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BOOK REVIEW.

Proceedings of the Fifty-Fifth Convention of the Michigan District.
56 pp. 35 cts. (Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo.)

A German essay by Pastor H. C. F. Otte on the words "I Believe in the Forgiveness of Sin," and an English essay by Pastor A. F. Bernthal on the question, "Why Must We Continue Steadfast in Believing and Teaching the Inerrancy of the Holy Scriptures?" are features of these printed minutes which commend them to our readers.

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Elementary Bible History. 211 pp. \$1.00. (Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo.)

We take great pleasure in announcing this new *Elementary Bible History*, which has recently left the presses of our Concordia Publishing House. The book contains a good selection of Old and New Testament Bible stories, fifty of each. The text of the Authorized Version is used. The table of contents groups the lessons as follows, *Old Testament*: Primeval History, The Patriarchs, Moses and the Giving of the Law, The Time of the Judges, The Undivided Kingdom, The Divided Kingdom; *New Testament*: The Youth of Jesus, The Public Ministry of Jesus, The Passion and Death of Jesus, The Glorified Jesus, The Church of Jesus. Each story is told on one page, with explanatory remarks at the bottom. On the opposite page of each story is a very good picture in colors. Above the picture is a Bible-text and a portion of the Catechism, both of which have been selected to enforce the lesson. Below the picture is a Bible legend. The syllabication and accentuation of proper nouns are given in the text, and a separate pronouncing glossary has been added. Four colored maps are given. Very durable paper has been used, and the type is sufficiently large and clear. This *Elementary Bible History* is the best of its kind we have seen. We recommend its introduction not only in day-schools and Sunday-schools, but also in the homes, for the very young children, to whom the mothers can read the stories and show the beautiful pictures. The editors, A. C. Stellhorn and Theo. Kuehnert, and our Publishing House deserve credit for getting out this book. In spite of the very expensive mechanical construction the price is not high.

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The Doctrines of Modernism. By *Leander S. Keyser, A. M., D. D.*
101 pp. (The Lutheran Literary Board, Burlington, Iowa.)

In this brochure the beliefs and misbeliefs of Modernism are weighed and analyzed, chiefly those that have been expressed in Fosdick's *The Modern Use of the Bible*, in Moffat's translation of the Old Testament, in

Mathews's *The Faith of Modernism*, and in the attitude which Charles R. Brown, Henry Van Dyke, and the editor of *The Christian Century* have assumed toward Christianity. The discussion is carried on in a spirit of fairness, the criticism is correctly placed and well taken, and the entire book offers good and reliable information in a handy form as to the spirit rampant in, and the desperate positions taken by, Modernism. DAU.

Modernism and Miracle. By *Paul G. Krutzky*. 61 pp. (The Lutheran Literary Board, Burlington, Iowa.)

Also this well-written brochure has been called forth by Mathews's *The Faith of Modernism*, especially by the revamped rationalism of former centuries, which appears in that treatise wherever it discusses miracles. The brochure before us is an able dissection of the Modernist position and proves, what has been proved so often, that rationalism when applied to divine matters is most irrational. DAU.

Moments with God. By *Walter E. Schuette*. 402 pp., 4×5½. 75 cts. (Lutheran Book Concern, Columbus, O.)

This book consists of devotional readings arranged for each day in the year. It differs from other books of the kind in providing for the reading of definite Scripture-passages, the contents of which are summarized in a special Bible-text. These readings are followed by prayers, in which the thoughts of the texts are utilized. The book is very practical and serviceable and, we are sure, will be appreciated by those who will use it.

MUELLER.

Christ Conquers. A Story of the Persecutions in the Second Christian Century. By *William Schmidt*. 325 pp., 5×7½. \$1.25. (Lutheran Book Concern, Columbus, O.) Order from Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo.

Here is an excellent story for Christian people. While the theme is somewhat trite, the author, nevertheless, has succeeded in producing an interesting tale, which vividly portrays inspiring scenes of Christian fortitude, zeal, and faithfulness in trying times. The writer weaves into his romance many important historical facts and thus enhances the didactic value of the book. We recommend it to all who like to read, or present to their friends, a wholesome Christian romance.

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The Eisenach Old Testament Selections. By *R. C. H. Lenski, D. D.* 1120 pp., 6×9½. \$5.00. (Lutheran Book Concern, Columbus, O.) Order from Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo.

There are especially three features which make this truly great work a real help to the pastor who is looking for material on Old Testament texts. First, there is system in the author's studies; throughout his work he follows a definite plan, according to which every detail is arranged. Secondly, the exposition of the texts is thorough and positive and induces the preacher to evaluate every important thought wrapped up in the passages. Some of the studies are veritable masterpieces of exegesis. Thirdly, every kind of flashy preaching has been strictly ruled out. The truth of Holy Writ is to be preached in a direct, simple, and becoming manner.

