

Book Reviews.

JOHN SELDEN AND HIS TABLE TALK, by Robert Waters, New York: Eaton and Maines, 1899.

John Selden lived in the reigns of Elizabeth, James the First, Charles the First and Cromwell (1584-1659). This famous lawyer had not only a long, wide and varied experience as scholar, writer and statesman, but filled creditably various political and other important offices during this eventful period. In 1640 he represented Oxford in Parliament. As a member of the famous Long Parliament, Selden, though favouring true reforms, acted rather as a wise guide and counsellor than as a partisan leader. He was ever inclined to moderation, and as often as not founded his own party by his wit and sense. Lord Clarendon, though generally opposed to Selden in politics, remained his life-long friend, and has paid a most generous tribute to his learning and character. Selden's great power lay in conversation. He had a remarkable gift for making hard things easy. To his friend, the Rev. Richard Milward, we owe the preservation of the table-talk by which Selden is chiefly remembered. Of the table-talk, Coleridge has said "There is more weighty bullion sense in this book than I ever found in the same number of pages of any uninspired writer." This estimate may be a little exaggerated, but certainly a perusal of these pages shows wit, humour and sense on every page. The topics range over a wide area. Owing to the character of the times in which he lived, theological subjects are much in evidence, but all kinds of subjects are dealt with. The present edition contains, besides the famous table-talk, a good account of Selden's life and times. We can promise several pleasant half-hours to those who take up these unpremeditated discourses of a most remarkable man. "This is indeed a rare fellow, my Lord!" and we heartily echo Coleridge's utterance: "O, to have been with Selden over his glass of wine, making every accident an outlet and a vehicle of wisdom!"

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LECTURES, 1899-1900.

GENERAL STATEMENT.

The Convocation of Trinity University offers courses of lectures upon various scientific, literary, historical, art and other subjects to the residents of the towns and cities of this Province, subject to the conditions stated herein. With a view to making arrangements for any of these lectures, correspondence is invited from clergymen and the officers of educational, literary and scientific organizations. One or more of the lectures may be chosen for any given place; but, the committee will limit the number of lectures where it may seem necessary to do so.

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LECTURES.

The following is the list of lectures and lecturers for the next season 1899-1900:

The Reverend Dr. Welch, Provost of Trinity College—(1) John Bunyan; (2) Archbishop Laud; (3) Some English Translations of the Bible; (4) Religious Revivals of the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries; (5) Thackeray.

The Reverend Professor Rigby, M.A., Dean of Trinity College—(1) Richard Brinsley Sheridan, Orator, Statesman and Dramatist; (2) Old English Miracle Plays; (3) King Alfred (after Xmas).

The Reverend E. C. Cayley, M.A., Professor of Theology in Trinity University—(1) Matthew Arnold; (2) The Oxford Movement and the Church Crisis; (3) Archibald Lampman and the Poetry of Nature.

The Rev. E. W. Huntingford, M.A., Professor of Classics in Trinity University—(1) Things beautiful; (2) Alice in Wonderland and other places.

The Reverend Herbert Symonds, M.A., Rector of Ashburnham—(1) The Religious Elements in the Poetry of Browning and Tennyson; (2) Christian Unity; (3) Dante; (4) Charles Kingsley; (5) The Life of Bishop Hannington (suitable for a missionary or other specially religious meeting).

H. Montgomery, M.A., B.Sc., F.S.S., formerly Professor of Geology and Mineralogy in the State Universities of Utah and Dakota, and President of the North Dakota State University—*(1) The Story of the Creation (Illustrated); *(2) The Mines, Mills, and Minerals of the Black Hills (Illustrated); (3) North American Man in Prehistoric Times; (4) Minerals: Their Occurrence, Study and Uses; (5) Mining; (6) The Teaching of Science in the Common Schools; (7) *British Columbia, its Scenery, Cities and Mines (Illustrated).

M. A. Mackenzie, M.A., Professor of Mathematics, Trinity University—(1) Kipling; (2) The Soudan; (3) The Boer in South Africa (after Xmas).

A. H. Young, M.A., Lecturer in Modern Languages, Trinity University—(1) Faust; (5) King Arthur and the Holy Grail. (3) A Summer Semester in Strassburg.

The Reverend J. C. Farthing, M.A., Rector of Woodstock—(1) Fresh Light from Ancient Monuments upon Familiar Truths; (2) The Nation's Debt to the Church.

The Reverend H. H. Bedford-Jones, M.A., Brockville, Ont.—(1) Sir Walter Scott; (2) Modern Novels; (3) *A Trip to England (lantern views); (4) Rudyard Kipling.

The Reverend W. H. White, M.A., Lecturer in Classics, Trinity University—(1) Charles Dickens; (2) The Boy in Fiction (after Xmas).

H. C. Simpson, M.A., Lecturer in Physical Science, Trinity University—(1) Nelson and the Navy; (2) Anthony Hope.

The Reverend Canon A. W. Macnab, Rector of S. Martin's, Toronto—(1) The Jubilee Gathering of the Empire in London and Oxford (lantern views); (2) Switzerland and North Italy (lantern views); (3) Phases and Features of Florentine Life (lantern views) (after Xmas).

The Reverend C. H. Shortt, M.A., Rector S. Thomas' Toronto—(1) How to read Architecture; (2) Star-gazing; (3) Socialism.

The Reverend T. G. A. Wright, B.A., Millbank, Ont.—(1) St. Patrick; (2) The Ritual Crisis; (3) Crammer and the Reformation (after Xmas); (4) Charles Simeon, an Example for these times (after Xmas).

The Reverend J. S. Broughall, M.A., Whitby, Ont.—General Gordon.

H. W. Church, M.A., Barrister-at-Law, Toronto—(1) Drake; (2) Freissart (after Xmas).

The Reverend G. F. Davidson, M.A., Lecturer in Theology, Trinity University—(1) A Chapter in Canadian Church History (lantern views); (2) The Anglican Reformation; (3) *Paris (lantern views).

N.B.—In the case of subjects marked with an asterisk, a guarantee of \$5.00 in addition to the charges mentioned below will be required for the magic lantern used to illustrate the lectures.

TERMS FOR THE LECTURES.

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(2) The lecturer's expenses shall be paid, and in addition a fee of \$5.00 shall be paid to him.

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