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BOOK REVIEW

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THE EPISTLES OF PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS AND TO PHILEMON (The New International Commentary on the New Testament).
By Jacob J. Mueller. Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1955. 193 pages and indices. Cloth. \$4.00.

This commentary is part of a series published under the general editorship of Dr. N. B. Stonehouse of Westminster Theological Seminary. The whole set is an astonishing undertaking on the part of Reformed and Presbyterian theologians who follow in the conservative tradition of Dr. J. Gresham Machen. A number of volumes have appeared before this one.

The author of the present volume is a professor at the Seminary in Stellenbosch, South Africa. He is both an exegete and systematician. In general, this work meets the best standards of conservative scholarship.

Dr. Mueller was chosen to do this volume primarily because of his specialized knowledge of the great Christological passage in Philippians 2. The author is correct, we feel, when he refers the opening phrases of Philippians 2:5-8 to the *Logos asarkos*. Yet it seems strange that for his authority on the use of the aorist in verse 6 Dr. Mueller should appeal to a tertiary source, Gwynn's *Speaker's Commentary*. One has the feeling that much of what has been done in recent years on this particular passage was not considered. For example, there is much to say for the suggestion that in verse 7 the period should come after the participle λαβών. Moreover, exception might be taken to the statement on page 81: "The kenosis of Christ . . . consisted in his 'taking the form of a servant' and 'being made in the likeness of man.'" Some of the best studies on this admittedly difficult text apply the *kenosis* only to the former phrase. In other words, a distinction is made between the *kenosis* and the humiliation that follows. It is also regrettable that the author did not come to a clean decision on the significance of the term ἀρπαγμός.

Of course, the passage under question is extremely knotty. It is not completely fair to require a man to stake his reputation on a clear statement of the significance of these words of St. Paul. Nevertheless, since the volume was assigned to this particular author because of his presumed competence in this area, his failure to come fully to grips with the problem is to be lamented. It detracts somewhat from the able treatment which has become characteristic of this series of commentaries.

MARTIN H. SCHARLEMANN

ESSENTIAL BOOKS FOR A PASTOR'S LIBRARY: BASIC AND RECOMMENDED BOOKS, selected and annotated by the faculty of Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., 2d ed., Richmond: Union Theological Seminary, 1955. 54 pages. Paper. 75 cents.

Here is an excellent bibliography of theological literature in English. It distinguishes between "essential" and "recommended" books. Its pithy characterizations help to make even a bibliography interesting—and far more valuable than any mere list of titles could be. The value might have been increased, however, if modern available (even though less satisfactory) substitutes had been suggested for some of the old, long-out-of-print classics. For example, R. M. Grant's *The Bible in the Church* (Macmillan, 1948) would serve as a substitute for F. W. Farrar's *History of Interpretation* (Macmillan, 1886), suggested on page nine. The value of this bibliography as a guide to the thought of modern Protestantism will be great even for the average pastor or student, who can hardly hope to own the large number of books designated as "essential."

EDGAR M. KRENTZ

GENERAL REVELATION. By G. C. Berkouwer. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1955. 336 pages. Cloth. \$4.00.

In this volume, the fifth of his studies in dogmatics to appear in English, Professor Berkouwer comes to grips with some of today's most controversial theological problems. Karl Barth's offensive against natural theology is balanced with a chapter on Rome's doctrine of natural theology. Thus present and medieval thinking on this subject is put into convenient juxtaposition for comparison and contrast. Barth's position meets its match in the criticism of Emil Brunner and Paul Althaus. Bultmann's conception of revelation is elucidated in a chapter answering the question: "Is the Revelation of Christ Exclusive?" The author's answer to this question is negative. Biblical revelation, he holds, goes beyond that part of Scripture which treats explicitly of Christ. With regard to God's revelation in nature he insists that, in the most profound sense, no true knowledge of the revelation of God in the works of His hands is obtainable without faith in Christ. This volume is a worthy addition to the previous four. No student of systematic theology can afford to ignore it.

