

calculated to throw new light upon the pages of Scripture, to remove doubt and inspire faith, and lead to a better understanding and love of the truths of the Gospel.

*An Outline History of England.* By JAMES RICHARD JOY. New York: Chautauqua Press. Toronto: William Briggs. Price \$1.00.

This book is one of the Chautauqua text-books for 1890-91. It gives a concise account of what it designates "the marvellous history of England, and her rise from weakness and poverty to surpassing wealth and power." It is not a dry-as-dust chronicle of battles and sieges. It aims to give an account of the English people, and of the growth of the principles of constitutional liberty. It has several excellent coloured maps and genealogical tables. It is quite free, so far as we have been able to examine, from that Anglo-phobist spirit which sometimes characterizes American books. It cannot fail to inspire, in the fifty or sixty thousand Chautauqua readers in the United States, a sense of the dependence of the higher civilization and liberties of their country upon the institutions of the old parent land in which they had their root.

*The True Historic Episcopate, as Seen in the Original Constitution of the Church of Alexandria, etc., etc.* By REV. MASON GALLAGHER. 12mo, 342 pp. New York: Funk & Wagnalls. Toronto: William Briggs. Cloth, \$1.

The design of this volume is to show, by an appeal to sound historical documents, that the ancient Church of Alexandria, while Episcopal in government for two hundred years, had no Episcopal succession in the modern sense.

The settlement of this question concerning the existence of an unbroken, exclusively valid Episcopal succession in the negative, is shown to remove a formidable obstacle to Christian union. A catena of English churchman on the Apostolical succession from the Reformation is given.

The book presents abundant evidence that the view that the laying on of hands of a third order in the ministry is essential to a valid ordination was unknown to the Primitive Church, is repudiated by all Protestant churches, including the Protestant Episcopal Church, whose early and better writings and articles are shown to be opposed to such exclusive claims.

The author, formerly a High Church Episcopal clergyman, was constrained by an earnest inquiry to renounce his former opinions, and took part with Bishop Cummins in establishing the Reformed Episcopal Church. As the question of the "Historical Episcopate" is now widely discussed, the book is timely, and sheds important light upon the subject.

*Epworth League Workers.* By JACOB EMBURY PRICE. New York: Hunt & Eaton. Toronto: Wm. Briggs. Price 75 cents.

The new social and religious movement, known as the Epworth League, is already producing a body of literature. Its courses of reading and books, of hints and helps will be found a valuable aid in the guiding and moulding of all our young people's societies. The successful management of such societies has become a very practical problem in modern Church life. The writer of this book has had large experience in such management, and gives the benefit of his experience in these pages. He treats first the demand for such societies, meets objections to them and shows their benefits. He points out the advantages of denominational societies, yet urges co-operation with such sister societies as the King's Daughters and Christian Endeavour. He gives important suggestions as to Bible Study, and Studies in Methodism, on Social Culture and Christian Work, the Devotional Meeting, Literary Programmes, Entertainments, Courses of Readings, etc. We strongly commend the book as eminently practical and helpful.