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THE INFALLIBLE POPE.

“The historian is seen at his best when he does not appear.”

The Romanist Klee in his *Dogmatics*, vol. 1, p. 210, called it a Protestant slander that Catholics thought the Pope infallible. (Hase I, p. 277.) The Scotch Catholic Father Keenan in his *Controversial Catechism* says of the Pope's infallibility: “This is a Protestant invention; it is no article of the Catholic faith.” Since 1870 this damaging statement has been quietly dropped, and no hint given that the text differs from the author's own editions of 1846 and 1853. (Sidney, p. 86.)

In the “Form of Oath and Declaration,” taken in 1793 by all Irish Catholics, occur the words: “I also declare that it is not an article of the Catholic faith, neither am I thereby required to believe or profess that the Pope is infallible.” And a Synod of Irish Bishops in 1810 declared this oath and declaration to be “a constituent part of the Roman Catholic religion.” (Quirinus, p. 189.) Archbishop Murray, Bishop Doyle, and others in 1824 and 1825 before both houses of Parliament swore, “that it is not an article of the Catholic faith, neither are Catholics bound to believe, that popes are infallible.” (B. W.-A., p. 270.)

On July 18, 1870, Pope Pius IX decreed: “We teach and define that it is a dogma divinely revealed; that the Roman Pontiff, when he speaks ‘ex cathedra,’ that is, when in discharge of the office of Pastor and Doctor of all Christians, by virtue of his supreme Apostolic authority, he defines a doc-

BOOK REVIEW.

PASSIONSPREDIGTEN von *H. Sieck*, ev.-luth. Pastor, Merrill, Wis.
Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo. 1909.
Price, 50 cts.

A triple series of Lenten discourses is offered in this book by an author whose homiletical proficiency has been successfully exhibited on previous occasions. Each series consists of six sermons: the first expounds the vicarious feature of the sufferings of Christ; the second depicts the sufferings themselves; the third accompanies the Redeemer on His way of sorrows to the place of crucifixion. All the texts are from the synoptic Gospels. An appendix containing three sermons, one from a prophetic and two from apostolic texts, sets forth the fruit of Christ's passion. The sermons are all able testimonies to the power of the cross of Christ, and the simplicity and ease of the author's style are not their least merit.

DIE PFLICHT CHRISTLICHER ELTERN GEGEN IHRE KINDER, mit
Ruecksicht auf die Verhaeltnisse unserer Zeit und un-
sers Landes in einem Synodalreferat dargestellt von
Pastor R. Miessler. Concordia Publishing House,
St. Louis, Mo. 1908. Price, 35 cts.

This treatise of 144 pages is a reprint of the doctrinal paper submitted to the Kansas District at the conventions of 1904, 1906, and

1907. It is a very able, timely, and helpful discussion of the evils of American family life. The truths uttered in this treatise are such as every American father, mother, and educator ought to hear and ponder.

CONCORDIA-KINDERCHOERE. Eine Sammlung von Liedern in vierstimmigem Satz fuer unsere Schulen und Sonntagschulen. Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo. Price, 40 cts.

These two hundred and fifty hymns for use in schools and Sunday schools are a valuable addition to our treasury of songs. Twenty-eight of the hymns are English. The book opens up with a form for opening the Sunday school. The hymns from No. 1 to No. 123 are arranged according to the order of the ecclesiastical year. Hymns 124 to 138 have for their theme the means of grace; 139 to 158 are hymns addressed to the Redeemer; 159 to 170 are songs of praise and thanksgiving; 171 to 195 relate to phases of the Christian life; 196 to 210 express the hope and longing of Christians for heaven; 211 to 240 are songs concerning nature, the seasons, patriotic songs, etc. The book is concluded with a form for closing the Sunday school and a number of closing hymns. We trust that the book will gain access and become a favorite also in the family circle, and aid, as it is well able to do, in enlivening, embellishing, and fructifying the social intercourse of our Christians at their homes.

MISSIONSFESTLIEDER, gesammelt von *Pastor H. Bouman*. Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo. 1908. Price, @ 5 cts.; per dozen, 40 cts.; 100 copies, \$2.50.

