

CHURCH BOOK ROOM NOTES.

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Catalogues.—A new edition of *A Short List of Books specially intended for Theological Students and Others*, has now been prepared. The list contains only those books at present obtainable and the Committee has endeavoured to make it as comprehensive as possible with a view to assisting Churchmen, both Clerical and Lay, and particularly Ordination Candidates and the younger clergy, in making additions to their libraries.

A new General List of Publications by the Church Book Room has also been prepared. Both these lists will be gladly sent post free on application.

The Church Congress.—As in previous years there will be a large stall at the Church Congress Exhibition at Devonshire Park, Eastbourne, 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 "C"), to inspect and purchase the literature on view, and to mention it to their friends, particularly drawing attention to the books and pamphlets on Prayer Book Revision and Prayer Book Teaching.

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 also 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. 6d., and framed at 2s., 2s. 6d. and 3s. 6d.

Transubstantiation and the Mass.—One of the most important papers read at the Cheltenham Conference in 1924 was that entitled *Transubstantiation and the Mass*, by the Ven. J. H. Thorpe, M.A., B.D., Archdeacon of Macclesfield. This paper has been revised and is now published as one of the Prayer Book Teaching pamphlets, price 2d. net. The Archdeacon traces the historical development of Transubstantiation and points out that "the doctrine of the Real Objective Presence is not found in any creed of the Catholic Church, nor in any decree or canon of any Council of the Undivided Catholic Church." Having stated the doctrine clearly, the Archdeacon deals with the Mass, showing that the doctrine of Intention, and the possible defects in the Mass leave it doubtful if there could ever be a valid celebration. "No member of that Church . . . can have any certainty that an undefective Mass is ever celebrated." He examines the doctrine further to discover the nature of the Body and Blood that was supposed to take the place of the substance of the bread. He deals equally clearly with the doctrine of the Mass, showing that it is irreconcilable with Scripture. "The Institution itself is the final court of appeal in regard to the facts and character of the Sacrament as instituted by Christ Himself. No Mass, or Communion, can be in any essential different from the first and be true," and "neither the doctrine of Transubstantiation in any form, nor that of the sacrifice of the Mass, can be made to fit in with the facts of the first Institution without leading to absurdities which render the doctrine in either case untenable." We recommend the Archdeacon's treatment of the whole subject to the careful consideration of our readers, as it is a scholarly statement of essential

truths that require emphasis in view of recent developments in our own Church.

Our High Priest in Heaven.—Archdeacon T. T. Perowne's little book, *Our High Priest in Heaven*; or, *The Present Action of Christ as High Priest, in its relation to the Worship of the Christian Church*, has just been reprinted at 1s. 6d. net. The value of this little book cannot be over-stated, and we are glad to see a reprint at the present time. Some useful notes have been added, drawing attention to recent statements on matters dealt with in the text. The wide dissemination of the great truths which this book contains and upholds would do incalculable good.

Church Booklet Series.—An addition has just been made to the Church Booklet Series (1d. each, 7s. per 100), entitled *Why Stay Away from the Holy Communion?* by "Pax" who also contributes the booklet, *Why Go to Church?* The present booklet is written specially for parishes and the style is clear and simple. Other books in the series are *A Communicants' Manual*, by Canon C. W. Wilson; *Time to Think. For Invalids*, by E. B. B.; *A Talk About your Baby's Baptism*, by the Rev. B. Herklots; and *Conversion*, by Bishop H. C. G. Moule,

Sunday School Lessons.—The Rev. G. R. Balleine has written yet another Course of Lessons, this year on the Apostles' Creed entitled *Faith of our Fathers*. We have seen the book and believe it will be found as helpful and as fresh as Mr. Balleine's other books. He specially emphasises in the preface that the book is a talk to teachers, offering them help and material for constructing lessons of their own. Its aim is to help teachers to understand each clause in the Creed, and to suggest methods of treatment and possible illustrations. The book is published by *Home Words* at 2s. net.

We are particularly interested in the lessons which Mr. Balleine has called *The Duty of Comradeship, Comradeship and Worship and Comradeship and Work*. The emphasis given in the last lesson to co-operation and team work is excellent, as is also the reference to the teaching of St. Paul's illustration to the Corinthians from the body and its limbs.