

CHURCH BOOK ROOM NOTES.

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ARRANGEMENTS are being made for the republication of *The Acts of the Apostles*, *The Children of the Church*, and *The Young Churchman*, three sets of Sunday School lessons by the Rev. G. R. Balleine, M.A.; **Sunday School Lessons.** The two latter will, it is hoped, be published in October at the price of 1s. 6d. net each, and *The Acts of the Apostles* early in the new year. This volume consists of 53 lessons which deal largely with the journeys of St. Paul and the Near East, in which so much interest centres, especially now that so many fathers and elder brothers of the scholars have come in personal touch with these lands. *The Children of the Church* contains lessons on the Church Catechism. Mr. Balleine's writings are well known, and his excellent arrangement of these lessons will, we are sure, be a great help to Sunday School teachers. As he states in his Foreword, "the twelve months covered by the lessons will be spent in carefully considering what a Christian must give up, what a Christian must believe, how a Christian must pray, and what help God gives in the Sacraments, and must surely be a profitable time for all." *The Young Churchman* is the story of our National Church, which is told in a bright attractive fashion. Mr. Balleine's style is simple, his method progressive, and he never loses sight of the main object of all Sunday School or Children's Service work.

The Catholic Faith, by the Rev. W. H. Griffith Thomas, D.D., has been unfortunately out of print for the past six months, and in view of the large edition which would be necessary on republication, there has been some delay in the issue of the new edition. We are glad, however, to be able to announce the issue during the present month of a reprint of the book, which has been considerably revised. Some additional matter of importance, particularly in regard to the Holy Communion Service, has been added, and its value, we are assured, will secure a continued large circulation of the book, which has already had a sale of 25,000 copies. Dr. Griffith Thomas has compressed an amazing amount of information and instruction in this book. He answers exhaustively, and with reference to authorities, two questions, "What is the Church of England?" and "What does the Church of England teach?" The book is arranged in the order of the Book of Common Prayer. Starting from the realization of our individual consciousness and responsibility as taught by the Church Catechism, the order of the Prayer Book in the instruction and development of the Christian life is followed, and the Prayer Book is thus regarded, not only as a handbook of worship, but also as a rule or method of spiritual life. Part 1 deals with the relation of the individual Christian to God according to the Prayer Book, and how that relation is formed and maintained. Part 2 deals with the relation of the individual Churchman to his fellow Churchmen in regard to doctrine, worship and practice. Part 3 deals with the relation of the individual Churchman to some important questions of the day. These sectional headings only imperfectly suggest the wide range of subjects dealt with. We live in a time when spiritual men of all Churches should not only make their position intelligent to themselves, but be ready to define and defend it in view of all opposition. In Dr. Thomas' book the Evangelical Churchman will find just the guidance and assistance he requires. The price will be 1s. 6d. net and 2s. net.

A new reprint of Canon Girdlestone's valuable little pamphlet, *The Passover, the Communion, and the Mass*, is now ready, price 2d. net, or 14s. per hundred.

The Passover, the Communion, and the Mass. The pamphlet has now had a circulation of 30,000. As the title indicates, the service of Holy Communion as it is in the Church of England is compared with the Jewish Passover and the Roman Mass. The many demands which are received for copies of this booklet show that it is still required for distribution by all who desire to put a stop to the practices which are now misleading so many Church of England people as to the nature of the sacramental ordinance. It is popularly written, and is clear and concise.

A small remainder of *A Short Introduction to the Old Testament*, by the Rev. F. E. Spencer, M.A., has been purchased by the Church Book Room, and in

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limp cloth the book is now offered at 1s. 6d. net. In the course of a very favourable review of the book by Chancellor Lias, he describes Mr. Spencer's book as "a great book," and states that it contains in its 224 pages more information than is found in many more pretentious volumes of 500 or 1000 pages. The book will be found as readable as it is learned. The work shows a breadth of learning on the part of the author and a profound acquaintance with his subject. Mr. Spencer states in his preface that he has endeavoured to make use of the fresh and recent papers of applied Archæology. The book will be found interesting not only to the theological student but to regular Bible readers. Some of Mr. Spencer's other books may be known to readers of these notes; *Old Testament History* in the Anglican Church Handbooks series, 1s. 3d. net, and *Did Moses write the Pentateuch after all?* 3s. net, are two of them.

Bishop D'Arcy, who has recently been elected Archbishop of Dublin, has written two of the books in this series, *Christian Ethics and Modern Thought*

Anglican Church Handbooks. and *Christianity and the Supernatural*, 1s. 3d. net each. In *Christianity and the Supernatural* the Bishop returns to the discussion of the place of Transcendence in Theology, and in popular language, with accuracy of expression, lays before his readers the root conception of Christianity as a supernatural religion. The headings of the chapters give some idea of the course taken in the book, such as, the Miracles, the Incarnation, Divine Immanence, the Atonement, the Future Life, the Supernatural in Christian Experience. The concluding chapters are most helpful to those who are accustomed to wrestle with modern problems. *Christian Ethics and Modern Thought* is written with the conviction that there is urgent need at the present time of a larger grasp of the moral teaching of Christianity to enable us to comprehend how it draws into itself all that is good in other ethical systems, and to find out how it corresponds to the needs and circumstances of the modern world. Dr. D'Arcy goes back to the fountain head itself, and follows out point by point the word and example of Christ, and in this way shows that so far from Christianity being an outworn creed, it still remains the true and most satisfying guide to conduct.

Another writer in this series is Dr. Guy Warman, the new Bishop of Truro, who contributed a volume entitled *New Testament Theology*. This book is not primarily intended for the student, though it is hoped it will be a help to him, but is written for the vast number of sons and daughters of the Church of England who are anxious to have an intelligent grasp of her doctrines. Difficult subjects are not avoided, but the author deals with them in the simplest possible way. The chapters on Justification, Repentance and Faith, Regeneration and Conversion, will be found most suggestive and helpful.