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CHURCH BOOK ROOM NOTES.

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At the present time when the Authority and Person of our Blessed Lord are discussed with a painful freedom by many who are officers of the Christian Church, Dr. Gifford's classical treatise *The Incarnation* (1s. net)

The Incarnation.

should be widely read and circulated. The present issue has bound with it a preface by the Dean of Canterbury and a sermon by Dr. Gifford preached before the University of Oxford on the authorship of Psalm cx. No one need be deterred from reading the little volume of 105 pages by a feeling that because it is scholarly and a classic it is therefore difficult to read and hard to understand. By the purity of its English, the lucidity of its style and the masterly method of presenting its arguments no person of average intelligence—even if he has not a knowledge of Greek—will be unable to follow the reasoning and see the grounds of the position adopted.

Many clergymen will find this form of service just issued by the Church Book Room a great convenience and help. The form lays no claim to origi-

Communi- nality and the compiler has gone to the Prayer Book for
Books' Union practically all his matter. But the result is that we have a

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service suitable for use at a meeting of a Communicants' Union which can be handed to those present and followed without the difficulty and distraction usually caused by having to look up different parts of the service. The service is nicely printed on good paper and is issued at 1d. net. or 7s. per 100 net. The back page is left vacant for Parish Notices, etc.

The many Service Candidates who are coming forward for ordination or who are considering the question of private study will find *Helpful Books for Theological Students and Others* of considerable value. And

Helpful Books.

not only students but many of the younger clergy who are making additions to their Library. The list has been compiled with some care and is intended to recommend under its various divisions, books which are obtainable, cheap, and from one point of view or another are of real value. Only in a few cases are the more expensive books named. The list does not aim at completeness and many important books are necessarily omitted and it is purposely made very small. It is divided into six sections. (1) The Bible, (a) General, (b) Commentaries, etc. (2) Doctrine, (a) General, (b) Comparative Religion, (c) Christian Evidence, (d) Holy Communion, (e) Baptism. (3) The Prayer Book. (4) The Christian Ministry. (5) History, (a) General, (b) English Church History. (6) Biographical. It is priced at 2d. net.

Dean Goulburn enjoyed during his lifetime the reputation of a helpful, devotional writer. A High Churchman, he had a strong realization of the

Primitive Church Teaching

on the Holy Communion. Church as Reformed and Protestant, and felt it his duty to write and speak plainly on the introduction of practices and doctrines that are medieval and were deliberately rejected by our Reformers. *Primitive Church Teaching on the Holy Communion* (1s. net) was written by him, as he states in his Preface, because "since the original publication of his book, *The English*

Office of the Holy Communion, two or three practices which seem to me wrong in principle, and to have a tendency to undermine the true doctrine of the Holy Eucharist, have shot up with an amazing rapidity, and are gaining every day a greater foothold among the members of our Communion." He felt that readers of his book on the Holy Communion had a right to expect from him some guidance on such subjects as "Fasting Communion," "Non-communicating Attendance," and "Private Confession," etc.

A short and simple statement of the meaning of the Thirty-Nine Articles has been a long-felt want, particularly by clergymen who wish to give their Confirmation candidates and Sunday School scholars a handbook containing a brief and accurate explanation of the contents of the Articles. The Rev. B. C. Jackson's little book *The Thirty-Nine Articles* (3d. net) is clear and concise, and the teaching which it contains is excellent in every way. The author gives an historical introduction covering the main facts of the Articles, and in five groups he deals with their chief points. Each of these contains an explanation of things essential and a longer reference to matters of special difficulty. For Church people generally who desire to make themselves better acquainted with the Articles, and yet have not time in this busy age for the study of large commentaries intended for the use of divinity students, nothing could be more suitable.

The Rev. T. C. Hammond, M.A., Rector of St. Kevin, Dublin, has written an excellent little book for candidates for Confirmation and senior classes in our Sunday Schools which will enable them to trace for themselves those great truths which lie hidden in the terse language of the familiar Church Catechism. As Mr. Hammond states in his Preface to *A Catechism on the Church Catechism* (4d. net), little attention has been devoted to this manual of dogmatic instruction: yet it is a product of Reformation activity, and faithfully reflects the mature judgment of that period of rich theological thought. Mr. Hammond's object being to exhibit and expound the Reformation teaching contained in the Church Catechism, no attempt has been made to deal directly with the more ancient elements embodied in it, viz., The Creed, Ten Commandments, and the Lord's Prayer. The commentaries upon these, exhibiting the Reformed interpretation, have been made the subject of catechetical instruction. The useful and comprehensive teachers' notes which Mr. Hammond had added for the guidance of the teacher, and to justify the particular interpretation adopted at various points where controversy occurs, will be found of the greatest service.

Those who know the Rev. C. Sydney Carter's two books on the English Church in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries will be glad to have his third book on the sixteenth century, *The English Church and the Reformation* (1s. net). The events which occurred in the sixteenth century with which the present book deals so vitally affected the character and position of the Anglican Church, that the solution of the difficulties and problems which distress the Church to-day is largely dependent on the precise interpretation taken of the importance and significance of the changes which were then effected. Mr. Carter describes briefly, but with sufficient fulness, the need for the Reformation, its principal causes, the various circumstances by which in this country it was alternately advanced and hindered, the general course which it followed, and the manner of its ultimate settlement in the Church of England.