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BOOK REVIEW

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MARK'S WITNESS TO JESUS CHRIST. By Edvard Lohse, translated by Stephen Neill. New York: Association Press, 1955. 93 pages. Cloth. \$1.25.

This booklet is one in a new series, World Christian Books, designed to help those who teach and preach to understand the Christian message more fully. The author of the present volume, Assistant to the Professor of the New Testament at the Johannes Gutenberg University in Mainz, is one of the younger German scholars in the field.

There is much, very much, in this book that is helpful and constructive. At the same time it is a sample of the kind of witness which is weakened by the introduction of academic speculation. The discussion would be more effective without a section (pp. 18—26) entitled, "The Tradition of the Words and Deeds of Jesus," where the claims of form critics are set forth as though they were beyond debate. In reading this portion the present reviewer was led to wonder whether this section was added for any other reason than the author's desire to show that he is a *Wissenschaftler*. At least, what he says detracts from Mark's witness to Jesus Christ and draws a veil over the person and work of our Lord.

MARTIN H. SCHARLEMANN

HARDNESS OF HEART. By E. La B. Cherbonnier. Garden City: Doubleday & Company, 1955. 188 pages. Cloth. \$2.95.

THE STRANGENESS OF THE CHURCH. By Daniel Jenkins. Garden City: Doubleday & Company, 1955. 188 pages. Cloth. \$2.95.

Both volumes are included in *The Christian Faith Series*, a series of religious books designed to bring to the general reader the work of major thinkers in today's theology. Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr is consulting editor.

Professor Cherbonnier attempts to correlate the Biblical understanding of sin with the facts of modern life. He holds that sin, according to the Bible, is properly defined as misplaced allegiance or idolatry. He rejects the definition of the moralists who conceive of sin as breaking rules. Determinism is equally unacceptable—as foolish as freedom was to the Greeks. Original sin, he believes, is not a doctrine of Scripture but was introduced in Christian thought by St. Augustine and perpetuated by

the Reformers of the sixteenth century. The doctrine that God imputes the righteousness of Christ to the sinner he regards as a simple variation of the Roman Catholic treasury of merit, differing from it only inasmuch as the source of the transferred merit is Christ alone, rather than the saints. To the author this doctrine is Pelagian. Thus the doctrine of the atonement becomes the criterion by which the basic value of this otherwise stimulating study must be judged. In spite of its merit in emphasizing the reality of sin in an age which scoffs at sin, Luther and Calvin would find it as inadequate as he has found their doctrine of sin and grace.

Pastor Jenkins is less concerned with the problem of the individual than with that of all believers collectively as the body of Christ. He attempts to speak of the nature and function of the church in a manner which the modern man can understand. As a Congregationalist it is quite natural that he should be particularly interested in the local church. This, however, does not imply that he has ignored the importance of the Church Universal. His interest in the ecumenical movement is noticeable throughout. The Lutheran reader will not find it difficult to detect Pastor Jenkins' Calvinism in his Christology as well as in his soteriology. On the other hand, Calvin himself might find it difficult to go along with his disciple on some points.

Both volumes present a challenge to the thinking theological reader.

L. W. SPITZ

DAS RÄTSEL DER TAUFGE. By Karl Ecke. Gütersloh: C. Bertelsmann Verlag, 1952. 28 pages. Paper. DM 2.80.

This monograph on Holy Baptism is the third number of a series, published under the general title "Old and New Ways for a Living Church." The author treats the doctrine from the viewpoint of Reformed symbolism. In his opinion Holy Baptism is a symbol of the cleansing from sin, of the spiritual resurrection, and sanctification through faith in Christ (p. 10). It is of secondary importance and should not cause the church to be split into divisions. The epithet "holy" should not be applied to it, nor should those who differ from the current evangelical doctrine be styled "Sacramentarians." The writer argues against both Lutheran orthodoxy and Baptist overemphasis. He holds that Baptism is justifiable as establishing the boundary line between the church and the world; infant Baptism is defensible especially as symbolizing the reception of children into the outer court of the church for their actual reception into it later through faith in Christ after due instruction (pp. 13 ff.). Where baptized children are rightly instructed in the Christian faith, they should not be rebaptized. But where Christian instruction is neglected and enlightened adults desire rebaptism as a confession of their living faith, they should be rebaptized by immersion (p. 25). The author himself was thus rebaptized (p. 7). It is only by tolerating the varying opinions that church unity can be maintained (*ibid.*). True believers may form

