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CHURCH BOOK ROOM NOTES.

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A VERY useful sermon preached recently by Canon J. H. Thorpe, Vicar of St. George's, Stockport, on *Prayers to the Blessed Virgin Mary* has just been

Mariolatry. published in pamphlet form (3d. net). Such a pamphlet is wanted just now that Mariolatry is being pressed with energy by a very considerable body of the sacerdotal clergy. The extracts from the Litany to the Blessed Virgin and the other references given by Mr. Guy Johnson in his Article on *Benediction* which appeared in the October number of this magazine proves this. Canon Thorpe in his sermon takes us through many phases of the cult of Mary worship, and points out clearly that Christ will be dishonoured and in practice deprived of His relationship to men as the One Mediator between God and men.

The article *The Church and Industrial Problems* by Sir George B. Hunter, K.B.E., D.Sc., which appeared in the October CHURCHMAN has been published in pamphlet form (3d. net) in response to many requests.

Industrial Problems. The article appeared so recently that it is unnecessary to comment upon it beyond stating that it evidently supplied a need, as several hundreds of the reprint have already been sold.

An "Oxford M.A." has given us a delightful little sketch of the life of Abraham Lincoln in a pamphlet published at 3d. net. We wish that it were possible for a series of such biographies to be printed in this readable handy form. As the author points out, as long as the

Abraham Lincoln. world lasts it will never be forgotten by mankind that Abraham Lincoln broke the fetters of slavery from off the coloured race; and has left us an example of a victorious life in the eternal struggle between the two principles of right and wrong. This sketch is of peculiar interest just now, and its production is welcome.

The name of Robert Holmes will not be unknown to readers of the CHURCHMAN. His excellent work as a Police Court Missionary and Probation Officer

Mr. Robert Holmes. has not been of the character which leaves no mark. Lately he has added to his labours by writing some interesting accounts of his experiences, first of all as articles in Blackwood's Magazine, and then in book form. *My Police Court Friends with the Colours*, *Walter Greenway—Spy and Hero*, *Sister Matty and Company*, are some of them, and they have been books which have not only been profoundly interesting and suggestive, but have been calculated to inspire Faith, Hope and Charity. Another book has just been published entitled *Chance Acquaintance* (6s. net), and we find it even more interesting, if that is possible, than the author's earlier productions. Containing as it does thrilling tales of real life which are told easily and well, it has a decided "pull" over the ordinary sensational tale of to-day. The various episodes which Mr. Holmes narrates take us, moreover, into a human side of the underworld which it is good for all of us to have some cognizance of.

Lecturers and students may find a difficulty in obtaining copies of several

of the very useful series of *Short Biographies of the Reformers*, which were published some little time ago by the R.T.S. The most valuable numbers of the series are stocked at the Church Book Room and are sold at 1d. each. They can be recommended with confidence. Each number is written with clearness and with a view to popular reading, and an interesting picture of the Reformer appears on the title page of his biography. The monographs are as follows:—*John Wycliffe, the First of the English Reformers*, by Dr. Samuel G. Green. *Hugh Latimer, the Apostle of the English Reformation*, written by the Rev. Charles Marson, who has been most successful in giving a plain, instructive and interesting summary of this eventful life. *Bishop Hooper, the Protestant Martyr of Gloucester*, is also written by the Rev. Charles Marson. *John Knox, the Reformer of Scotland*, by A. Taylor Innes. *Martin Luther, the Reformer of Germany*, by Professor John Gibb. *Philip Melancthon, the Preceptor of Germany*, by the Rev. G. Wilson. *John Calvin, the Reformer of Geneva*, by the Rev. J. Radford Thomson. *John Huss, the Bohemian Reformer*, by the Rev. H. Wratistlaw.

Canon R. B. Girdlestone's little book *The Churchman's Guide on Present Day Questions* (6d. net) is not as well known as it should be. It is a capital book to give to young Churchmen at their Confirmation and **The Churchman's to Church workers generally.** Its object is to give in compact **Guide.** form the answers to the three great questions: What is the Christian Faith? What does English Churchmanship involve? and What line should we take in reference to discussions on ritual and doctrine? The instruction given is clear and definite and the questions which are dealt with are important.

It will be remembered that some little time ago a volume of essays entitled *Church and Faith* was published, with an introduction by Dr. Percival, Bishop of Hereford, with the object of giving to Churchpeople a plain declaration of fundamental principles and facts, a full and frank exposition of what we hold to be the truth, and a dispassionate examination of points of difference. This volume contains articles by the Bishops of Durham and Ripon, Dr. Wace, Canon Meyrick, Chancellor Smith, Sir Montague Barlow, Mr. J. T. Tomlinson, and others. The book has long been out of print, but some second-hand copies are still obtainable and a few are on sale at the Book Room at 2s. 6d. net. Of the articles which appear two or three of the most important have been issued in pamphlet form, namely *The Lord's Supper*, by the Bishop of Ripon (2d. net); *The Confessional*, by Canon Meyrick (3d. net), which was recently issued for the second time with a preface by the Dean of Canterbury; and *The Reformation Settlement*, by Mr. J. T. Tomlinson (3d. net).

Evangelical Churchmen are frequently calling for manuals and hand-books which they can put into the hands of their young people which will give clearly and concisely the teaching of the Church of **Church Teaching.** England, and it is difficult to understand how it is that *English Church Teaching on Faith, Life and Order* by the Bishops of Durham and Ripon and Canon R. B. Girdlestone (1s. net) has not reached a very much larger circulation than 20,000. It should be pushed and circulated by tens and even hundreds of thousands. Its pages are well printed, its cover is neat and attractive, and the price of the present edition has not been increased in spite of extra war charges.