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JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH AND ELECTION IN VIEW OF FAITH.

In his review of Dr. Pieper's treatise, "Conversion and Election," Dr. Keyser,¹⁾ of the General Synod, notes as the first "serious error" of the book which he reviews that "the Lutheran regulative doctrine," justification, has been dislocated from its dominating position in the body of Lutheran teaching. He says:—

"A serious doctrinal blemish in the book under review is this: It puts into a minor place the material, chief, and regulative principle of the Reformation, namely, justification by faith. This was the doctrine which Luther made central and pivotal, and by which he judged and decided all other doctrines in the Biblical system. He contended ever that justification by faith alone was 'the sign of a standing or a falling Church.' He would not subordinate this doctrine to any other doctrine, or to all other doctrines combined, but judged all by it, and assembled and coordinated all around it. This is also the view-point of the Augustana. To our mind it is the view-point of the Formula of Concord. If the eleventh chapter is read and studied in the search-light of this cardinal principle, it will be much more easily comprehended and evaluated.

1) Election and Conversion. A frank discussion of Dr. Pieper's book on "Conversion and Election," with suggestions on Lutheran concord and union on another basis. By *Leander S. Keyser*, D. D. Burlington, Iowa. The German Literary Board. 1914. 184 pages. 75 cts.

BOOK REVIEW.

Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis:—

1. *CRUMBS*. Short Devotions for Every Day of the Year. By C. M. Zorn; translated by the author's son, H. M. Zorn. 436 pages; \$1.00.

The "phenomenal sales" of the German original (see *THEOL. QUARTERLY* XV, 45) have induced the publishers to issue this English reproduction, thus rendering this deservedly popular book of devotion accessible to a larger circle of readers, who will appreciate the labors bestowed on it both by the elder and the younger Zorn.

2. *STATISTISCHES JAHRBUCH* der Deutschen Ev.-Luth. Synode von Missouri, Ohio u. a. St. fuer das Jahr 1913. 236 pages; 50 cts.

Twenty-two presidents report official transactions in their districts, pp. 5—42, missionary, educational, charitable enterprises within the bounds of the Synod, the report of the Synod's book concern, of the General Treasury, of bequests, and a necrological list are published pp. 180—236, and in the remainder of the *Year-Book*, 2,532 pastors report their work in 2,978 congregations and missions, with a membership of 949,771 souls, 575,299 of which are communicant members. 2,259 parochial schools were conducted by the Synod, and in these 96,287 pupils were taught by 1,192 pastors, 1,097 male, and 274 female teachers. The Sunday-schools of the Synod report 75,106 pupils. 36,328 infants (and adults) were baptized, 23,720 catechumens were confirmed, 1,056,102 communed, 12,359 were buried, and 12,101 couples married. For the work of the Synod the members contributed \$814,706.04, and in addition to this sum \$119,753.15 was collected at mission festivals.

3. *SIMON PETER*, the Disciple and Apostle of the Lord. A doctrinal paper read before the North Dakota and Montana District by *Rev. H. Buegel*. 50 pages; 15 cts.
4. *THE LAYMEN'S MOVEMENT* as God Would Have It. A doctrinal paper read before the Southern Illinois District by *Dr. F. Pieper*. 60 pages; 19 cts.
5. *ADIAPHORA* (Continued), and *The Finances of the Nebraska District and of the Missouri Synod*. Papers, the former doctrinal, read before the Nebraska District, by *Rev. E. Eckhardt*. 36 and 22 pages; 19 cts.
6. *SYNODALALBUM* 1914. The educational institutions with their teachers and the officers of the Missouri Synod are here presented in photographic views, with brief historical and biographical notes. 85 pages; 25 cts.
7. *VOKATIONS-DIPLOM*. A printed form for a call issued by a congregation to its pastor-elect. 15 cts.

ART OF KEEPING IN GOOD HEALTH. By *Emil Willk.*
40 pages; 25 cts. Order from Concordia Publishing House,
St. Louis, Mo.

In eleven chapters the author, who is teacher, states the laws and common rules of health in succinct sentences and paragraphs, and with a quiet sort of enthusiasm that is apt to rouse in his readers the desire for practicing the good things which the author proclaims. D.

D. TH. GEORG STOECKHARDT. Lebensbild eines deutsch-amerikanischen Theologen, gezeichnet von *O. Willkomm.* Mit Portraet und mehreren Bildern. Zwickau, Sachsen. Verlag von Johann Herrmann. 1914. 148 pp. 5½×7½; 70 cts. Order from Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo.

