

CHURCH BOOK ROOM NOTES.

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Prayer Book Revision.—Bishop Knox has just published through the Church Book Room an article entitled *Play the Game : or, The Revised Prayer Book and Toleration*, which appeared in a recent number of *The National Review*. To the article the Bishop has added some valuable notes on Vestments and Reservation of the Sacrament. In the hope of securing a wider circulation, a large edition has been printed at 1*d.* net. A new edition of *Wake Up, England! The Reformation is at Stake*, by Bishop Knox, with a useful appendix showing the extent to which the Counter-Reformation has gone in one diocese, has just been issued at 1*d.* net. A leaflet has also been published for inclusion in Parish Magazines entitled *The Lord's Supper or The Holy Communion*, by the Rev. E. F. Allworthy, price 2*s.* 6*d.* per 100 (postage 9*d.*). The leaflet is positive and not controversial.

The Confirmation Rubric.—Professor H. M. Gwatkin's pamphlet *The Confirmation Rubric ; Whom Does it Bind?* which was first published in 1914 in connection with the Kikuyu Series, has now, in response to many requests, been reprinted at the price of 2*d.* The question is asked, "Is Confirmation indispensable for Communion in the Church of England?" and Professor Gwatkin deals with the historical and, until recently, accepted reading of the Rubric. The closing paragraph of the pamphlet may be quoted here :—"What we contend for is that the question shall not be summarily closed by a new and unauthoritative interpretation of the rubric—an interpretation which is liturgically and historically untenable, and makes a very serious change in the whole doctrinal position of our Church. We believe, and we have given reasons for our belief, that in this matter we are free ; and we are entitled to demand that liberty given for the last three hundred years and more by the lawful authority of this Church and Realm shall not be withdrawn at the demand of a party, but only by the regular and lawful action of the same supreme authority."

The English Prayer Book.—The new book by Canon Dyson Hague announced in the last number of *The Churchman*, entitled, *The Story of the English Prayer Book*, has now been published at 5*s.* net (postage 5*d.*). The book deals frankly and fairly with historical facts and gives its readers a true narrative in a clear and forcible manner of the doctrinal and historical causes which led to the compilation of our Prayer Book. The book will not only be valuable to clergy and students, but will be particularly useful to Sunday School teachers, scholars and young people generally. There is a series of notes at the end of each chapter which will be useful for study circles and Bible Class leaders.

Justification.—Canon Dyson Hague's article on *Justification* which appeared in a volume of essays entitled *Evangelicalism* has just been reprinted in pamphlet form at 4*d.* net. The author, with his usual incisiveness and knowledge of the subject, gives us the Scriptural view of Justification. As stated in the review of the book which appeared in *The Churchman* for October,

1925, Justification has been pushed into the background by many Evangelicals. It is still an article of a standing or falling Church, and we cannot throw it overboard without taking from the New Testament a great portion of its central teaching. "We are justified by or through faith. Faith is simply and only an act of trust. It is merely an act of receiving, an act of resting or coming to, or laying hold of."

Parochial Visiting.—The Book Room has just published a card for use in Churches and Parishes containing the following information:—"The Vicar would be glad to have the name and address of each member of the congregation, so that he may be better able to carry out his pastoral duties. Please hand this card, when completed, to one of the Church Officers, or send it to the Vicarage." Then follows space for name, address, and the best time for calling. The card is published at 2s. 6d. per 100, post free.

Addresses to Children.—Bishop J. C. Ryle's little book of addresses to children entitled *The Two Bears and other Addresses to Children* has just been reprinted by Messrs. Thynne & Jarvis at 1s. 6d. net. The addresses are simple and instructive. They are full of illustration and will be found useful to parents and teachers of the young.

Church History.—Some addresses of Bishop J. C. Ryle's on Church History have also been reprinted by Messrs. Thynne & Jarvis at the price of 9d. net. The pamphlet also contains an appendix of opinions of English Divines on the Lord's Supper.

The Enabling Act.—A new and second edition of *The Enabling Act and the Constitution of the National Assembly of the Church of England*, by Mr. Albert Mitchell, has just been published at 6d. net. The new edition has been thoroughly revised and contains a considerable amount of new matter, including the Diocesan Conference Regulations of 1922 and the House of Laity Regulations of 1923.

Historical Tales.—We are glad to announce the republication in a 2s. 6d. edition of the following historical tales by Joseph Hocking:—*A Flame of Fire*, being the history of the adventures of three Englishmen in Spain at the time of the Great Armada, and *Lest We Forget*, a tale of the Reformation period. There has also been published in the same form at 2s. 6d. *The Woman of Babylon*, *The Purple Robe*, and *The Scarlet Woman* (postage 3d. a volume). The following historical tales are also recommended and have been reduced in price:—*From the Enemy's Hand, or The Château de Louard*, by H. C. Coape, a well-illustrated and interesting story of the Huguenots in France, 2s. net; *Wind and Wave, a Story of the Siege of Leyden, 1574*, by H. E. Burch, also well illustrated and an interesting story of the Spanish Invasion of Flanders and the Inquisition, 2s. net; *The White Plumes of Navarre*, by S. R. Crockett, a story of the Massacre of St. Bartholomew and the aftermath, 3s. 6d. net; *Dorothy Arden*, by J. M. Callwell, a story of England and France two hundred years ago, 2s. 6d.; *The Secret Chamber at Chad*, by Evelyn Everett Green, a story of the Lollards, 2s. 6d.; *In Stirring Times*, by Walter Rhoades, a story of the Stuart Period, 2s. 6d.; *A Queen of Nine Days*, by E. C. Kenyon, a tale of Lady Jane Grey, 2s. net; and *The Chariots of the Lord*, a tale of Judge Jeffreys, by Joseph Hocking, 1s. 6d. (postage 6d.).