L. W. SPITZ

KERYGMA UND DOGMA, Zeitschrift für theologische Forschung und kirchliche Lehre. Vol. I, No. 1, January 1955. Göttingen: Vandenhoeck und Ruprecht. Quarterly, each issue about 80 pages. DM 9.80 per year.

The launching of a new periodical is a big event, especially when the market is already flooded and the new arrival is a theological journal,

highly professional and technical, reducing the popular appeal to nil. Many magazines ought never have been born, and they render their greatest service to humanity by a prompt demise.

Not so *Kerygma und Dogma*. We hail this new periodical, a quarterly, with great rejoicing. It promises in every way to make a distinguished and valuable contribution to theological literature. The format is handy, the paper excellent, and the type beautifully readable. The high quality of the contents is assured, as a mere listing of the men behind the venture will sufficiently prove. The managing editor is Wilfried Jöst, Neuen-dettelsau. The editorial committee includes Gerhard Glöge, Jena; Regin Prenter, Aarhus; and Edmund Schlink, Heidelberg. Others responsible for the publication are Peter Brunner, Heidelberg; Oscar Cullmann, Basel; N. A. Dahl, Oslo; R. Josefson, Uppsala; Ernst Kinder, Münster; F. Lau, Leipzig; A. Lauha, Helsinki; W. Maurer, Erlangen; G. Merz, Neuendettelsau; G. von Rad, Heidelberg; K. E. Skydsgaard, Copenhagen; H. Vogel, Berlin; and Gustav Wingren, Lund. It appears that most shades of opinion in the new confessional Lutheranism of Europe will be well represented, which will make for great variety as well as, of course, different levels of quality. As an appetizer consider the rich fare offered in this first number: Schlink, "Weisheit und Torheit" (a discussion of Luther's 1518 Heidelberg Theses); Glöge, "Der theologische Personalismus als dogmatisches Problem"; Prenter, "Das Augsburgische Bekenntnis und die römisch-katholische Messopferlehre"; Brunner, "Charismatische und methodische Schriftauslegung nach Augustins Prolog zu *De doctrina christiana*"; Jöst, "*Verbänngnis und Hoffnung der Neuzeit*, kritische Gedanken zu Friedrich Gogartens Buch."

HERBERT J. A. BOUMAN

LOOKING AT LIFE THROUGH THE EYES OF THE SPECTATOR.

A selection from the writings of John Helmer Olson. Edited by Eric J. Gustavson and Rudolph W. Jonson. Rock Island: Augustana Book Concern, 1955. xii and 95 pages. Cloth. \$1.75.

A short story, a sermon, a lecture, poems, and incidental bits of writing complete these selections from the literary remains of the late Dr. John H. Olson. "The Imagination of a Parson," a lecture delivered at Augustana Seminary, is excellent. There are other delightful bits; the poem "A Summer Psalm" (p. 36) is particularly good. The editorial on "Church Unity" (pp. 4, 5) is not sympathetic to the Synodical Conference. The editors of this memorial volume have made selections which make interesting reading.

CARL S. MEYER

THIS IS THE LIFE. By Helen Chappel White. Garden City, N. Y.: Doubleday & Co., Inc., 1955. 254 pages. Cloth. \$3.50.

Ten stories based on the scripts of "This Is the Life," the television broadcast of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, present the fictional Fisher family. The transcriptions into narrative form are sprightly. Readers

of this journal are interested in the theological implications. They center in the witness given by Christians at work in their calling. The explicitly theological defining of the redemptive work of Christ as basic for this witness is apparent in a number of the scripts. From the point of television this explicitness is remarkable. The controversy will long continue whether radio, and for that matter the setting forth of the Christian calling in any guise, is in the domain of explicit evangelism or of pre-evangelism. Very frequently the producers of this program, as this book indicates, have succeeded in both.

RICHARD R. CAEMMERER

BOOKS RECEIVED

(The mention of a book in this list acknowledges its receipt and does not preclude a further discussion of its contents in the "Book Review" section.)

