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An Arrow Shot at Blasphemy (7), by Mr. James Davis, seems to us hardly calculated to hit the mark; it is so feathered with heated zeal that it will consume itself in its flight. The blasphemy is that which Mr. Davis considers to be the outcome of the doctrine of Apostolical succession. His ideas with regard to the meaning of the Lord's Prayer and other matters are peculiar. The little book looks as if it were printed at home, and displays a good many errors in spelling.

Our Children for Christ (8) is a plea for infant Church membership, a defence of infant baptism as practised by affusion. Mr. MacNaughton treats the matter historically; gives reasons from the nature of the case, and cites the authority of the fathers and the Apostolic constitutions. Then follow a discussion on the mode of baptism and an examination of various texts which treat of the subject. The work has reached a third edition, and is a very useful little manual to have at hand to give to any one who has any doubts in this important matter.

Nor'ard of the Dogger (9) is an entertaining account of a great, useful, and successful work initiated and carried on amongst the North Sea fishermen, under the direction of Mr. E. J. Mather. The secondary title is "Deep-Sea Trials and Gospel Triumphs," and of both we have here a very comforting record. The book, too, not only shows how the interest of the public has been enlisted, but also how the prayerful efforts of those most actively engaged in it have been rewarded. The brave men who go through such dangers to supply us with food certainly deserved that something should be done for them, and we are very happy to find that what has been done is so much appreciated by them. The volume is nicely illustrated and well got up every way.

In the tenth volume of *Present Day Tracts* (10) we are presented with six essays on the subjects of Christian Evidence, Doctrine, and Morals; all excellent in their various ways. It is claimed for the volume that "it will be found to yield to none of its predecessors in the interest, value, and importance of its contents;" and we think the claim is justified. We wish the volume may be widely known and carefully considered, for we are sure that each essay will be found both interesting and usefully instructive. Dr. Conder deals with the moral difficulties of the Old Testament, and Mr. Girdlestone takes up the subject of the Age and Trustworthiness of the Old Testament Scriptures; Dr. Blaikie discourses delightfully about the Scriptural