The reviewer is not in accord with every exegesis offered or every statement made, or every mold in which the themes are cast; nevertheless he cordially recommends this book to his fellow-pastors not only on account of the valuable material which it offers, but also because of the way in which it teaches the pastor how to dig out of the gold-mine of God's Word and present to his hearers the treasures of its precious teachings. The Old Testament certainly deserves a prominent place in Christian pulpits. This book shows how its many beautiful texts may be employed for instructing, warning, and comforting the Church to-day.

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The Man of Sorrows. By *Albert T. W. Steinhäuser*. 318 pp., 7½×5. \$2.25. (Macmillan Company, New York, N. Y.)

This is a most impressive devotional volume in forty chapters, which affords a wealth of daily aid for a consecrated observance of Lent. There are few books which take up the successive days of Lent, in order, for special meditation. The author has therefore endeavored to supply the need by giving a meditation for each day. Each exercise consists of a brief introit or opening versicle, a Scripture-passage, an exposition of it in simple, direct language, a meditation in the tradition of St. Augustine, prayers, collects, and litanies, drawn from various sources, a sacred hymn or poem from ancient or modern writers, and a closing benediction. The reviewer rejoices at the publication of this book, since, in spite of numerous shortcomings, it sets forth the message of the Cross in a clear and convincing manner.

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Beside Still Waters. By *G. W. Lose*. 90 pp., 5×7½. 75 cts. (Lutheran Book Concern, Columbus, O.) Order from Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo.

This little book contains twenty-one short devotional chapters based upon the Twenty-third Psalm. Evidently they have grown out of the author's own devotional life, for they breathe the fine spirit of a sincere Christian who has long walked with God. At the end of each chapter there is a brief prayer of consecration. The contents as well as the arrangement are excellent.

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Back to the Bible. By *George McCready Price*. 235 pp., 7½×5. \$1.00. (Review and Herald Publishing Association, Washington, D. C.)

The admirable defense of Christian truth which is found in the volumes of George McCready Price has won for the author the honest appreciation and thanks of many Christians. Professor Price writes interestingly, argues unanswerably, and fights most valiantly; especially against modern liberalism does he wield a sturdy blade. *Back to the Bible*, which here appears in a revised edition, deals with a number of interesting subjects, among which are: Neo-Protestantism, Geology and the Deluge, Modern Philosophy, The New Pantheism, Occidental Heathenism, etc. Practically every evil "ism" that threatens the Church of Christ to-day is exposed in this excellent book, which in spite of a number of faults — the author is a Seventh-day Adventist — is certainly worthy of close study.

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Liberal Christianity and Religious Education. By *Adelaide T. Case*, Ph. D. 194 pp., 5×7¾. \$2.00. (Macmillan Company, New York, N. Y.)

The chief value of this book consists, first, in its accurate and lucid analysis of modern liberalism, and secondly, in its excellent presentation of the ways in which liberalism is seeking to spread its error through educational propaganda. The author is in sympathy with the aims of Modernism and points out methods by which it may approach those who still cling to conservative views. She writes: "We may expect to see a radical revision of the announced purposes of religious education. They will no longer be formal and static, expressed in generalities, more or less the same year after year.... The various boards and agencies will become more plastic.... Text-books will be rewritten, much of the present material being discarded and replaced by discussions of the great issues of our time." (p. 187.) Religious education, under the sway of modern liberalism, will be ethical and socialized and will have no place for the traditional teachings of orthodox Christianity. The author writes very frankly, and her book is valuable in showing what Modernists are endeavoring to accomplish.

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The Absurdities of Evolution. By *Guy Fitch Phelps*. 142 pp., 5×7½. \$1.25. (The Bible Institute Colportage Association, Chicago.)

The purpose of this book is to point out the absurdities of evolution. In a striking manner the author exposes the folly to which the evolutionary theory leads. However, the book is more than a burlesque. It is based upon actual statements of prominent evolutionists and gives the reader a clear insight into the general scope and purpose of the evolution theory, which at present is a matter of debate and discussion everywhere. Evolution may be combated in various ways, and those who think that a *reductio ad absurdum* will be effective will find in this book the material which they need for that purpose.

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Brief Mention.

Received from Augustana Book Concern: **The Man in the Bearskin**, by *John H. De Groot*, 191 pp., a story from the Dutch colony at Holland, Mich.; and **Lost and Found**, by *Emily Nonnen*, 125 pp., a story from a village named Fair View. **Nature Sketches**, by *J. A. Udden*; and **Teach Us to Pray**, a book of prayers for children, by *A. G. Anderson*. — From Concordia Mutual Benefit League: **Concordia Calendar for 1926**; edited and compiled by *G. A. and E. A. Fleischer*. — From the Ev. Lutheran Synod in Australia, E. D.: **Proceedings of the Ev. Luth. Synod in Australia, Eastern District**, assembled at Hochkirch, Vic., March 27—31, 1925. Valuable for the information about the missionary and educational activities of our brethren and for the doctrinal paper on "Christian Burial" by Prof. W. Zschech, which it contains.

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