The Christian Conscience and War. By the Members of the Commission on Christian Conscience and War. New York: Church Peace Mission, n. d. 40 pages. Paper. 25 cents. At the invitation of the Church Peace Mission (which in turn grew out of the Conference on Church and War held in Detroit, Mich., in 1950), 32 men and women, all of them theologians or religious leaders, prepared this statement. Lutherans on the Commission were C. Franklin Koch, E. Paul Scherer, and Robert F. Weiskotten. The first part of the statement discusses the problem in terms of agreements between pacifists and nonpacifists. Part Two considers the resources of the church in terms of love and of the meaning of history. The third part brings the conclusions of the commission. Stressed are the need for a united voice, the possibility that a decisive break with war on the part of the church would be the most practical step that could be taken, and the need for true ecumenicity, which requires that the intervention of the ecumenical church in international conflicts should always be essentially as a reconciler.

Christianity in the Apostolic Age. By T. Purves. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1955. xx and 343 pages. Cloth. \$3.00. This history of the Apostolic Church on the basis of the New Testament documents was written as a textbook for the use of Bible study groups as well as of college and seminary classes. The original printing, of which the present edition is a photolithographed reissue, came out in 1900. The author, who died the following year, was Professor of New Testament Literature and Exegesis in Princeton Theological Seminary and a prolific contributor to theological journals and nineteenth century Bible dictionaries.

The Grammar of Prophecy: A Systematic Guide through Biblical Prophecy. By Robert Baker Girdlestone. Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 1955. xiii and 192 pages. Cloth. \$2.50. Robert Baker Girdlestone, a 19th century Anglican theologian, linguistic scholar, and missionary leader, is best known for his *Synonyms of the Old Testament*. The present title is a photolithographed reissue of a two-generation old inquiry into the phenomena of Biblical prophecy. About one fifth of the book is devoted to unfulfilled eschatological prophecy.

Lectures on the Epistle to the Romans. By H. A. Ironside. New York: Loizeaux Brothers, 1954. 176 pages. Cloth. \$2.00. This is the tenth printing of notes on lectures delivered by the author to the students of Moody Bible Institute of Chicago and the Evangelical Theological College of Dallas and first published in 1928.

Notes on the Minor Prophets. By H. A. Ironside. New York: Loizeaux Brothers, 1955. 464 pages. Cloth. \$3.00. These notes, first published in 1909, are designed to stress the practical application of the Minor Prophets "as giving important teaching for a remnant people in a day of decline, while not neglecting their dispensational bearing." This is the sixth printing.

Teen-Agers Need Parents (Parent Guidance Series No. IV). By A. J. Bueltmann. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1955. 47 pages. Paper. 30 cents. The author, a pastor and himself the father of teen-agers, has designed this booklet for parents "to give them understandings, attitudes, and skills to deal successfully with the challenging job of leading their teen-agers through these important years." It can be used equally well for private or group study. The suggestion of Dr. Oscar E. Feucht in the preface, that our parishes get it into the hands of parents at the time when their children are being confirmed and are entering high school, is an admirable one.

Expository Outlines on the Whole Bible. Vol. 14: St. John XIII Through Acts. By Charles Simeon. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1955. vii and 604 pages. Cloth. \$3.95. The third volume of the new photolithographed reissue of the eighth edition of *Horae Homileticae* completes the Gospels and the Acts in 141 "outlines."

The Power of Prayer and the Prayer of Power. By Reuben Archer Torrey. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House. 246 pages. Cloth. \$2.50. This reissue of a well-known work by Reuben Archer Torrey (1856—1928), the noted revivalist and the associate of Dwight L. Moody at the turn of the century, gives it new currency after a lapse of three decades. Albert R. Perkins, who writes the introduction to the 1955 edition, calls it "the greatest book I have ever read on prayer during 32 years in the ministry."