"cells" for their mutual edification and the celebration of Holy Communion, the pastor attending as an inactive witness. These are some of the viewpoints which the author develops, based largely on misapplied exegesis.

JOHN THEODORE MUELLER

RELIGION IN BRITAIN SINCE 1900. Edited by G. Stephens Spinks. London: Andrew Dakers, 1952. 256 pages. Cloth. 18s.

The editor of the well-known *Hibbert Journal*, Dr. Stephens Spinks, wrote seven of the thirteen chapters of this book; E. L. Allen and James Parkes each contributed three. The result is a well-rounded, comprehensive account of religion in England, Scotland, Wales, and Ireland in the twentieth century, written against the Victorian background.

The chapters which Dr. Allen contributed deal with the relationship between British theology and foreign religious movements. Dr. Parkes contributed the chapters dealing with the relationships between the churches and social and ecumenical movements. The reaction of the churches to their environment, the arts, and the impact of two world wars, are some of the topics treated by Dr. Spinks.

A succinct summary of the present century written and edited by a man whose finger has been on the pulse of things theological, philosophical, and political can be of great value. The present volume is such a work. Names of prominent individuals, like Temple, Bell, Fisher, Lang, Toynbee, Buchman, Huxley, Niebuhr, and Oldham, appear on its pages. So do the names of some less prominent, yet significant individuals, like Drummond, Dearmer, and Frere. The conferences of the century from Lambeth to Edinburgh to Jerusalem to Stockholm and Amsterdam are reported. So are the movements in liturgy and hymnology. It is a rich and varied account which is presented.

The book is not always easy reading; it presupposes an acquaintance with the British scene — after all, it was written primarily for British readers as a volume in the *Twentieth-Century Histories* series. The work, however, is authoritative. Our church is showing an increasing interest in the religious scene in England. Those following these developments will welcome this presentation.

CARL S. MEYER

THE RESURRECTION BODY. By Robert G. Lee. Second Edition. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1955. 29 pages. Paper. 25 cents.

The author, a Southern Baptist, expounds his theme in a threefold way: The nature of it, the promise of it, the hope of it. The bulk of the pamphlet consists of Scripture texts and quotations from a large assortment of authors. The presentation is, in the main, soundly Scriptural and expresses the unshaken convictions of the Christian faith; but we can

hardly assert unequivocally that the eating and drinking of Jesus with His own in the heavenly kingdom will be literal (p. 11). The closing paragraphs make applications full of comfort to Christians, surrounded as they are by death and bereavement.

HERBERT J. A. BOUMAN

THE CHRISTIAN APPROACH TO CULTURE. By Emile Cailliet. New York: Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, 1953. 288 pages. Cloth. \$3.75.

