

CHURCH BOOK ROOM NOTES.

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As in previous years there will be a large stall at the Church Congress Exhibition at Birmingham during Congress week at which the publications of the Church Book Room, and other books recommended by its Committee, will be on sale. Clergy and friends are specially invited to visit the stall, and to recommend others to inspect and purchase the literature on view, which will include books and pamphlets on the following subjects: Parochial Church Councils, National Assembly, Confirmation, Sunday Schools, The Bible, Church Doctrine, Church History, etc. During the week certain books will be offered at a special reduction. Amongst them some remainder copies of *Foundations of Faith* by the Dean of Canterbury, 2s., published price, 7s. 6d.; Report of the Fulham Conference, 1901, 1s., published price, 3s.; Sir Edward Clarke's *New Testament*, 1s. 6d., published price, 5s.; and the *Book of Psalms*, 1s., published price, 2s. 6d.; The Rev. F. E. Spencer's *Short Introduction to the Old Testament*, 1s. 6d., published price, 2s. 6d.; and a number of slightly shop-soiled copies of the Anglican Church Handbooks, 1s. each, now published at 1s. 6d.

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The Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure has now received the Royal Assent and become law, and the Church Book Room has published the Measure itself, together with an introduction and explanatory notes by Mr. Albert Mitchell, a solicitor, and a member of the National Assembly, who so ably did a similar service in connection with the Enabling Act. Parochial Church Councillors will be anxious to know what their powers are under the Measure, and they will naturally wish to consult the Act itself, but as it is couched in legal phraseology, many will find a difficulty in interpreting its unfamiliar language, and this pamphlet will prove a useful help to all who are puzzled by some of the provisions of the Act, and will at the same time provide instruction, and we hope inspiration, as to the spirit in which members of Church Councils should undertake their responsibilities. The pamphlet is issued at 1s. post free, or 10s. a dozen when quantities are required for distribution. The Enabling Act, which has been similarly annotated by Mr. Mitchell, is published at 6d. net, or 5s. a dozen for distribution. All members of Parochial Church Councils will find it necessary to refer from time to time to the Constitution of the National Assembly, and the Councils which have been called into being by the Enabling Act, and this pamphlet with its lucid explanation and advice will be found of great service.

It cannot be too strongly urged that the Parochial Rolls of the various parishes should be kept up to date, and that new parishioners should be enrolled as soon as they are qualified. Every parish should, therefore, be fully equipped with literature on this subject, and we take this opportunity of mentioning some of the material published by the Church Book Room. First the Declaration as to Qualification, with form for non-resident electors, which is supplied at 2s. per 100, the same without the form for non-resident electors, 2s. per 100, supplied with a special appeal to parishioners printed on the back of each form, or cards simply arranged for the card index system at 2s. 6d. or 3s. per 100 respectively. Then there are the Electoral Roll Sheets

at 3s. per 100, Electoral Roll Books, arranged alphabetically or specially ruled and headed, with particulars as to qualification, etc., which are supplied at 6s., 8s., 12s. 6d., 20s., and 25s. For general distribution *The Ladder of Lay Representation in the Councils of the Church of England*, and *The New Constitution of the Church of England*, which are supplied at 2s. per 100, and a paper on Parochial Church Councils at 1d. each, are recommended.

In 1917 the Rev. T. W. Gilbert, B.D., Rector of Bradfield, issued a valuable little manual for Confirmation candidates entitled *Confirming and Being Confirmed*, with an Introduction by the Bishop of Liverpool. This is now out of print, and Mr. Gilbert has issued through the Church Book Room a new edition, which has been considerably revised. The manual has been written with a threefold object, as a help to young clergymen in the preparation of their candidates, as a help to adult candidates for Confirmation, and as instruction to those who are not yet members of the Church of England. The Bishop of Liverpool points out that in the first case it will give clear, forcible, and scriptural teaching, and will prove an invaluable help. It will give the teacher the right tone, useful matter, and telling illustrations. In the second case it will help those who need some full and arresting account of the nature of the promises they are about to make, and it will supplement the oral teaching of their clergyman, and suggest subjects upon which they can talk to him in the hours of preparation. In the third case, the manual carefully read by a fair-minded inquirer after truth will dispel many fallacies, and even if it fail entirely to convince will, at least, remove prejudices, and give occasion for serious thought. By the aid of subscriptions the book is now published in a stout paper cover at 1s. net, and in cloth at 2s. net.

The Church Book Room has recently purchased the remaining stock of *The Glad Tidings of Reconciliation*, by Bishop Knox, late Bishop of Manchester. In his Preface the Bishop writes: "An apology is needed for adding to the literature on the great doctrine of the Atonement.

The Atonement. That apology is furnished by the strange shrinking of a large number of preachers from this primary doctrine of the gospel: so primary that, if there had been no reconciliation of God and man in Jesus Christ, there had been no gospel at all. But a nervous dread seems to have crept over no inappreciable portion of the Church that this, its special message, is somehow out of date. . . . All this timidity is in sharp contrast with the boldness, the simplicity, even "the foolishness," of the Gospel that the Apostles were glad to proclaim. . . . It seemed right that one who had been charged to banish and drive away strange doctrine should endeavour to do his best once more to present this truth, as far as in him lay, free from incrustations and speculative explanation." The book was published in 1916 at 4s. 6d., and is now offered at 1s. 4d., post free.

Several copies of *The Churchman* for October, November and December, 1920, remain unsold and a copy of each will be sent on receipt of a postal order for 1s. 6d. These numbers contain useful articles on

"The" **Churchman.** the Sixth Lambeth Conference of 1920 by the Rev. T. J. Pulvertaft; The Case for the Mosaic Tabernacle by Dr. Montgomery Hitchcock; Studies in Texts by the Rev. Harrington C. Lees, the Archbishop-Elect of Melbourne; and a very valuable article on Millennial Dawnism or Russellism by the Rev. E. L. Langston.