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CHURCH BOOK ROOM NOTES.

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Catalogues.—A new and larger list of books suitable for Sunday School prizes has been compiled as a guide to those who are unable to call at the Book Room and select from the shelves. Care has been taken only to include books which have some merit, and to ensure that the minimum amount of trouble shall be given to intending purchasers. It is often impossible for Clergy and Sunday School Superintendents to spend the necessary time over a careful selection from the ordinary publishers' lists and book-sellers' stocks, and it is hoped that the fact that all the books have been carefully read before they are included in our list, will obviate this difficulty. Customers may leave the selection of prizes to the Book Room, if they will kindly state the price, the age and class of the recipient, and whether the books are for boys or girls. A new General List of Publications by the Church Book Room has also been prepared. Both these lists will be gladly sent on application.

Electoral Rolls.—It will be remembered that in every parish the Electoral Roll must be revised not less than twenty-eight days before the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, and that notice of such revision must be given fourteen days at least before the elections to the Parochial Church Council take place. Forms for enrolment are prepared by the Church Book Room with a special invitation emphasizing the importance of enrolment; and can be obtained for resident and non-resident electors at 1s. 6d. and 2s. per 100. Forms of the notice for the Revision of the Roll are also obtainable, price 1d. each, or 9d. per dozen. A special packet of forms suitable for use by Parochial Church Councils will be sent for 6d. post free. The elections to the Diocesan Conferences next year emphasize the importance of having a representative Roll.

Confirmation.—To those who are making preparations for Confirmation Classes, we would recommend the sample packet of pamphlets obtainable from the Church Book Room at 1s. 9d. post free. This contains five courses of instruction for the use of candidates: (1) *The Faith of a Churchman*; (2) *The Christian Disciple*; (3) *A Soldier in Christ's Army*; (4) *Class Notes*; and (5) *Strength for Life's Battle*; also a series of leaflets by Canon Grose Hodge, the Bishop of Peterborough, the Rev. B. C. Jackson, the Rev. Canon H. A. Wilson, the Rev. G. P. Bassett-Kerry, Canon Allen and others. In addition to the leaflets, *Confirming and Being Confirmed* by the Rev. T. W. Gilbert, D.D., is recommended. Bishop Chavasse writes of it that it contains "clear, forcible and Scriptural teaching—an invaluable help." It is published at 1s. in paper cover and 2s. net in cloth. Another very helpful book is *Talks on Confirmation* by the Rev. F. A. Roughton, which is now issued at 2s. net. This book contains a number of prayers for the use of classes and is useful, not only as a text-book, but as a gift to candidates. Notes to candidates and questions are given at the end of each lecture.

The Church Book Room has also just reprinted *The Choice*, five lectures on Confirmation by the Rev. E. Bayley, B.D.—at one time Rector of St. George's, Bloomsbury—at 1s. net. This little book is written in a very clear

and simple way, and will be found of considerable service for distribution at the time of Confirmation or as a Confirmation gift. It is divided into five chapters dealing with the Nature of the Choice, its Hindrances, its Helps, its Blessedness and its Witness.

Sunday School Lessons.—Two courses of Sunday School Lessons on the Collects, illustrated from the Epistles and Gospels, have been issued by the National Church League in separate quarterly parts for Seniors and Intermediates at 6d. each. These courses are edited by the Rev. W. H. Flecker, D.C.L., late Head Master of Dean Close School, Cheltenham, and the Rev. LL. E. L. Roberts, Vicar of St. Luke's, Deptford Park. This combination of a distinguished Head Master of a Public School and an experienced incumbent is ideal, and the lessons are admirably adapted for the purpose for which they have been written. The lessons have been prepared, using the Epistle and Gospel, to illustrate one definite thought or lesson from the Collect, and in addition certain definitely Missionary lessons are included each quarter. For those who desire them, picture booklets can be obtained for the lessons, and a complete set for the year, with a card case in which to keep the booklets, is provided. These are supplied at 4s. per box, which is sufficient for ten children for the year.

Many inquiries have reached us as to whether the Rev. G. R. Balleine's book, *Children of the Church*, is still in print. Some copies can be obtained from the Church Book Room at 1s. 6d. each. It contains a year's lessons on the Church Catechism, and the idea of the author throughout has been constantly to remind all those who use the book that if they would retain the interest of their children when teaching abstract ideas, they must illustrate the brief statements of the Catechism again and again. The book is adaptable to the age and capacity of various classes. We cannot refrain from giving one abstract from the Foreword of this book. "How shall we teach the Catechism? A humorous paper recently recorded this dialogue: Lady (engaging a nurse), 'Have you had any experience of children?' Applicant, 'Shure, mam, but I used to be a child myself once.'"

Children's Services.—A third edition of *A Form of Service* for use in Sunday Schools, Children's Churches, Mission Services, etc., compiled by Mr. Lawrence C. Head, has just been issued, price 2d. net or 14s. per 100, by the Church Book Room. This Form of Service is compiled from the Prayer Book; the Psalms are specially pointed and there are a number of useful Children's Hymns at the end. In addition to these services we may again mention the other services which we recommend and sell in the Book Room: *Young People's Services*, Three Forms with Prayers for Special Occasions by the Rev. R. Bren, Vicar of Christ Church, Malvern, paper cover 2d. or 12s. per 100, Duxeen 3d. or 18s. per 100; and *Prayers for Children at Church Services, in Sunday Schools and in Their Homes*, by the Rev. H. Edwards, Vicar of Watford, price 3d. net. The first edition of these Services is now exhausted, and a second edition is in the press.