Die himmlische Welt im Urchristentum und Spätjudentum. By Hans Bietenhard. Tübingen: Verlag J. C. P. Mohr (Paul Siebeck), 1951. 295 pages. Paper. DM 24.—.

Ministering to the Sick. By William A. Lauterbach. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1955. x and 191 pages. Cloth. \$2.00.

Pascals Bild vom Menschen: Eine Studie über die Dialektik von Natur und Gnade in den "Pensées." By Arthur Rich. Zürich: Zwingli-Verlag, 1953. 214 pages. Paper. Sw. Fr. 13.40.

Roger Williams: His Contribution to the American Tradition. By Perry Miller. Indianapolis: The Bobbs-Merrill Company, 1953. xviii and 273 pages. Cloth. \$3.00.

Toward a Theology of Evangelism. By Julian N. Hartt. New York: Abingdon Press, 1955. 123 pages. Cloth. \$2.00.

Wilhelm Löbe als Liturg und Liturgiker. By Hans Kressel. Neuendetelsau: Freimund-Verlag, 1952. 267 pages. Cloth. DM 9,60.

Within Two Worlds. By David Munroe Cory. New York: Friendship Press, 1955. xiii and 177 pages. Cloth. \$2.00.

Work and Vocation: A Christian Discussion. Edited by John Oliver Nelson. New York: Harper and Brothers, 1954. 224 pages. Cloth. \$2.75.

Genesis I—XI: Introduction and Commentary. By Alan Richardson. New York: The Macmillan Company (London: SCM Press), 1953. 134 pages. Cloth. \$1.75.

Better Leaders for Your Church. By Weldon Crossland. New York: Abingdon Press, 1955. 128 pages. Cloth. \$2.00.

Das Rätsel der Taufe: Ein Wort zur Verständigung. By Karl Ecke. Gütersloh: C. Bertelsmann Verlag, 1952. 28 pages. Paper. DM 2,80.

The Strangeness of the Church. By Daniel Jenkins. Garden City: Doubleday and Company, 1955. 188 pages. Cloth. \$2.95.

The Priesthood: A Translation of the "Peri Hierosynes" of St. John Chrysostom. By W. A. Jurgens. New York: The Macmillan Company, 1955. xxv and 133 pages. Cloth. \$2.50.

Anglican Public Worship. By Colin Dunlop. Chicago: Alec R. Allenson (London: SCM Press), 1953. 128 pages. Cloth. \$2.00.

The Right Job for You. By Alfred P. Klausler. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1955. 23 pages. Paper. 10 cents.

Why Was I Born? By Elmer A. Kettner. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1955. 12 pages. Paper. 10 cents.

God's Verdict: "Not Guilty!" By Alfred Doerffler. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1955. 12 pages. Paper. 10 cents.

So You Drink? St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1955. 8 pages. Paper. 4 cents.

Balanced Living. By Edward A. Jenne. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1955. 12 pages. Paper. 10 cents.

How to Teach the Revelation. By Joseph M. Gettys. Richmond: John Knox Press, 1955. 56 pages. Paper. 75 cents.

The Decline of Wisdom. By Gabriel Marcel. New York: Philosophical Library, 1955. viii and 56 pages. Cloth. \$2.50.

Principles of Expository Preaching. By Merrill F. Unger. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1955. 267 pages. Cloth. \$3.50.

The Defense of the Faith. By Cornelius van Til. Philadelphia: The Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing Company, 1955. xii and 436 pages. Cloth. \$4.95.

Men Who Shape Belief: Major Voices in American Theology, Vol. II. By David Wesley Soper. Philadelphia: The Westminster Press, 1955. 224 pages. Cloth. \$3.50.

Christian Missions and the Judgment of God. By David M. Paton. London: SCM Press, 1953. 79 pages. Cloth. 6/6.

Familiar Prayers: Their Origin and History. By Herbert Thurston. Westminster: The Newman Press, 1953. vii and 200 pages. Cloth. \$3.50.