Dr. Emile Cailliet, professor of Christian philosophy at Princeton Theological Seminary since 1947, has packed much provocative and erudite learning into this volume. Anthropology, philosophy, theology, history, and ethics are discussed at such length that the area of Christian culture, as wide as it is, is relegated to the background to a considerable extent. The author speaks as a Christian; however, he has no compunctions about accepting the theory of evolution as it is propounded today. He devotes many pages to a learned and understanding discussion of Plato and Aristotle, St. Augustine and the Scholastics, but he has practically nothing to say regarding the important roles played by Luther and Calvin in the historical development of Christian culture. He fairly leaps from St. Thomas Aquinas to Immanuel Kant and thereby indicates that his approach is philosophical rather than theological. "Reformed theology," says Emile Cailliet, "reverted to scholasticism. As a result, the Aristotelian stagnation prolonged its influence on theology" (p. 263). Unlike some others, he does not say the same thing regarding Lutheran theology. Concerning twentieth-century Marxism and Communism, he says: "The Communist propaganda is summed up in a proclamation corresponding in our time to the kerygma of Apostolic Christianity. While the Apostolic preaching challenged the wisdom of this world, the Communist proclamation presents itself as being in line with human thinking at its best." (Page 226.) A few pages farther on he declares: "Many in the ministry today are part of the proletariat, and poor relatives at that. The danger that the ministry could in some ways be influenced by Marxism may become greater than that of its falling victim to the enticement of capitalism. The same is increasingly true of the teaching profession." (Page 233.)

When Dr. Cailliet discusses the need for the creation of a closer relationship of theology to Christian culture, he voices opinions which are held by many thinking Christians of our day. He refers to the fact that theology was called "the queen of the sciences" already in medieval times and regrets that theologians have become indifferent and even antagonistic to the cultural heritage of the church. Under such circumstances theology may stagnate and become largely a philosophy; in addition, much of this world's culture loses its Christian character and becomes secular. The author explains: "The reason Jesus impressed the secular order by his exclusiveness, if not by his hostility toward even the culture of his day

in its Jewish nature, is that he came primarily to proclaim a kingdom which is not of this world. Culture *qua* culture was not within the perspective of his mission." (Page 68.) The author might have added that Jesus was under the Law of the Old Testament dispensation and that the Feast of Pentecost of the New Testament era was predestined to become the birthday of Christian culture. We quote further: "It is not that theology is obsolete, then, but that it still is, and for an unpredictable length of time, in the embryonic stage. Let it be added more forcefully still that such a lag should under no circumstances be taken as an excuse for theological isolationism or defeatism, especially in a day like this. Let rather the experience of the pre-Hitler type of 'ivory-tower' Lutheranism in Germany be a constant reminder and warning to us. Such misunderstanding, moreover, would only make for more theological stagnation and resulting sectarianism. Our culture has grown unevenly, in distorted or even monstrous ways, for want of that proper guidance and integration under God which only a well-established theology could give." (Page 268.) Cailliet closes his challenging book with the trenchant words: "The peace of the church is not the peace of the grave, but the peace of a great dawn. Theology is not a musty, obsolete, empty logicism, playing in the areas abandoned by science, but a vigorous discipline in the making, destined to become the keystone of the edifice of human knowledge—under God the Creator." (Page 269.)

WALTER E. BUSZIN

YOUR BEST INVESTMENT. By William E. Kramer. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1955. 72 pages. Paper. 35 cents.

The purpose of this booklet is to help lay people get the most out of their church membership. The four chapters carry the following titles: "Take Time for God"; "What the Church Gives to Its Members"; "What Church Members Can Do"; and "Invalid Excuses." It would seem particularly appropriate and useful for church officers and for participants in the every-member canvass, as well as for Christian people who take their witness-bearing seriously. Such will find here many helpful suggestions on making the right approach and refuting the excuses of the indifferent.

O. E. SOHN

MIND AT EASE. By Alfred Doerffler. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1955. 131 pages. Cloth, \$1.95. Paper, \$1.00.

An excellent little volume of 67 comforting meditations based on texts from the Psalms, each followed by an appropriate prayer. As the title indicates, it is the author's endeavor to help troubled souls find peace and rest in Him in whom alone restless human hearts can find surcease from life's mental and spiritual ills. Pastors will find it refreshing and stimulating for their bedside work.

O. E. SOHN

CHURCH USHER'S MANUAL. St. Louis: League of Lutheran Ushers, 1954. 23 pages. Paper. 30 cents. Order from the Rev. C. F. Knauft, 6714 Fyler Ave., St. Louis 9, Mo.

