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CHURCH BOOK ROOM NOTES.

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A New Almanack.—For the first time the Church Book Room have published an Almanack, entitled the National Church Almanack, which they hope will have a wide circulation. The Almanack contains the full Tables of Lessons according to the Lectionary of 1871, and also according to the alternative Revised Lectionary of 1922. The introductory matter contains notes on the Constitution of the Church, Synods, the Church Assembly, Parochial Church Councils, etc. The frontispiece is an excellent photograph of the interior of Norwich Cathedral. Considerable care has been taken in the Calendar itself and dates of important Church events are given. It is published at 4d. net (postage 1d.).

Sermons.—A little volume of sermons entitled *Thoughts for Sundays*, by the Rev. Francis Wilson, M.A., has just been published through the Church Book Room. The sermons were originally preached in village churches in England, and Mr. Wilson has compiled the present volume with a view to its circulation in Canada and other overseas Dominions in the hope that it may be of help and comfort to some of our countrymen now living there. The book is published at the nominal price of 2s. net (postage 4d.), is well printed in good clear type, and contains thirty sermons. We welcome the advent of this book, as we feel sure that it will not only be of service in the field for which it is intended, but also to a large number of those at home who wish for a really good devotional book of this kind. It will also be a help to young clergy and others in preparing addresses.

In addition to this book two excellent volumes of sermons have just been published, *The Harvest of the River and Other Sermons*, by the Bishop of Barking (5s. net), and *Parables of Jesus; Their Art and Use*, by Dr. A. T. Cadoux (6s. net).

Devotional Commentaries.—Our readers will be glad to learn that the second volume of the Rev. T. W. Gilbert's *Commentary on the Gospel according to St. John* has now been issued (3s. 6d. net), and in the same series we welcome a volume on *Deuteronomy* by the Ven. A. R. Buckland (3s. 6d. net, postage 4d.).

Gift Books.—Many of our readers may wish to present their clergyman with a New Year's gift, and the following are of outstanding importance: *The Principles of Theology*, by the Rev. W. H. Griffith Thomas, D.D., 12s. 6d.; Bishop Knox's new book, *Robert Leighton, Archbishop of Glasgow*, a study of his life, times and writings, with an introduction by John Buchan, M.A., 12s. 6d.; *The Evangelical Doctrine of Holy Communion*, containing articles by Archdeacon Hunkin, the Rev. T. C. Hammond, the Rev. Dr. Harold Smith, the Rev. Canon W. H. Mackean, D.D., the Rev. H. W. Harrison, D.D., the Rev. Canon V. F. Storr, and the Rev. A. J. Macdonald, D.D. (who is also the Editor), 7s. 6d.; *The Sumerians*, by C. Leonard Woolley, and his new book just issued, *Digging up the Past*, 6s. each; *The Faith of an English Churchman*, by Mr. Albert Mitchell, 2s. 6d.; *Episcopal Ordination and Confirmation in relation to Inter-Communion and Re-Union*, by Archdeacon Hunkin, 2s. 6d.; *A Chain of Prayer Across the Ages*, forty centuries of Prayer, 2000 B.C.—A.D. 1923, compiled and arranged for daily use by

Selina Fitzherbert Fox, M.D., B.S., leather, 5s.; *The Accuracy of the Old Testament*, the historical narratives in the light of recent Palestinian Archaeology, by J. Garrow Duncan, B.D., 6s.; *A New Biography of Dr. Barnardo*, by J. Wesley Bready, 7s. 6d., and *Francis James Chavasse*, by Canon Lancelot, 3s. 6d.

Protestant Pamphlets.—An excellent little pamphlet entitled *Anno Askew; Her Life and Martyrdom*, by Mary E. T. Stirling, who is a descendant of the martyr, has just been published at 2d. net. We trust that the pamphlet will have a wide circulation. We also name a series of eight pamphlets which have just been re-printed at 1d. each under the title of *The Palm and Crown Series*. They are as follows: *The Flight of the Huguenots*; *The Fortified Crown*; *The Monk that Shook the World*; *The Gunpowder Plot*; *The Tragedy of St. Bartholomew's Day*; *The Protestants*; *The Bohemian Witness*; *The Good Parson of Lutterworth*. The pamphlets are well printed and attractively got up. The matter is also attractively written.

Devotional.—A new issue of *Daily Help for Daily Duty*, a series of Bible Readings with hymns for every day in the year, has just been published, price 3s. 6d. net, cloth covers, and 5s. 6d. net, leather. The readings are carefully selected and suitable alike for private meditation and family worship, and the endeavour of the compiler has been to include a short Scripture reading of about ten or twelve connected and, wherever possible, consecutive verses which shall be a source of help, guidance and encouragement for the battle of daily life and of comfort and consolation in time of trial and affliction. The usefulness of the volume has been much enhanced by the inclusion of a hymn for each day.

A Life of Our Lord.—A new book by Basil Matthews, entitled *A Life of Jesus*, has just been published at 7s. 6d. net. The author states in his preface that after coming back sixteen years ago for the first time from the land where Jesus lived he started to try and write down the story of His Life so that it should be at least real to himself, and also to write it in language real and living for a boy or girl who has never even read or heard anything about Him. The book is a fascinating one and is illustrated with a large number of beautiful plates, including two reproductions of water-colours by W. Holman Hunt. It is divided into six parts, *The Young Child*; *The Boy*; *The Master*; *The Gathering Storm*; *Towards Jerusalem*; *The King*.

In mentioning this we may also remind our readers of the very excellent book written a few years ago by the Bishop of Chelmsford, entitled *The Master and His Friends*, 5s. net. The basis of this book is the Gospel story around which the author has built up a narrative written from the point of view of two children who might have lived at the time of our Lord and have known Him personally.

Dr. Coulton.—Dr. Coulton's new work, *The Medieval Scene*, 5s. net, is partly a reproduction of his Broadcast talks last year, and he gives in this book a brilliant picture of the characteristic features of Medieval life.