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CHURCH BOOK ROOM NOTES.

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The Church Congress.—As in previous years there will be a large stall at the Church Congress Exhibition at the Drill Hall, Portman Road, Ipswich, during Congress Week, when the publications of the League and books recommended by the Committee will be on sale. Clergy and other members are specially invited to visit the stall (which they will find in Block "B"), to inspect and purchase the literature on view, and to mention it to their friends, particularly drawing attention to the books and pamphlets on "The Deposited Book" and the doctrine and teaching of the Church. The Exhibition will be open from October 3rd to October 8th.

We would also draw attention to the excellent series of calendars, motto-cards, and framed verses written and issued by the Rev. R. F. P. Pechey, which will be on sale. These are artistically illustrated and beautifully arranged. They are suitable for placing on a desk or wall. The calendars are published at 1s. 3d. and 1s. 6d., the motto-cards at 1s. 3d. and 2s. 3d., and framed at 2s., 2s. 6d., and 3s. 6d.

Sunday School Lessons.—The fourth quarter's *Sunday School Lessons on the Collects illustrated from the Epistles and Gospels*, by the Rev. Dr. Flecker and the Rev. L. E. Roberts, for Seniors and Intermediates, are now ready, price 6d. each (postage 1d.). The four quarterly parts can now be obtained at 2s. per set, post free. It is hoped that in parishes where the Lessons have not been yet used that they will be found of service for the coming year.

We mentioned last year *God's Wonderful World*, an excellent course of 52 Sunday School Lessons based on verses taken from the *Benedicite* (2s. net). This book gives the teaching on the Church's seasons in a series of nature lessons and the writer has aimed first to interest, secondly to instruct and thirdly to apply the lessons to the every-day life and experience of children. Stories and illustrations have been freely drawn upon. In connection with this we may also mention a reprint of *God's Whispers* (3s. 6d.), a series of Nature Studies by W. S. Herbert Wylie, M.A. This book will be found of great service to teachers and others whose work lies with the young.

Joseph Hocking.—A new series of books has just been published by Messrs. Cassell at 2s. 6d. each, in which three of Mr. Joseph Hocking's books are included. *Andrew Bocconac's Will* is a story which deals directly with Anglo-Catholicism and its effects on character. This book was first published in 1926. The scene is laid in England and Spain. The main feature of the second story, *A Woman of Babylon*, is the description of convent life and the effects of the confessional in home life. The third story, *A Flame of Fire*, is historical. It purports to be a history of the adventures of three Englishmen in Spain at the time of the Great Armada. The description of the Inquisition, the Armada and the general attitude of the Roman Catholic Church in Spain at that time is vividly drawn. An excellent description is given of some parts of the country, particularly in the neighbourhood of Grenada.

The Holy Communion.—The Rev. A. St. John Thorpe, Vicar of Christ Church, Beckenham, has just published a little book of sermons under the title of *Devotional Studies on The Holy Communion*. The sermons deal with (1) an Outline of the entire Service; (2) The Ante-Communion Service; (3) The Communion Proper; (4) The Prayer of Consecration; (5) The Words of Administration; and (6) The Post-Communion Service. The sermons are the devotional and practical outcome of the scriptural view of the Lord's Supper, which was steadily pressed by the author when he delivered them. The book is published at 6d. in paper covers and 1s. net in cloth.

Family Prayers.—A new edition of the Rev. A. F. Thornhill's *Family Prayers*, published originally in the English Church Manuals Series, has been published, price 2d. net, in paper covers. This little manual aims at providing a simple form of prayer for busy households. The services are brief and broken up into separate acts or parts of worship, such as confession, praise, thanksgiving, prayer, or intercession. The pamphlet has had a very large circulation in the past and we are assured that in its new form it will meet a great need.

A third edition has also been published of another little book of Family Prayers entitled *About the Feet of God*, by Canon Price Devereux, price 2d. This little book contains prayers for a week. All the collects are short and simple and many of them are from the Book of Common Prayer. The booklet has been specially prepared as an outline of daily devotions for use in the home or in the school.

Communicants' Manuals.—A third edition of *Helps to the Christian Life* by the Rev. T. W. Gilbert, D.D., has now been issued at 6d. in paper covers, 1s. in cloth and 1s. 6d. cloth gilt. The book is now in a smaller form than the earlier editions. It is meant to be a help to Communicants and especially to those who have just been confirmed. The first part deals with the subject of Prayer and of its importance to the spiritual life; suggestions are given for private prayer at morning and evening, and various special prayers are also added. The second part gives advice about the Bible and Bible reading, and some special references on important Biblical subjects are given. The third part deals with preparation for the Holy Communion, and in this section the Holy Communion Service is pointed with explanations and advice suitable for all Communicants, and especially for those who are just confirmed.

Messrs. Longmans, Green & Co. have issued a new Communicants' Manual by Canon H. A. Wilson, Rector of Cheltenham, entitled *At the Lord's Table*, price 1s. 6d. stiff boards, and 1s. limp cloth. This book is a devotional manual for the use of Communicants. The earlier part of the book contains suggestions and advice for preparation before Communion and in these the author has got off the beaten track, notably in the matter of self-examination. For instance, methods for self-examination based upon the Beatitudes, the fruit of the Spirit, etc., are quite a new departure. Both at this stage and later on, use is made of "meditations" upon the "Comfortable Words" and the example of our Lord, etc. The latter part of the book consists of the Holy Communion Service with brief explanatory notes, and suggestions for prayer both before and after reception of the Bread and Wine. The whole book is simply written. It should meet a great need and is particularly suitable as a gift for the newly-confirmed.