A brief tract which sets down the qualifications and regulations for ushers in Lutheran churches. It is issued by the League of Lutheran Ushers, which has a membership of some 800 in the St. Louis area. In places more explanation could have been given to render the material more useful to new ushers. When a reprint is to be made, attention might be given to proofreading.

O. E. SOHN

THE OFFICE OF WOMAN IN THE CHURCH. By Fritz Zerbst, translated from the German by Albert G. Merckens. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1955. 128 pages. Paper. \$1.00.

This brief treatise by the capable Austrian author is a penetrating study of the much-debated problem of the Christian woman's proper place in the work of the church. He begins with an inquiry into the various views as reflected in more recent (1902—42) church literature. Considerable space is devoted to a discussion of the relevance of Gal. 3:28, the author taking the negative position. The main section is a study of the *loci classici* of this problem (1 Cor. 11:2-16; 14:34-36; 1 Tim. 2:11-15). This refreshing exegetical study is fortified with a summary of other New Testament statements, special attention being given to the term ὑποταγή and ὑποτάσσεσθαι. Chapter IV discusses the historical side of the problem, showing which functions of church work Christian women are permitted to perform since the days of the early church. The last chapter deals with "Theological Foundations for Church Practice." In it the author discusses the ministry of preaching the Gospel and administering the Sacraments, setting forth the relation of the office to the office-bearer with reference to the ordination of women and the content of the message as it concerns woman within the order of creation and redemption. Pertinent inferences for proper church practice are made. A bibliography of 82 titles is appended.

The author defends the Scriptural principle that woman, though the possessor of the royal priesthood as surely as the man, is enjoined by Holy Writ from proclaiming the Word and administering the Sacraments in the public assemblies of the believers and from having a part in the government of the church. We wonder, however, why the 1 Corinthians 14 passage was restricted to vv. 34-36, since in v. 37 the Apostle so emphatically asserts that his statements are the commandments (ἐντολαί) of the Lord, whereas he terms the woman's wearing of a head covering while prophesying a custom (συνήθεια, 1 Cor. 11:16), which is not described as binding.

O. E. SOHN

THE CHAPEL HOUR. By Thomas Coates. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1955. 184 pages. Cloth: \$2.00.

The gifted author, well known to a wide circle of readers through his biweekly column in the *Lutheran Witness*, here presents fifty-three concise chapel addresses which he as president of Concordia College in Portland, Oreg., delivered to his students. These brief talks have a bearing on various life situations as they confront not only the young men who are preparing themselves for the holy ministry, but young people generally. Dr. Coates has an enviable facility of saying important things in choice words and with heart-searching directness. Here is a fine gift book for young men and women, especially our college-going youth.

O. E. SOHN

WHAT IS CREATIVE THINKING? By Catharine Patrick. New York: Philosophical Library, 1955. xi and 210 pages. Cloth. \$3.00.

This book aims to present a survey and evaluation of available but scattered information concerning the psychological process of creative thought in the stages of preparation, incubation, illustration, and revision. Chapter treatment is given also to the age of productivity, conditions for creative thought, and a program for creating thinking. The importance of the subject is indicated by the closing sentence of the book, namely: "The future progress of civilization depends on the quality of the creative thinking in the world during the years to come."

Educators will appreciate the suggested changes in courses of study, curricula, and teaching methods. Adults may profit from the suggested changes in their mode of living to favor more productive thought. Research workers and students of psychology, esthetics, literature, and art may derive benefit from this book. It is easy reading.

A. G. MERKENS

THE WOMAN OF TEKOA AND OTHER SERMONS ON BIBLE CHARACTERS. By Clarence C. Macartney. New York: Abingdon Press, c. 1955. 160 pages. Cloth. \$2.00.

