

QUERIES AND ANSWERS.

"C. N."—What is the best work on "Divorce"? A.: A little book by President Woolsey.

"J. E. S."—Worcester, Webster, or the Imperial Dictionary, is the "best" authority on "the pronunciation of modern proper names."

"J. C."—"The Blessed Office of Tears" (National Preacher Vol. xxxii, Dec. No.), by Dr. William Adams, will prove to you an admirable sermon on the subject.

"N. L."—A.: We know not how "to make the road upward easy." Like many others, we fear you regret that the broad road does not lead to heaven. The way up from the flesh into the spirit is a long and weary climb. We know of no short cut, no royal road, and we feel quite sure nobody else does.

"S. E. W."—Occasionally, when a sermon appears in the HOMILETIC MONTHLY which I specially wish my people to hear, I read it to them instead of preaching a sermon of my own. What do you think of it? A.: There can be no objection, provided you definitely state the fact, and your people acquiesce.

"W. B."—How can one get the complete "Second Epistle of Clements," spoken of by Dr. Schaff, in the November number of the HOMILETIC MONTHLY, in such shape as would make it available as addenda to the garbled edition published in the Anti-Nicene Christian Library?—A.: The second epistle of Clement of Rome is published in full by the discoverer, Archbishop Bryennios, Constant, 1875, and by Bishop Lightfoot in an appendix to his Clement, in 1879.

"J. L. W."—(1.) Whose is the best book on the Eucharist? (2.) And whose on the Sufferings of Christ?—A.: (1.) Two very good books are "Eucharistic Year" and "Eucharistica," New York. 50 cents each. A vol. of "Communion Sermons," by Dr. Spencer, is an excellent work, \$1.75. (2.) The last named work will also give light on this subject. Many of the "Lives" of Christ dwell

on His sufferings; Krummacher's "Suffering Saviour," is a fervid and excellent work for spiritual use, and Dr. Stroud's "Physical Cause of Christ's Death" is a masterly work viewed from a scientific point of view.

"J. S. C."—In HOMILETIC MONTHLY (Jan., 2d. page of cover), I read, "An Abridgement of one of Sir Samuel Baker's (Baker Pasha) greatest Works of Travel." Is there not a mistake here? My impression is that Sir Samuel Baker, the African traveler, and "Baker Pasha," are two different men. Col. Valentine Baker, an officer in the British army, was expelled and degraded, joined the Turkish army, and was named "Baker Pasha." He is still serving under the Sultan.—A.: "In 1869 Sir Samuel Baker led an expedition of 1500 picked troops, under the auspices of the Khedive, and with the title of Pasha, to put down the White Nile Slave Trade." See Globe Encyclopaedia.

"C. S."—Do "Faith-Cure Believers" claim more than Scripture warrants in holding that the prayer of faith will save the sick?—A.: Unquestionably, faith cures are wrought. Hezekiah's prayer of faith cured him of a deadly sickness and lengthened his life fifteen years. How many cures were accomplished (where is the full record?) through prayer to Christ when on earth. God's hand is not shortened that He cannot do to-day what He did so abundantly twenty centuries ago. Luther never doubted that his prayer restored Melancthon to health and to the Reformation. Why not? We see in the experience of the mesmerizer how *faith in man* often works wondrous cures; how much more should faith in an omnipotent God, infinite in wisdom and love, working even in natural, or ordinary ways, result in healing? Yet we feel sure that nine out of ten, perhaps ninety-nine out of a hundred, of so-called faith-cures are wrought through the mesmeric or magnetic power of the man whose hands are laid on the sick.