Religion in Britain Since 1900. By G. Stephens Spinks, E. L. Allen, and James Parkes. London: Andrew Dakers, 1952. 254 pages. Cloth. 18/—.

Origen's Treatise on Prayer. By Eric George Jay. London: S. P. C. K., 1954. x and 237 pages. Cloth. 27/6.

Lyman Abbott, Christian Evolutionist: A Study in Religious Liberalism. By Ira V. Brown. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1953. xi and 303 pages. Cloth. \$5.00.

Religious Symbolism. Edited by F. Ernest Johnson. New York: The Institute for Religious and Social Studies (Harper and Brothers), 1955. ix and 263 pages. Cloth. \$2.50.

The Harmony Society: A 19th-Century American Utopia. By Christiana F. Knoedler. New York: Vantage Press, 1954. xi and 160 pages. Cloth. \$3.00.

Die Basler Kirche und Theologie im Zeitalter der Hochorthodoxie. By Max Geiger. Zollikon-Zürich: Evangelischer Verlag, 1952. xi and 439 pages. Cloth. Sw. Fr. 26.—.

The Council of Chalcedon: A Historical and Doctrinal Survey. By R. V. Sellers. London: S. P. C. K., 1953. xviii and 361 pages. Cloth. 37/6.

Die Glaubensstufen des Judentums. By Friedrich Thieberger. Stuttgart: W. Spemann Verlag, 1952. 207 pages. Boards. DM 11,80.

The Book of Acts in History. By Henry J. Cadbury. New York: Harper and Brothers, 1955. vii and 170 pages. Cloth. \$2.75.

Meditations in Luke. By August Van Ryn. New York: Loizeaux Brothers, 1953. x and 278 pages. Cloth. \$3.00.

A Man of Tarsus: Life and Work of Paul. By Harold L. Phillips. Anderson: The Warner Press, 1955. vii and 104 pages. Paper, 75 cents; Cloth, \$1.50.

The Rediscovery of the Bible. By William Neil. New York: Harper and Brothers, 1954. 255 pages. Cloth. \$3.00.

Medieval Panorama: The English Scene from Conquest to Reformation. By G. G. Coulton. New York: Meridian Books (The Noonday Press), 1955. xiv and 801 pages. Paper. \$1.95.

Mysticism: A Study in the Nature and Development of Man's Spiritual Consciousness. By Evelyn Underhill. New York: The Noonday Press, 1955. xviii and 519 pages. Paper. \$1.95.

The Christian Hope: The Presence and the Parousia. By J. E. Fison. New York: Longmans, Green and Company, 1954. xi and 268 pages. Cloth. 21/—.

The Silver Chair. By C. S. Lewis, illustrated by Pauline Baynes. New York: The Macmillan Company, 1953. 208 pages. \$2.75.

Holy Mass: Approaches the Mystery. By A.-M. Roguet, translated from the French by Carisbrooke Dominicans. Collegeville: The Liturgical Press, 1953. 120 pages. Paper. \$1.25.

The Political Ethics of Alexander Campbell. By Harold L. Lunger. St. Louis: The Bethany Press, 1954. 304 pages. Cloth. \$3.00.

The Person of Christ. By G. C. Berkouwer, translated from the Dutch by John Vriend. Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1954. 368 pages. Cloth. \$4.00.

The Anglican Church in New Jersey. By Nelson R. Burr. Philadelphia: The Church Historical Society, 1954. xvi and 768 pages. Cloth. \$10.00.

An Introduction to the Study of Christian Missions. By Harold R. Cook. Chicago: Moody Press, 1954. 256 pages. Cloth. \$3.00.

The Early Church and the Coming Great Church. By John Knox. New York: Abingdon Press, 1955. 160 pages. \$2.50.

The Churches and the Schools: American Protestantism and Popular Elementary Education. By Francis X. Curran. Chicago: Loyola University Press, 1954. vii and 152 pages. Cloth. \$3.00.

The God of the Witches. By Margaret Alice Murray. New York: Oxford University Press, 1952. 212 pages. Cloth. \$4.00.

