

CHURCH BOOK ROOM NOTES.

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Catalogues.—New lists of the publications of the Church Book Room and of books recommended for Sunday School prizes have just been issued and will be sent on receipt of a postcard. The prize list has been compiled as a guide to those who are unable to call at the Book Room and select books from the shelves.

Prayer Book Teaching.—A new series of booklets is now being issued in the hope that they will provide a means for the instruction of Churchpeople in what the Prayer Book really teaches, as distinct from the misrepresentations being widely propagated in the publications issued under the auspices of the "Anglo-Catholic" School. One of these, *Church Teaching*, by the Rev. F. G. Llewellyn, B.D., particularly deals with Anglo-Catholicism as compared with the teaching of the Prayer Book and Holy Scripture. It is issued at 3d. Of the others, *The Atonement and the Sacrament of Remembrance*, by the Rev. H. R. Anderson, lately Vicar of St. Luke's, Redcliffe Square, emphasizes the completeness, sufficiency and finality of our Lord's work on the Cross; *The Prayer Book and the Mediatorship of Christ*, by the Rev. H. Drown, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Scarborough, treats of the intercession of Christ, His merciful readiness to hear, His invitation to direct approach, and His power to aid; *Repentance and Pardon*, by the Rev. C. F. Ayerst, Vicar of Watford, dwells on the nature of Repentance, its necessity as a condition, though not a ground, of forgiveness; *The Resurrection and the Christian Life*, by the Rev. R. M. Mayes, Vicar of St. Alban's, Streatham Park, particularly deals with the new life, its source of power and the way of holiness; *Reservation*, by Mr. Albert Mitchell, is a valuable exposition of its history and practice, the Author taking first the historical aspect of his subject, then pointing out the law of the Church of England as it is to-day, and ending by a reference to the proposals now before the National Assembly; *Fasting Communion and Non-Communicating Attendance* and "*This is My Body*," by Canon A. P. Cox, Vicar of Emmanuel, Clifton, Bristol; *The Creeds*, by the Rev. Dr. Harold Smith, Tutor of St. John's Hall, Highbury, and *The Godward Aspect of the Holy Communion*, by the Rev. A. R. Wood, Vicar of Thorpe-le-Soken, are particularly clear, useful expositions of the subjects with which they deal. The last eight are issued at 2d. each. Also included in this series are *The XXXIX Articles*, by the Rev. B. C. Jackson, Vicar of St. Luke's, Hampstead (3d.); *Holy Communion*, by the Rev. Dr. T. W. Gilbert (1d.), and a revised reprint of *Why I am a Churchman*, by Canon Odom (3d.). The last-named pamphlet has gone through several editions and has been in very great demand. It has been found of considerable service not only in the instruction of Churchpeople, but for circulation amongst those not definitely attached to the Church, who have been making inquiries as to what it actually stands for. Canon Odom knows how to write, and he is able to put his points clearly and concisely.

A complete set of the booklets will be sent post free on receipt of 2s. 6d.

Anglo-Catholicism.—In view of the activity of the "Anglo-Catholics" and the fact that they are openly proclaiming a religion of the Church not consistent with the letter and spirit of our Reformed Church of England, attention is once more drawn to the Rev. J. R. Cohn's very able little book

No Bishop, No Church; or, Anglo-Catholic Claims Examined (6d.). Mr. Cohu examines some of the utterances of the "Anglo-Catholics" in the light of the best available English theological thought. Nothing is more valuable to confute these claims than a wider knowledge of Church History of the first three centuries on the part of the laity, and, as Mr. Cohu says, this will do more than anything else to brace the nation to stand by their now threatened Reformation Settlement. In addition we would also mention three pamphlets by the Archdeacon of Macclesfield, the Ven. J. H. Thorpe: *Prayers to the Blessed Virgin Mary* (2d.), which is particularly valuable in view of the prominence given to the teaching of Mariolatry in the handbooks of the "Anglo-Catholic" Congresses, and specially in that of the recent Congress held in London; and *Auricular Confession in the Church of England* (2d.), which we hope will have a wide circulation in view of the pressure which is being brought to bear to induce people to come to Confession in not a few parishes. As Archdeacon Thorpe says, "Confirmation candidates are being strongly urged to make confession before their first Communion, and as a regular preparation for subsequent Communion." Indeed in many cases candidates are being refused Confirmation unless they make Auricular Confession. This pamphlet gives a clear account of the teaching of the Church of England on the matter, the ecclesiastical history of the subject, and its results as it affects both the laity and the clergy. The third pamphlet is entitled *Mass or Communion: What is the Difference? Which is True?* (3d.), and is of special importance in view of the discussion of the revision of the Holy Communion Service which will be before the National Assembly in November.

Prayer Book Revision.—This matter will be before the National Assembly in November, particularly the question of the Revision of the Holy Communion Service, and attention is again drawn to the publications of the League on this subject. The booklets which have already been mentioned on the teaching of the Prayer Book are specially valuable, particularly that on Reservation, but those who have not yet studied the question would do well to obtain Bishop E. A. Knox's *Open Letter concerning the Provision of an alternative Prayer Book* (3d.), which shows clearly the objections to an alternative Holy Communion Service. Also in connection with this subject it is hoped to issue two books this month: one by the Rev. Canon Dyson Hague on *The Holy Communion in the Church of England* (1s. 6d. net; paper cover, 2s. net, cloth), and one on *The Ministerial Commission*, by the Rev. C. Sydney Carter. These books are popularly written and will, we are sure, do much to inform Churchpeople generally upon these important matters.

The Holy Communion in the Church of England.—This book by Canon Dyson Hague is of special value at this critical moment in the history of our Church, and we hope will be widely read. Bishop E. A. Knox contributes a valuable preface in which he says, "The great value of this book is due to the force with which the author expounds the doctrinal significance of our Service of Holy Communion as contrasted with the Roman Catholic Mass. The importance of insisting on this difference at the present time cannot be exaggerated. Canon Hague's book will be found to be no dry bones of metaphysical doctrine, but a book which comes from the heart and speaks to the heart. It is in fact a popular work."