Thirty German and seven English hymns for use at mission festivals are here offered. Liturgical matter (antiphones and collects) has been added at the end of each part. The dearth of hymns of this sort in our hymn-book has suggested the collection, and the difficulty of many of our pastors and congregations to find suitable hymns for their annual mission festival and to have them in a form ready for distribution may now be regarded as relieved. We suggest that the tune for hymn No. 36 be changed to "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," and that the original versification of eight lines to the stanza be retained.

LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM. With Short Explanations and a Few Bible Verses. For Very Busy People. By *William Dallmann*. Second Edition. Northwestern Publishing House, Milwaukee, Wis. 1908.

The THEOLOGICAL QUARTERLY expressed its estimate of, and esteem for, this Catechism in a nutshell vol. XII, No. 3, p. 191. The second edition contains very slight changes in seven places, mostly additions to the matter offered in the first edition, and all of them improvements. As the book goes into the hands of children, we trust we will not be considered finical for pointing out the one erratum on p. 27 ("peculier"). The price, we presume, remains the same, 10 cents.

AUXILIARIUM. Predigtentwuerfe aus der fuenfzigjaehrigen Amtszeit des seligen *Pastor C. Gross* sen. Dargeboten von seinen Soehnen, *C. und E. M. Gross*. Erstes Heft. 1908. Address Rev. C. Gross, Kurtzville, Ont., Canada, or Rev. E. M. Gross, Greeley, Colo. Price, 45 cts., postpaid.

The late Rev. C. Gross was considered a very able sermonizer in his day. Those who heard him, and those who read his published sermons, bear witness to the clear exposition and forceful application which he knew how to give to his text. It appears that during the few years which he spent as a retired minister before his departure, he was engaged in collecting, and arranging for publication, his sermon notes. He was called home before the work of publication was begun. His widow and two of his sons now offer these notes, which are to appear seriatim in pamphlet form and under the title chosen by the deceased himself. The present issue contains ninety outlines, divided into two parts. The first part (56 pages) offers useful sermon material for the Sundays, beginning with the First Sunday in Advent and ending with the Sixth Sunday after Epiphany, partly on the pericopes, partly on free texts. The second part (40 pages) contains pertinent texts, ably outlined, for particular occasions, initial sermons, confessional addresses, for days of penitence and for Thanksgiving Day.—The enterprise deserves the patronage of the clergy.

THE RECENT EARTHQUAKE. Sermon preached by *Rev. R. Jesse*, January 10, 1909. To be had of the author for 10 cts., at 1607 N. Euclid Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

This sermon from Amos 3, 6 was called forth by the catastrophe which overwhelmed Messina, and by infidel remarks of a Jewish rabbi on the same, to whom the author replies.

GOLDENES JUBILAEUM DES LUTHERISCHEN HOSPITALS ZU SAINT LOUIS, Mo. 1909. Address Mr. F. Grote, 1116 Park Ave., St. Louis, Mo. Price, 5 cts.

Rev. R. Kretschmar and assistants narrate, in song and story, the remarkable history of the Lutheran Hospital of St. Louis, in a jubilee edition of the well-known *Kranken- und Waisenfreund*. Text and illustrations of this edition are calculated to incite to gratitude and renewed zeal in the charitable work of caring for the sick.

THE TRAINING OF CHILDREN. The substance of two sermons on Prov. 22, 6. By *Otto C. A. Boecler*, Pastor. Grand Rapids, Mich.

The reader will find himself amply repaid for his perusal of this tract.

LUTHERWORTE UEBER SCHULE UND RELIGIONS-UNTERRICHT. Zwickau i. S. Johannes Herrmann, Publisher. 1908. Address Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo. Price, 5 cts.

This tract of 16 pages reacts against the anti-Lutheran spirit which dominates the Saxon Teachers' Association. This body has, at its late convention in Zwickau, rejected Luther's Catechism as the basis for the religious instruction of children. The ablest and most impressive remarks of the Reformer on the Christian schooling of children are here offered in handy form.

CHURCH AND STATE. A Reply to President Roosevelt's "Narrow Bigotry" Letter of November 8, 1908. By *William Dallmann*. Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo. 1909. Price, 5 cts.