The Folks Arts of Norway. By Janice S. Stewart. Madison: The University of Wisconsin Press, 1953. xvii and 246 pages., with 152 illustrations, 5 color plates and two maps. Cloth. \$10.00.

Die Ehe im Pietismus. By Fritz Tanner. Zürich: Zwingli Verlag, 1952. 242 pages. Paper. Sw. Fr. 11.50.

The National Pastorals of the American Hierarchy (1792—1919). Edited by Peter Guilday. Westminster: The Newman Press, 1954. xiii and 358 pages. Cloth. \$5.00.

The Episcopal Church and Its Work. By Power Mills Dawley. Greenwich: The Seabury Press, 1955. ix and 301 pages. Cloth. \$2.50.

Salvation in Scientific Age. By Leon M. Macon. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1955. 121 pages. Cloth. \$1.75.

How to Start Counseling: Building the Counseling Program in the Local Church. By William E. Hulme. New York: Abingdon Press, 1955. 157 pages. Cloth. \$2.50.

The Book of Jeremiah and Lamentations: An Exposition. By Charles R. Erdman. Westwood: Fleming H. Revell Company, 1955. 162 pages. Cloth. \$2.00.

Modern Illustrations for Public Speakers: Likings and Leavings. By Robert G. Lee. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1955. 121 pages. Cloth. \$1.75.

The Tabernacle: The House of Blood. By M. R. DeHaan. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1955. 185 pages. Cloth. \$2.50.

Biblical Demonology: A Study of the Spiritual Forces Behind the Present World Unrest. By Merrill F. Unger. Second Edition. Wheaton: Van Kampen Press, 1953. xvi and 250 pages. Cloth. \$4.00.

The New England Mind from Colony to Province. By Perry Miller. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1953. xi and 513 pages. Cloth. \$6.50.

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary: A Story of Twenty-four Years. By Nesta de Robeck. Milwaukee: The Bruce Publishing Company, 1954. ix and 211 pages. Cloth. \$3.00.

Bergsonian Philosophy and Thomism. By Jacques Maritain, translated from the French by Mabelle L. and J. Gordon Andison. New York: Philosophical Library, 1955. 383 pages. Cloth. \$6.00.

Christ the Conqueror: Ideas of Conflict and Victory in the New Testament. By Ragnar Leivestad. New York: The Macmillan Company, 1954. 320 pages. Cloth. \$5.00.

Revival Sermon Outlines. Edited by Al Bryant. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1955. 94 pages. Paper. \$1.00.

The Physical Phenomena of Mysticism. By Herbert Thurston, edited by J. H. Crehan. Chicago: Henry Regnery Company, 1952. 419 pages. Paper. \$6.00.

The Mind at Ease. By Alfred Doerffler. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1955. 131 pages. Cloth, \$1.95. Paper, \$1.00.

This World of Ours. By Abram Glaser. New York: Philosophical Library, 1955. xiii and 492 pages. Cloth. \$5.00.

Hardness of Heart: A Contemporary Interpretation of the Doctrine of Sin. By Edmond la B. Cherbonnier. Garden City: Doubleday and Company, 1955. 188 pages. Cloth. \$2.95.

Report to the Creator. By Jerome Ellison. New York: Harper & Brothers, 1955. 246 pages. Cloth. \$3.00.

Expository Outlines on the Whole Bible. Vol. 15: Romans. By Charles Simeon. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1955. viii and 600 pages. Cloth. \$3.95. The 110 "outlines" in this volume, averaging close to 6 pages apiece, cover most of the important texts that a preacher is likely to find in the Epistle to the Romans.

Stewardship Sermonettes. By Richard V. Clearwaters. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House (Wheaton: Van Kampen Press), 1955. 120 pages. Cloth. \$1.50.

Religion (Vocational and Professional Monographs, No. 18). By James A. Nichols, Jr. Cambridge: Bellman Publishing Company, 1955. Paper, \$1.00.