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OLD TRUTHS FOR A NEW AGE.*

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Heb. 13, 8: "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to-day, and forever."

IN CHRIST, OUR ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST, DEARLY BELOVED FRIENDS:—

A deluge of wrath and terror has swept over the earth these last four years and has left in its wake a terrible mass of wreckage and ruin. Thrones and dynasties have been toppled over, and the very foundations of society shattered. Confusion, anguish, and despair have taken possession of vast numbers of souls. We now see fulfilled the prophecy of Christ regarding the latter days: "Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth." As a result, the cry for reconstruction is heard all over the world, reconstruction of all the things and institutions that determine man's relations to his fellow-men and the relations of nations towards nations. More significant still, reconstruction is called for in the relation of man towards his Maker. The religions of the past, Christianity included, we are told, have utterly failed to achieve their purpose and their promise, and are now things of the past. A new religion is needed.

Thus is the gauntlet thrown down to all who are determined to cling to the old Christ and His Gospel. The charge and the challenge must be met. Are we prepared to do so? We are. And our answer to both, the charge and the challenge, is made in the words of our text:—

"JESUS CHRIST THE SAME YESTERDAY, AND TO-DAY, AND FOREVER."

Calmly and boldly we declare the old Christ and the old Gospel of Christ efficient and sufficient for the true purposes of religion and the high and glorious purpose of God's Church on earth until the end of time.

* A series of addresses delivered during the first week in Lent at the Lutheran Noonday Services at the American Theater, St. Louis, Mo.

BOOK REVIEW.

THE LEIPZIG DEBATE IN 1519. Leaves from the Writing of Luther's life. By *W. H. T. Dau.* VII and 235 pages, 5¼×7½. Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo. \$1.00, postpaid.

This is a thorough scientific study of the memorable event which proved to be of such tremendous influence on the course of the Reformation, publicly inaugurated two years previous. The presentation of the debate, together with its antecedents, concomitants, and consequents, is dramatic and as popular as the subject would permit. The exact, intelligent, fluent, and naturalistic rendering of Luther's letters and other documents into English confirms the reputation of my esteemed colleague as being easily among the foremost translators of Luther and the contemporary theological literature. The book will be hailed universally as a valuable addition to our American Lutheran literature.*

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BRIEF CATECHISM AND BIBLE HISTORY. By *P. H. Ristau.* New, revised edition. 48 pages. 30 cts. Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo. — Intended as a guide for the instruction of adult catechumens.

PATRICK HAMILTON. By *Wm. Dallmann.* 61 pages. 25 cts. Concordia Publishing House. — Tells the edifying story of the first Lutheran preacher and martyr of Scotland for the third time.

THE PRACTICAL MISSIONARY. By *John H. C. Fritz.* 110 pages. 75 cts., postpaid. Concordia Publishing House. — In thirty-eight talks helpful suggestions are here offered to those who are engaged in the work of Lutheran home missions.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

1. *John 17. Das furchtbarste Gottesgericht aller Zeiten im Lichte des goettlichen Wortes.* Synodical Report of the Canada District. 59 pages. 16 cts.
2. *Der Segen unserer Gemeindeschule. Das Schriftprinzip der Reformation.* Synodical Report of the Southern Wisconsin District. 62 pages. 16 cts.
3. *Concordia Bible Class 1919.* 40 cts. per annum. Nos. 1—3 are publications of Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo.

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* On page 170, line 18 from bottom, read "July" for June; on page 220, at end of last line, supply reference: XVIII, 37—41.

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