ALQUIS.—JOHN C. T.—S. G.—B. B. C.—W. T. M.—W. B.—R. S.—JUVENIS.—A. B.—ENQUIRER.—NEMO.—W. P. R.—H. PEARSON and FRANCES COMINGS, J. HARRISON and J. G. HOLT (too late).—C. D. P.

Miss or Mrs. A. ROBINSON, of 117, Parliament-street, Liverpool, begs us to acknowledge the receipt of £2 6s. 6d. received in response to her appeal in the PENNY POST.

A. B. P.—As far as we can make out, John Hilton, the musical composer, was Organist of Newark, and also of St. Margaret's, Westminster. He was born 1623, and died about 1657.

W. P. C.—The Church of St. Maurice, at Nuremberg, seems to have been erected in the early part of the fourteenth century. Its restoration was effected in 1829, at the cost of King Louis, of Bavaria.

MARY B.—"The Soliloquy of a Sceptical Chicken," is by the Rev. S. J. Stone; and very clever it is.

A. J. DAX.—Thanks. Apply to a local bookseller: Hardwick, Piccadilly.

The question about a dog carved on a monument is unsuitable: the other question can be found answered in Nelson's "Fasts and Festivals."

SUBSCRIBER.—The crucifix is outside the church, at the east end. No one asserted that it was inside.

S. D. H. M.—The letters V. and R. in liturgical books stand for Versicle and Response.

A. X.—The use of the shell in baptism is a question of convenience. By its means sufficient water can always be poured. It should be poured at the mention of each Name in the Blessed Trinity.

MISS CULLING.—The Queen Mary's Psalter, as it is called, in the British Museum (its press-mark is "Cotton, 2 B. vii."), contains the remarkable illuminations of the story of Joseph in Egypt, about which you enquire. Apply to the Principal Librarian.

A. R. B.—Apply to our publishers. If you are making a collection of Oxfordshire books, those recently published by the Rev. E. Marshall should be added.

ALQUIS.—There are several translations of the Eucharistic Hymn, *Fange lingua*; which do you want?

ENQUIRER.—(1.) We believe the cost of the organ of All Saints, Margaret-street, exclusive of the case, was £1,200. Mr. Helmore superintended its erection. Messrs. Hill and Co. built it. (2.) You might obtain one for about £350.

A. B. P.—(1.) Mr. R. J. Withers was the architect of the church of Little Cawthorpe. (2.) We are glad to hear what you tell us.

"One little Flower," wanting in point. Too sketchy and vague.

A. H., F. E. B., R. JUPP, and "The Two Gardens."—Declined, with thanks.

MISS STUART is thanked for her poem, which shall appear. So, too, shall "The Legend of the Strasbourg Clock."

M. J. K., M. L., and "Symbols of Christ."—Under consideration.

The Queries of P. R., AMY, T. T., B. R. W., and DOLLY, are either frivolous or unsuitable. The latter should send her question to the "Lady's Newspaper."

H. B. W. (Sandringham).—As to the cross in nature, the subject is very wide, though very interesting. The following curious ancient verses are powerful and expressive:—

"Who can blot out the Cross, which th' instrument Of God deved on me in the Sacrament?

Who can deny me power and liberty

To stretch mine arms and mine own Cross to be?

Swim, and at every stroke thou art thy cross!

The mast and yard make one when seas do toss.

Look down, then spy'st ever crosses in small

things;

Look up, thou seest birds raised on crossed wings.

All the globe's frame and sphere is nothing else

But the meridian's crossing parallels."

On the great majority of the English railways that signal, which is intended to convey the idea of safety; and, seeing which, the engine-driver knows that everything is right and secure, is in shape like a Tau cross, or the capital letter T.

Rev. T. R. P.—The actual Licence to marry is of no use whatsoever after the marriage is celebrated. Being intended as an authorization to the priest who celebrates it, to do so without the publication of banns; when the work is done, the Licence may be destroyed.

SISTER MARIA.—No name being given, we cannot, we repeat, insert anonymous appeals for help.