The demands for an edition in pamphlet form of Rev. Dallmann's stirring article in our last issue have been so numerous and so in-

sistent that the publisher has acceded to what is, no doubt, a public and general demand. The reviewer congratulates both the readers of the THEOLOGICAL QUARTERLY and the publisher upon their good judgment; for Rev. Dallmann's formidable collection of facts as to what the State may expect from "the Church" is proving a poser to the Roman hierarchy, and it is wonderful to behold the egg-dance performed by men like Cardinal Gibbons, who undertakes to gyrate between the Constitution of the United States and the bulls and encyclicals of popes without striking either his loyal or his orthodox foot against the one or the other. We bespeak for Rev. Dallmann's tract the widest circulation.

THE POPE IN POLITICS. By *William Dallmann*. Second Edition. Milwaukee, Wis. 1909.

The crushing testimony which the author has accumulated in this little tract of 14 pages makes it "clear that the Roman Catholic religion is un-American, and that in his 'narrow bigotry' letter President Roosevelt is un-American."

EV.-LUTH. DOGMATIK. Von *Dr. theol. Adolf Hoenecke*, weiland Direktor und Professor am Seminar der Allg. Ev.-Luth. Synode von Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan u. a. St. zu Wauwatosa, Wis. Bd. II. Die eigentliche Dogmatik. 1. Lieferung. Zum Druck bearbeitet von seinen Söhnen *Walter und Otto Hoenecke*. 1909. Northwestern Publishing House, Milwaukee, Wis. Price, 40 cts.

The title of this publication, together with the name of the author, are sufficient to arrest the attention and to arouse the interest of every Lutheran theologian. The publication is a posthumous work of the sainted Dr. Hoenecke. A publisher's prospectus gives information regarding the genesis of this work, as follows: "For years the members of the General Synod of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, and other States had entertained the wish that Dr. A. Hoenecke, professor and director at the theological seminary at Wauwatosa, Wis., who died January the third, 1908, might publish his dogmatic lectures. Dr. Hoenecke acceded to this wish, which was voiced particularly by his many pupils. He was on the point of preparing his lectures for publication, in fact, he had for years been occupied with this arduous task, when the Lord summoned him from

his labors before he had completed them. Lest the work thus begun remain uncompleted, and the oft-repeated wish of many persons in our circles unfulfilled, the sons of the deceased have undertaken to complete their father's work and publish it. A committee, consisting of Prof. A. Ernst of Watertown, Prof. J. Koehler of Wauwatosa, and Rev. C. Gausewitz of Milwaukee, was appointed to assist them. The publication was taken in hand by the Publishing House of the Synod." "The publication begins with dogmatics proper, with theology (in the strict sense). It is not necessary to state the reason why the publication does not begin with the Prolegomena. The reason is this: The author was engaged on a revision (*Neubearbeitung*) of the Prolegomena and on expanding the material of this chapter by an additional history of the Prolegomena, when God called him from his labor. However, he left extensive notes covering the uncompleted part of his work. These must now be worked out, and that only to give to the complete work that degree of perfection which the author had intended. That is the reason why the publication begins in the middle of the work. The notes, when fully elaborated, will be submitted to the editing committee for criticism, and will be marked 'uncompleted by the author' in the published edition of the work. The entire work will be concluded with an exhaustive index. The first number is now ready for mailing. It is presumed that one number of 80 pages will be issued every other month, and the entire work will comprise about 20 numbers, and require three years for its completion."

In the number before us the author indicates first the division of the entire dogmatical material, which he proposes to treat under three main heads: Theology, Anthropology, Soteriology. Next the author takes up the doctrine of God, which is presented in six chapters: On the Knowledge of God, On the Existence of God, On the Essence and Attributes of God, On the Holy Trinity, On the Works of God, On the Ministers of God, the Angels. Of these chapters the first and second are offered complete in the present issue, and the third chapter has been carried forward as far as the immanent attributes of God, among which the thesis on the immutability of God is begun in this number. Each chapter is subdivided into paragraphs, and each paragraph into theses, thus: Chap. I. On the Knowledge of God. § 2. On natural knowledge of God. Thesis I. Natural knowledge of God is the conviction implanted in human reason and capable of development by means of the contemplation of the divine works, that God exists and that He governs all things created by Him, with wisdom, power, and justice. Thesis II. Natural

