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CHURCH BOOK ROOM NOTES.

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National Church Almanack.—The Almanack for 1932 is now ready, price 2*d.* (Postage 1*d.*) It contains the full Tables of Lessons according to the Lectionary of 1871, and also according to the alternative Revised Lectionary of 1922. The introductory matter contains notes on the Constitution of the Church, Synods, the Church Assembly, Parochial Church Councils, etc. The frontispiece is an excellent photograph of Durham Cathedral.

Confirmation.—The Book Room has just published a little book consisting of twelve talks in preparation for Confirmation entitled *The Christian Fellowship*, by the Rev. C. H. E. Freeman, M.A., Vicar of St. Silas, Blackburn. The Bishop of Worcester has contributed a foreword in which he says that 'To add another to the many booklets dealing with the preparation of Confirmation candidates requires real justification, but a perusal of Mr. Freeman's book will at once convince the reader that he has produced an unusually valuable set of talks which will enable not only inexperienced clergy, but those of some standing in the ministry, to give solid and well-illustrated teaching to their candidates.' The Bishop goes on to say that the book is none the worse for being quite frankly written from the point of view of a loyal Evangelical Churchman, and that he has no hesitation in commending it heartily as a most helpful little book. The book has been issued at 1*s.* in paper covers, and 1*s.* 6*d.* in cloth. (Postage 2*d.*)

In connection with this book a series of twelve Class Notes has also been prepared by Mr. Freeman, which can be obtained at 2*d.* or 1*4s.* per 100. The Notes are perforated, and can be distributed to the candidates after each lecture.

The Book Room has acquired the remainder of the English edition of Canon Dyson Hague's valuable little book on Confirmation. It came to us with the high commendation of two Canadian Archbishops, and Bishop Moule introduced it to English readers with cordial words of appreciation. Having read its pages packed with argument and earnest exhortations we fully endorse all that has been said by its eminent sponsors. In terse pointed sentences it sets forth the reasons and meaning of Confirmation and what is required by those who are to be confirmed. Senior candidates will find the book most helpful and stimulating. A sample copy will be sent on receipt of a Postal Order for 6*d.*

Translations.—We are glad to be able to announce that the C.M.S. Committee in Kenya have translated one of our Confirmation Class Notes entitled *A Soldier in Christ's Army*, by Canon Price Devereux, into standardized Kiswahili. We are very glad our publications can be used in this way. *English Church Teaching*, by Canon Girestone, Bishop Moule and Bishop Drury, has been translated into Japanese and several of our other books and pamphlets have also been translated into dialects in various parts of the world.

The XXXIX Articles.—We announced last quarter the issue of the first of the series of pamphlets on the XXXIX Articles by Dr. Harold Smith. The following have now been issued: *Authority and Character*, by the Rev.

C. Sydney Carter ; *The Appeal to Scripture*, by the Ven. Archdeacon Thorpe ; and *The Importance of Assent*, by the Rev. W. Dodgson Sykes. The pamphlets are published at 2d. each, or 14s. per 100 for distribution.

Baptism.—In response to suggestions from customers, we have published a letter to parents on the anniversary of their child's baptism, which we hope will supply a need. The letter has been compiled by the Rev. Ll. E. L. Roberts, and is published at 3s. per 100. A sample copy will gladly be sent on application. We may also mention that a similar letter is also published by us in connection with Confirmation anniversaries.

Beliefs of To-day.—Last quarter we mentioned some books under this heading. A new book has been published by the Rev. T. Wilkinson Riddle entitled *Christian Science in the Light of Holy Scripture*, price 2s. 6d. (postage 4d.), which we can recommend. The author has very carefully studied Mrs. Eddy's famous textbook *Science and Health* and numerous other volumes and periodicals dealing with the subject from the Christian Science standpoint, and gives a very radical criticism of Mrs. Eddy's philosophy and theology.

The Mass.—We are very glad to be able to report the reissue of Dr. C. H. H. Wright's valuable work, *The Service of the Mass in the Greek and Roman Churches* (2s., post 3d.). The object of the author is to give a brief account of the Ritual of the Mass in both the Greek and Roman Churches so as to render that Ritual intelligible to the ordinary reader. He also seeks to give a truthful account of the doctrine underlying these Rituals. The second part of the work is controversial, and the author states that "those who uphold the doctrine of 'the real objective presence' in the Eucharistic elements will not, of course, be satisfied with the statements made in that portion of the book. On the other hand, those who realise how mischievous is the perversion of the words of Scripture in the forms of sacramental sacerdotalism will consider that portion of the treatise to be of still greater importance than the earlier chapters."

Second-hand Books.—Among the valuable books which have been added to our second-hand shelves ; Walsh, *Secret History of the Oxford Movement*, 2s. 6d. ; Fawkes, *Genius of the English Church*, 1s. ; Hughes-Games, *Evening Communion*, 1s. 6d. ; Orr, *Problem of the Old Testament*, 4s. 6d. ; Conybeare and Howson, *Life and Epistles of St. Paul*, 1s. ; Merrin, *Pressing Problems*, 1s. ; Rider, *Priesthood of the Laity*, 1s. ; Wilson, *Episcopacy and Unity*, 1s. 3d. ; Trench, *Notes on the Parables*, 1s. 6d. ; Cardwell, *Two Liturgies of Edward VI Compared*, 3s. 6d. ; Meyrick, *Sunday Observance*, 1s. ; Denney, *II Corinthians*, 2s. ; Drury, *Confession and Absolution*, 5s. ; Robinson Lees, *Life of Christ* 6s. ; Dimock, *Doctrine concerning the Eucharistic Presence*, 2s. 6d. ; Protheroe *Psalms in Human Life*, 1s. 6d.

We have also just received a copy of Bishop J. C. Ryle's *Expository Thoughts on St. Luke* containing an autograph letter from him to Dr. Spurgeon, who also has added his autograph (2 vols., 7s. 6d.).

An Appreciation.—We constantly receive a number of appreciative letters in regard to THE CHURCHMAN, and recently we have had a letter from one of the dignitaries of the Church in Canada in which he says : "It is the most valued Quarterly which I read, and I should be sorry to miss a single copy."