The author of this biography, Pastor Willkomm of the Lutheran Free-church of Saxony, is well fitted, in a variety of ways, for the task which he has essayed. In the first place, he stood in terms of close personal friendship to the subject of his book. In University days, Stoeckhardt was the "Leibfuchs" of Rev. Willkomm, and they were members of the same students' organizations. Their friendship continued through life, and it is the personal recollections from the days of the younger Stoeckhardt that give this book its chief value. About 100 pages are devoted to the narrative of Stoeckhardt's earlier years, and the remaining 31 pages to his work in the American Lutheran Church. The remaining pages contain the addresses delivered by Rev. C. C. Schmidt and President Pfothenauer at the Doctor's funeral. The chapters dealing with the work of Dr. Stoeckhardt at St. Louis as pastor and professor are a condensation of the articles from the pen of Prof. Dau which appeared in the THEOLOGICAL QUARTERLY last year, and which gave so comprehensive and illuminating a view of Stoeckhardt the theologian. Rev. Willkomm's book is illustrated with a set of very fine half-tones which add very materially to the appearance and value as also to the reader's enjoyment of the biography. We believe that the pastors of our Synod, especially those who have sat at the feet of the great exegete, will not regret the purchase of this *Lebensbild* of Dr. Stoeckhardt. The chapters dealing with the struggles which preceded the establishment of the Lutheran Free-church in Saxony are in themselves worth the price of the book. G.

Johannes Herrmann, Zwickau, Saxony:—

DER MENSCHHEIT ZUKUNFT. Tod, Auferstehung, Juengstes Gericht, Weltende, Hoelle und Himmel im Lichte der Bibel. Von *Heinr. Ebeling*, Dr. phil. Second, revised edition. 231 pages; \$1.20.

Upon the general background of the respective chapter in Gerhard's *Loci* we have here a fine treatise which fairly well covers the domain of eschatology. The American reader would desire more copious and frequent references to chiliastic and universalist views rampant on this side of the Atlantic. The author holds that the destruction of the universe will be *κατὰ σκήμα*, not *κατ' οὐσίαν*. (p. 149.) Revealed truth is overstated when interment is deduced

from a divine command, p. 15 (which view the author corrects on the next page); when the death of Christ seems to be ascribed to Him as the Son of God, independently of the communion of natures, p. 78; when the soul is declared, without qualification, the divine part of man, p. 20; understated, when *spiritual* death is said to have entered the world upon the death of Satan, p. 6.

The Lutheran Seminary at Philadelphia publishes an art edition, profusely illustrated, of its annual catalogue, commemorative of the fiftieth anniversary of the school. 73 pages.

Lutheran Book Concern, Columbus, O.:—

DAILY DEVOTIONS. Material for the Family Altar. Prepared by Rev. J. E. Kieffer. 552 pages; \$1.25.

For each day of the year this book offers a selection from Scripture and a prayer. The festival seasons of the Church are recognized in the selection. A devout and reverent spirit breathes from the prayers, which are confessions of the fundamental truths of Christianity. No comment is offered on the selections from Scripture, except such as is, in instances, suggested in the prayers.

The Utah Gospel Mission, of Cleveland, publishes most interesting facts regarding its work among the Mormons, the latter's activity in our country, and a list of the Society's anti-Mormon literature, e. g., Rev. Nutting's "Mormonism To-Day and its Remedy," "Secret Oaths and Ceremonies of Mormonism," "Mormonism Proclaiming Itself a Fraud," etc.

From the Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States (Department of Church and Country Life) we have received two special reports of its Ohio Rural Life Survey: 1. "Southeastern Ohio," 64 pages; 2. "Country Churches of Distinction," 48 pages.

The American Journal of Theology (University of Chicago Press), in its April issue, Vol. XVII, publishes an article by Prof. Faulkner, of Drew Theological Seminary, on "Luther and the Bigamous Marriage of Philip of Hesse," this "godsend to the enemies of Luther." Following Rockwell and Brieger, Prof. Drew's article is entirely defensive of Luther, and antagonizes the exaggerated claims of Romanist writers, who are preparing to celebrate the quadricentennial of the Reformation in their own lurid way.

Neue Kirchliche Zeitschrift (Leipzig: Deichert), in its April issue completes Kuehn's, "Das Problem der Bergpredigt," presents articles by Wilke ("Neue Forschungen ueber Mose und seine Zeit") and Caspari ("Alttestamentliche Propheten als Sachwalter und Koilschriftverstaendige"), and begins Boettcher's "Psychologie der maennlichen Jugend," which is completed in the May issue. The latter issue also contains articles by Dunkmann ("Neukantianismus in der Theologie") and Boehmer ("Aus alten Handschriften von und ueber Luther").

Die Theologie der Gegenwart (from the same publisher), Vol. VIII, 3, contains Prof. Sellin's review of the latest publications in Old Testament theology.