

CHURCH BOOK ROOM NOTES.

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LAST month mention was made in these Notes of a series of Confirmation leaflets and pamphlets which are published and recommended by the Church Book Room. In addition to these, arrangements have been made for the immediate issue of a pamphlet and two leaflets by the Rev. C. H. K. Boughton, B.D., Vicar of Calverley and Diocesan Inspector of Schools in Bradford. The manual is entitled *The Faith of a Churchman*, and consists of notes of teaching to be given at Confirmation Classes. These notes are intended as a basis for the class leader's instruction, and can be put into the hands of the candidates either during or at the close of the classes. The notes are clear and very helpful, and are arranged under the following headings:—The Meaning of Confirmation; The Christian Covenant; The Privileges of the Covenant; The Duties of the Covenant—Renunciation, Faith, Obedience; The Fulfilment of the Covenant—Prayer, Bible Reading, Public Worship, Sacraments; Baptism; Baptism and Confirmation; Holy Communion; Some Counsels to Communicants; The Challenge of Confirmation. The manual will be published at 2*d.* or 1*4s.* per 100 net. *Will you join the Senior Division?* is a leaflet meant for distribution in church and elsewhere before Confirmation classes commence. It is written attractively and is an invitation to come forward for Confirmation. The second leaflet, *The Race of Life*, is intended for distribution after the Confirmation day is over. These leaflets are published at 9*d.* net a dozen, or 4*s.* per 100.

Those who know the writings of Lieut.-Colonel Seton Churchill will welcome two pamphlets which have recently been written by him. One entitled *Is there a Prayer-Answering God? Lessons from the late Great War*, is being published by the Church Book Room at 2*d.* net or 1*5s.* per 100 net. This pamphlet is suggestive and will be found of considerable service at the present time, when reconstruction is so much in the air. It is written in Col. Seton Churchill's usual clear and convincing style. The second pamphlet, *Brave Women of Great Britain*, is also published at 2*d.* net. It is dedicated to the memory of the brave men who have died for their country, leaving sorrowing hearts behind them. The Workers' Paper of the Mothers' Union says of it that "it might well be read aloud at women's gatherings, for the praise it so gallantly bestows is of a stimulating character which should raise every woman to make renewed effort to deserve it."

In view of the importance of the efficiency of Sunday School teachers, a little pamphlet entitled *Points for Sunday School Teachers*, by the Rev. H. E. Duncan, 1*d.* or 10*d.* per dozen, post free, will be found exceedingly useful for distribution amongst the teachers now. Mr. Duncan has given considerable attention to Sunday School work, and has written several lesson books, which have been found of great value. This little manual is concise, and although to the experienced Sunday School teacher many of the points may seem to be a little too obvious, to the inexperienced or young teacher they will be found of real help.

Two lesson books by the Rev. C. R. Balleine have just been republished in response to many requests—*The Young Churchman* and *Children of the Church*. The first-named book contains fifty-two lessons for

Sunday School the Sundays of the Church's year for the school or home. Mr. **Lesson Books.** Balleine in his Foreword gives a very good illustration which explains the purpose which he had in view all through the

book—"In one of his Indian campaigns an English officer said to a native soldier, 'How is it that when you fight under our command you fight well; and yet when you fight under your own people you are not half so brave?' Said the native, 'Because when our officers tell us to charge they say "Go," but you always say "Follow!"' It is the difference between *leading* and *directing*. Now in the following series of Lessons on Church Life and Worship our aim is to give every young Churchman just that knowledge of his Church which too often is 'taken for granted.' But if you are to teach a boy, or girl, to be an enthusiastic, loyal, and devoted member of the Church you yourself must know the romantic history of which the grey walls and weathered towers and steeples speak so eloquently. You must know why Pulpit and Lectern, Font and Holy Table, are to be found bearing witness to mighty truths. And if you are an average Churchman you must know *that you do not know.*" The second lesson book, the *Children of the Church*, contains a year's lessons on the Church Catechism. The book is attractively written and will interest children in the Church Catechism better than any other lesson book which we have seen. Mr. Balleine has made use of many anecdotes, and a possible criticism is that the lessons consist too largely of stories, but no teacher need use more of these than he or she thinks helpful. 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, they must illustrate the brief statements of the Catechism again and again. For instance, instead of speaking of "the necessity of Renunciation," stories of men who did give up things they desired will bring the idea more vividly before the children. 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 which will, we think, be of interest. "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.'"

Now that it is practically certain that the Enabling Bill will pass into law within the next few weeks, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have issued a letter to the Diocesan Bishops asking them to instruct their clergy to proceed at once with the compilation of the constitution of the new Church Assembly under the **The Church Assembly.** Rules for the representation of the laity passed by the Representative Church Council in February last. A very clear explanation of these Rules has been compiled under the title of *The Ladder of Lay Representation in the Councils of the Church of England: How it may be climbed*, by Mr. Albert Mitchell, a member of the House of Laymen, and is obtainable from the Church Book Room. Single copies are sent free on application, and quantities are supplied at the rate of 2s. per 100.

CORRECTION.—Unfortunately last month a mistake was made in the prices of the leaflets *Benediction*, *The Power of the Presence and its Relation to the Holy Communion*, and *Holy Baptism*. In each case the price should have been 2d. net or 10s. per 100.