

this way a good work can be built up in time, if the members of our beloved Church will only bear in mind the missionary organization which the Church itself has established. God has given us all a "goodly heritage" in the great Dominion of Canada. Her waste places will yet be occupied, and the Church of England must not be behind in ministering to her own children in the hour of their poverty and need.

### Books and Periodicals Department.

*Julian, Philosopher and Emperor.* By Alice Gardner. London and New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons.

When the unfortunate Christians, who through a long list of Roman emperors had been under the ban of the law, and sometimes cruelly persecuted, suddenly found themselves under the protection of "the first Christian Emperor," Constantine, the rejoicing must have been intense. The long reign of injustice was over. The Emperor himself presided over their famous Council of Nicaea, which gave to the world the great creed that bears its name. But the dismay of the Christians was equally great when in due time an emperor arose who strove to undo what the great Constantine had done, and to re-establish throughout the Roman Empire the old system of religion. What wonder is it that they looked upon him with horror, and branded Julian for all time as "the Apostate"! What wonder that a Gregory Nazianzen should at times overstep the bounds of moderation in hurling his invectives against him! Yet the history of Julian is very interesting, and the Messrs. Putnam have done well to put in the concise form of the book before us these important and absorbing events which cluster around his name. It was the last struggle of paganism against Christianity. Miss Gardner has written an interesting book, and places her hero, in whom she is evidently intensely interested, in the very best possible light before the public. The book is one of the "Heroes of the Nations" series, edited by Evelyn Abbott, M.A., Fellow of Balliol College, Oxford.

*The Anglican Pulpit Library, Vol. III. Easter to Ascensiontide.* London: Hodder & Stoughton. Mr. F. N. W. Brown, 13 Czar street, Toronto.

This is a valuable volume, dealing, as it does, with a most important part of the Christian year. Two hundred and seventeen pages are devoted to Easter day alone. What a symposium upon the great crowning doctrine of Christendom, the resurrection of the Lord and its attendant results! And the whole subject still lingers in the five Sundays which follow, leading up to the Ascension. The lessons, epistles, gospels, as well as many outside passages, all take their place in the elucidation of doctrines all important to Christianity. Ninety-one pages are devoted to the subject of the Ascension, including the Rogation days. What better material could an Anglican preacher have to help him in his homiletics than all this? Especially when the authors are borne in mind! Prominent in this volume are numerous complete sermons by the late Canon Liddon. Several, also, are from Phillips Brooks, Dean Farrar, Dr. Pusey, Dean Vaughan, Canon Newbolt, Dean Bradley, Bishop King, Bishop Thorold, Archbishop Magee, Dean Gregory, Bishop Wilberforce, etc., a galaxy of names from which useful thoughts surely may be obtained. Send to Mr. Brown for circulars showing easy terms on which the five series of sermons may be obtained.

*The Sword of Islam, or Suffering Armenia.* By J. Castell Hopkins. Brantford and Toronto: Bradley, Garretson & Co.

The admirable preface written by the Right Rev. Dr. Sweatman, Bishop of Toronto, as an introduction to this book, and which we have published elsewhere in this issue, indicates the importance and utility of the work. It bears upon a subject of great interest at the present time.

*The Fisherman and His Friends.* A series of revised sermons. By Louis Albert Banks, D.D. Cloth, 12mo., 365 pp. Gilt top. \$1.50. New York, London, and Toronto: Funk & Wagnalls Company.

This is a volume of revival sermons, couched in very simple language, on several events connected with our Lord's dealings with His disciples and others devoted to His cause, and also with some events which mark the course of the apostles as related in the Acts. The discourses are brief and pointed, abounding with anecdotes and illustrations such as revival preachers usually employ.

*Talks to the King's Children.* Second series of "Five Minute Object Sermons." By Sylvanus Stall, D.D. Cloth, 12mo., 236 pp. \$1. New York, London, and Toronto: The Funk & Wagnalls Company.

This book belongs to a class of which there are but few in any language. The author has done for children what Schriever in Germany, and Dean Stanley in England, have done for grown people. There are many religious books for children, but these sermonettes are unique. With some object of everyday life presented to the eye, the author, after the manner of the parables, presents the important truths of the Gospel to the easy comprehensions of both old and young.

*From Jerusalem to Jerusalem.* By the Rev. Alfred J. Belt, M.A., rector St. James' Church, Guelph, Canada. Milwaukee: The Young Churchman Co.

These are lectures on "The Church, 'One Holy Catholic and Apostolic,'" with a brief lecture on the Anglican communion. They are published in the form of a handsome booklet with jagged edges, and present the distinctive features of the Anglican Church in a manner regarded by the author as of prime importance. It is well and clearly written, and well-known authorities are copiously quoted in defence of statements made. Some useful little manuals on the Church Catechism have also reached us from the Young Churchman Company.

*The Story of the Year 1895-1896.* C.M.S., 9 Salisbury Square, London.

The work done in a year by a society like the C.M.S. is well worthy of record. Told ever so briefly it makes a book of respectable size. The narrative before us is fully illustrated and presented in attractive form.

*The Homiletic Review.* New York: Funk & Wagnalls Company.

The review section (June number) has an article on the "Biblical Account of the Deluge," by Sir William Dawson. It also contains a symposium on the Christian Endeavor movement. The sermonic section has several suggestive discourses and outlines for sermons, and other sections throughout are full of useful information.

(1) *The Expositor*, (2) *The Clergyman's Magazine.* London: Hodder & Stoughton.

In the *Expositor* Wendt's volume on the "Teaching of Christ" is well presented by the Rev. Dr. Stalker. The article on "Jesus Mirrored in the Gospel," by Prof. Bruce, is continued, and articles on "Abraham, David's Son and David's Lord," and the "Sixth Hour," are worthy of study. *The Clergyman's Magazine* continues its "Lessons in Faith