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Is a perfect index an impossibility? The first word we tested it by, "Islip," or "Yslepe" (p. 122), does not appear in the index under either form; and Curtlington ought to be indexed as a place as well as an abbot, under its Latin name of Curlyngtonia (p. 123), as well, perhaps, as under its modern name of Kirtlington.

This short review does scant justice to the acumen and wide reading displayed by the editor, both in the introduction and appendix.

F. E. W.

A CHAPTER OF IRISH CHURCH HISTORY. By Canon Courtenay Moore, M.A. (Church of Ireland Printing and Publishing Co., Ltd.) 1s.

This shilling pamphlet contains some personal recollections of life and service in the Church of Ireland, and also some facts relative to certain post-Reformation Irish Papal Archbishops in the reign of Elizabeth and later. The author is well-known as an excellent *raconteur*; his tales begin with the days of Bishop Mant and end with our own times. They include such topics as Dublin and Dublin University some fifty years ago, the Fenian rising, Cork Bishops and Clergy, and recollections of the General Synod. It seems a pity that his stories are not enshrined in a more permanent form, as they would make interesting reading for our grandchildren. The appendix is intended to prove the truth of the unbroken descent of the Irish Church Episcopal succession in the Elizabethan period, and the historical facts are clearly and succinctly displayed.

FOR CHURCH AND CREED. By W. Norton. (Dublin: Church of Ireland Printing and Publishing Co., Ltd.) 2s. net.

This volume consists of a number of addresses and essays setting forth the author's opinions on theological and ecclesiastical questions. The points considered are mainly those at issue between the Anglican Communion and the various dissenting bodies. The book cannot be said to deal with its subject in any systematic and comprehensive fashion, but this is not the design of the author, who has simply aimed at a plain expression of the Anglican position, as he conceives it, so far as that position bears on some popular theological controversies. Mr. Norton is a very definite Churchman, and his book leaves the reader in no doubt as to the attitude of the author. His manner of writing is clear and direct, so that the book can be easily and quickly read. Definiteness and clearness are valuable qualities in a book meant to be popular, and yet we fear the circulation

of *For Church and Creed* will not accomplish very much. If a book is to persuade those who differ from the writer, there must be exhibited in its pages sympathy with those to be won over and a strict fairness in all the arguments employed. And just here, in our judgement, Mr. Norton fails conspicuously. The following sentence will illustrate the want of sympathy of which we speak :—

“ If people who are brought up in the Church turn away from it, and join a sect, they do a terrible thing, and jeopardize their everlasting salvation.”

Honest God-fearing souls who, for one reason or another, have joined the ranks of Dissent may be pained, but they will certainly not be won back by the implied anathema.

Another weakness betrayed by Mr. Norton is an anxiety to score as many points as possible against his opponents, an anxiety which leads him to use arguments of a very doubtful nature. Thus in the first chapter he quotes Gal. i. 6, “ I marvel that you are so quickly removing from him that called you,” and explains the “ him ” as St. Paul and the local ministers of Apostolic appointment. Surely all Pauline usage favours the usual interpretation (which is also Light-foot's), i.e. to refer the personal pronoun to God. Perhaps we may seem unduly severe on Mr. Norton, seeing that his book has a popular aim. But even in a popular book it is not wise to support a good cause by bad arguments. We sympathize with the aim of the author to make people understand the teaching of the Church, and we gladly recognize that those who read with discrimination what he has written will find many useful suggestions. Those who have to deal with the controversial aspect of Dissent might glean some valuable hints from Mr. Norton's chapters.

W. McC. K.

THE GALWEYS OF LOTA. By C. J. B. Bennett. (Dublin: Hodges, Figgis, and Co., Ltd.)

This rather nicely produced volume bears the imprint of being a labour of love by its author, whom we learn only through an incidental remark in the preface written by the Primate, to be a daughter of the late Archdeacon Galwey. The Galweys appear to have been one of the oldest and not the least important of the Anglo-Norman families settled in the South and West of Ireland, and a history of the family seriously undertaken might have proved a work of considerable historic and antiquarian interest ; but the author dispenses with the genealogical history of the Galweys, extending over a period of 700 years, in 21 pages. Included in these is a genealogical tree of a most confusing descrip-