In the preface this veteran preacher expresses his fondness for preaching on Biblical characters and hopes that his sermons "may be of suggestion to other preachers." These twelve sermons take their cue from a very broad list. Thus "Seven Who Said No" include Joseph, Daniel, the three young men, Vashti, and Jesus. "Five Drunkards of the Bible" include Noah, Lot, Belshazzar, Amnon, and Solomon. The Gospel emphasis is sometimes omitted. The title sermon is evangelically the most explicit, but by means of analogy only.

RICHARD R. CAEMMERER

MUSIC IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. By Edith Lovell Thomas. New York: Abingdon Press, 1953. 160 pages. Cloth. \$2.00

Miss Thomas' work in religious music education is widely known in Protestant circles. She has helped to raise the music standards of many a parish; her book reflects why she has met with apparent success. While her choice of texts and tunes often reflects a pronounced Romantic touch, it is heartening to hear her say: "The foundation of a sturdy character is laid when one's singing experience is built on the German chorale as one of its elements. Singers thus grounded have withstood many crises which would overpower weaker souls. The treasure of grand chorales which Protestants possess has come to us through the Lutheran tradition and is becoming more generally appreciated throughout all denominations with the years." (Page 54.) Again she says: "The building of these right relationships in emotion, thought, word, and action is powerfully helped or retarded by what and how we sing. What governs the selection of songs and hymns will be determined by what serves the singers best and what ministers to their growth in Christian character." (Page 67.) If the clergy of America would bear this in mind, many of our most serious problems in church music would soon be solved.

WALTER E. BUSZIN

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.)

Ever One God: A Novel. By Robert W. Lutnes. Minneapolis: Augsburg Publishing House, 1955. 365 pages. Cloth. \$3.50.

To Every Man an Answer: A Systematic Study of the Scriptural Basis of Christian Doctrine. By Richard H. Bube. Chicago: Moody Press, 1955. 510 pages. Cloth. \$5.95.

The Pocket Commentary of the Bible. By Basil F. C. Atkinson. Part Two: Genesis 10—21. Chicago: Moody Press, n.d. 96 pages. Paper. 50 cents.

The Key Concepts of the Old Testament (Les Idées Maitresses de l'Ancien Testament). By Albert Gelin, translated by George Lamb. New York: Sheed and Ward, 1955. 94 pages. Cloth. \$2.00.

United Nations Exposed. By Edward Frederick Webber. Fort Dodge: Walterick Printing Company, n.d. 224 pages. Paper. \$2.00.

The Messianic Idea in Israel from Its Beginning to the Completion of the Mishnah. By Joseph Klausner, translated from the Hebrew by W. F. Stinespring. New York: The Macmillan Company, 1955. xv and 543 pages. Cloth. \$7.50.

A Gallimaufry. By Nathaniel Micklem. Nashville: The Parthenon Press, 1954. 63 pages. Paper. \$1.00.

My Nursery Bible Lessons, Vol. 1, No. 1 (October 1955). By Edith Booster and Allan Hart Jahsmann. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1955. 52 pages. Paper. 17 cents per quarter.

Nursery Play Packet No. 1. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1955. 15 sheets in envelope. Price not given.

What Shall I Do with My Life? By John M. Weidenschilling. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1955. Young People's Department Bible Discussion Guide, 52 pages. Teacher's Manual, 72 pages. Paper. Price not given.

What Is My Life Worth? By Walter Riess. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1955. High School Department Bible Discussion Guide, 52 pages. Teacher's Manual, 64 pages. Paper. Price not given.

Love One Another. By R. J. Hoyer. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1955. Adult Department Bible Discussion Guide, 52 pages. Teacher's Manual, 64 pages. Paper. Price not given.

Biblical Religion and the Search for Ultimate Reality. By Paul Tillich. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1955. 85 pages. Cloth. \$2.25.

Bibel och Liturgi, med särskild hänsyn till svensk tradition under medeltiden och reformationstiden. By Hildung Johansson. Lund: C. W. K. Gleerup, 1953. 231 pages. Paper. Sw. Kr. 20.—

Vorsynoptische Evangelien. By Heinrich Helmbold. Stuttgart: Ehrenfried Klotz Verlag, 1953. 1,110 pages. Paper. DM 9.60.