knowledge of God, neither in its innate nor in its developed form, is sufficient for the attainment of salvation. § 3. On supernatural knowledge of God. Thesis I. Supernatural knowledge of God is the saving knowledge of God bestowed upon faith by the Spirit through the revelation of God in His Word. Thesis II. The distinction between natural and supernatural knowledge relates to their basis (principium), their essence (forma), and their purpose and effect (finis et effectus). § 4. On the limits of the knowledge of God. Thesis: A perfect knowledge of God, or one which fully comprehends the essence of God, is attained neither by natural nor by revealed knowledge of God. Chap. II. On the Existence of God. § 5. On the value of the arguments for the existence of God. Thesis: While the arguments in favor of the existence of God are not of such force as to compel any atheist to acknowledge the existence of God, and while in a strict view of the matter they are not required by Scripture as a part of Christian dogmatics, nevertheless we give an account of them in dogmatics, partly because they belong to the conventional dogmatic material, partly because they are not altogether useless. § 6. The principal arguments in favor of the existence of God. Thesis: The existence of God is established either from experience, or from the nature of existing things, or from the concept of God, or from the nature of the human mind. From experience we obtain the historical argument. From the nature of existing things we reason either backward to their origin or forward to their purpose, and thus obtain the cosmological and the teleological argument. From the concept of God we obtain the ontological, and from the nature of the human mind the moral argument. Chap. III. On the Essence and Attributes of God. § 7. On the essence of God. Thesis I. The description (definition) of the essence of God must be drawn from Scripture and must be rendered in terms agreeable to the same. Thesis II. In the briefest form we may describe the essence of God according to Scripture, in the following terms: God is the infinite, unconditioned Spirit. § 8. The attributes of God. Thesis I. In reality, the attributes of God are not something distinct from God and His essence, but in truth and reality they are one and the same thing as the essence of God. Thesis II. Among the many existing classifications of the attributes of God that one commends itself as best which divides them into immanent and transitive attributes. Chap. I. The Immanent Attributes of God. § 9. The immutability of God. Thesis: When predicating immutability of God we maintain that the essence of God, together with all the perfections contained therein, is forever one and the same and remains

identical with itself, and that any change in God as to His being, willing, and thinking is excluded.

In the discussion of these theses it becomes apparent that the author is a scholar of extensive reading, that his reading has been critical, and that he has formulated a careful judgment of the force and tendency of the statements of ancient, medieval, and modern dogmaticians. The older Lutheran dogmaticians he treats, throughout this number, as trusted guides. §§ 4—6 contain a Lutheran critique of the leading philosophical systems by which it has been sought to influence, modify, or supplant the Scriptural findings of the dogmatician.

We readily confess to a keen sense of delight while perusing this initial number of the first genuine Lutheran *Dogmatik* published in America and emanating from an American theologian. It is, of course, impossible at this early date to essay even a tentative judgment of the work as a whole; but the contents of the first installment are promising in such a high degree as to cause one to look forward with eagerness to the forthcoming sequels, and to wish both the editors and the publisher Godspeed in their painstaking efforts.

A SONG OF FAITH. By *Christian Jonathan Oehlschlaeger*.
A Lyric Poem in Four Books and Twenty Cantos. New
York. Cochrane Publishing Co. 1908. 303 pages.
Price, \$2.15 postpaid.

The printer and binder have done their best in giving to this volume a very attractive appearance. The author strives in this book to tell the story of the conquest of Christian faith over every error. This story has been told before in a style more intelligible to the general public; but that is no reason why it should not be told again in poetic form and with allegorical ornamentation. In the First Book the author's theme is, "The Simplicity of Faith;" in the Second, "Light in Darkness;" in the Third, "From Darkness to Light;" in the Fourth, "The Triumph of Faith, Hope, and Love."

Received from *The National Druggist*, St. Louis, Mo., "The Machinations of the American Medical Association. An Exposure and a Warning." By Henry A. Strong.