The Empty Room. By Vincent A. McCrossen. New York: Philosophical Library, 1955. vii and 156 pages. Cloth. \$2.75.

Sprichwörter aus den Sprüchen Salomos: Andachten für die Zeit vom 20. September bis zum 10. November 1955. By Titus Lang. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1955. 64 pages. Paper. 10 cents.

Portals of Prayer No. 135: Daily Devotions from September 20 to November 10, 1955. By Roland H. A. Seboldt, Paul J. Schulze, and Others. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1955. 63 pages. Paper. 10 cents.

Einleitung in das Neue Testament. By Alfred Wikenhauser. Freiburg: Verlag Herder, 1953. xv and 420 pages. Cloth. DM 21.00.

Billy Sunday Was His Real Name. By William G. McLoughlin, Jr. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1955. xxix and 325 pages. Cloth. \$5.50.

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in Asia and the Southeast Pacific. Edited by Herman H. Koppelman. St. Louis: The Board of Foreign Mission of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, 1955. 53 pages. Paper. Price not given.

Expository Outlines on the Whole Bible. Volume 16: I and II Corinthians. By Charles Simeon. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1955. The sixth volume to be reprinted in the current reissue of the eighth edition of Simeon's *Horae homileticae* covers I and II Corinthians in 120 "outlines."

The Church In Our Town: A Study of the Relationship Between the Church and the Rural Community. By Rockwell C. Smith. Revised Edition. New York: Abingdon Press, 1955. 220 pages. Cloth. \$2.50.

Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen. Neuffen-in-Württemberg: Sonnenweg-Verlag, 1955. 16 pages. Paper. 15 cents. A German Christmas greeting folder.

Buddhism. By C. H. S. Ward. Volume One: *Hīnayāna*; Volume Two: *Mahāyāna*. London: The Epworth Press, 1952. 143 and 222 pages. Cloth. 7/6 and 15/- respectively.

Units in Religion for Lutheran Schools. Edited by William A. Kramer. Units in Religion for Intermediate Grades, Book I: *Learning About God*, 165 pages. Teacher's Manual for *Learning About God*, 131 pages. Units in Religion for Upper Grades, Book I: *Growing in Grace*, 190 pages. Teacher's Manual for *Growing in Grace*, 155 pages. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1955. Paper, with plastic loose-leaf binder. \$1.25 for each of the four volumes.

The Protestant Tradition: An Essay in Interpretation. By J. S. Whale. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1955. xv and 360 pages. Cloth. \$3.75.

The Concordia Nursery Teacher, Volume 1, Number 1 (October-December 1955). By Allan Hart Jahsmann. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1955. 64 pages. Paper. \$2.00 per year.

Reformation and Catholicity: A Statement. Edited by J. Loos and J. N. Bakhuizen van den Brink, translated from the Dutch by H. Karl Lutge. New York: American Church Publications [1954]. 57 pages. Paper. \$1.00.

Jehovah's Witnesses: The New World Society. By Marley Cole. New York: Vantage Press, 229 pages. Cloth. \$2.95.

Report of the Anglican Congress 1954. Edited by Powel Mills Dawley. Greenwich: The Seabury Press, 1954. 276 pages. Paper. \$1.50.

The Pursuit of Happiness. By R. M. MacIver. New York: Simon and Schuster, 1955. 183 pages. Cloth. \$3.00.

Power to Manage Yourself. By Harold B. Walker. New York: Harper and Brothers, Publishers, 1955. x and 237 pages. Cloth. \$3.00.

Liturgical Piety. By Louis Bouyer. Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 1955. x and 284 pages. Cloth. \$4.75.

American Philosophy. Edited by Ralph B. Winn. New York: Philosophical Library, 1955. xviii and 318 pages. Cloth. \$6.00.

God, Man, and the Universe. Edited by Jacques de Bivort de La Saudee. New York: P. J. Kenedy and Sons, 1953. xvi and 421 pages. Cloth. \$7.50.

Authority and Freedom. By Robert H. Thouless. Greenwich: The Seabury Press, 1954. 124 pages. Cloth. \$3.00.

Never a Dull Moment. By Eugenia Price. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1955. 121 pages. Paper, \$1.00. Cloth. \$2.00.

The Young Church in Action. By J. B. Phillips. New York: The Macmillan Company, 1955. x and 103 pages. Cloth. \$2.50.

The Protestant Dissenting Deputies. By Bernard Lord Manning. Edited by Ormerod Greenwood. Cambridge: The Cambridge University Press, 1952. ix and 498 pages. Cloth. \$10.00.

Introducing Hinduism. By Malcolm Pitt. New York: Friendship Press, 1955. 60 pages. Paper. 60 cents.

Bible-Reading Practices in The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod. By Edwin J. Fritze. River Forest: Lutheran Education Association, 1955. 103 pages. Paper. \$2.00.

A Study of the Book of Acts: "Standing on the Promises." By Charles J. Woodbridge. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1955. 151 pages. Cloth. \$2.50.

Sixty-Two Sermons. By William Jay. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1955. xiv and 454 pages. Cloth. \$3.00. William Jay (1769—1853) was an English Nonconformist. Famed as a "boy preacher" at sixteen, he began a sixty-three-year ministry in an Independent chapel at Bath at twenty-one. The present title is a reissue, in the publisher's "Co-operative Reprint Library," of a collection of expository sermons published in 1879 at London under the title *Sunday Evening Sermons and Thursday Evening Lectures*.

Religion in Prison. By J. Arthur Hoyles. New York: Philosophical Library, 1955. 146 pages. Cloth. \$3.50.

The Bridges of God: A Study in the Strategy of Missions. By Donald Anderson McGavran. New York: Friendship Press, 1955. xvi and 158 pages. Cloth. \$2.50.

Pan-Slavism: Its History and Ideology. By Hans Kohn. Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 1953. 356 pages. Cloth. \$6.25.

New Testament Commentary: Exposition of I and II Thessalonians. By William Hendriksen. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1955. 214 pages. Cloth. \$4.50.

The Gospel of the Spirit. By Samuel Eyles Pierce. Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1955. 104 pages. Cloth. \$1.50.

What Do We Mean by Reunion? By C. B. Moss. New York: The Macmillan Company (London: S. P. C. K.), 1953. 132 pages. Paper. \$1.50.

The Polish National Catholic Church in America and Poland. By Theodore Andrews. London: S. P. C. K., 1953. ix and 117 pages. Cloth. 12/6.

Eschatology: Four Papers Read to the Society for the Study of Theology. By William Manson, G. W. Lampe, T. F. Torrance, and W. A. Whitehouse. Edinburgh: Oliver and Boyd [1952]. 90 pages. Paper. 6/-.

Karl Barth: Darstellung und Deutung seiner Theologie. By Hans Urs von Balthasar. Köln: Verlag Jakob Hegner, 1951. 420 pages. Cloth. DM 28.00.

Sancta Sanctorum: Prayers for the Holy of Holies. By W. E. Orchard. New York: Philosophical Library, 1955. xi and 210 pages. Cloth. \$3.50.

Security for All and Free Enterprise: A Summary of the Social Philosophy of Josef Popper-Lynkeus. Edited by Henry I. Wachtel, with an introduction by Albert Einstein. New York: Philosophical Library, 1955. xii and 162 pages. Cloth. \$2.00.

Fundamental Fundamentals. By Albert Brill. New York: Philosophical Library, 1955. viii and 199 pages. Cloth. \$3.75.

Luther und sein Werk. By Wilhelm Sebastian Schmerl. Erlangen: Martin-Luther Verlag, 1954. 61 pages, 8 illustrations. Paper. 30 cents.