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CHURCH BOOK ROOM NOTES.

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A USEFUL pamphlet by Mr. Albert Mitchell has just been published by the Church Book Room on the question of *Elections to the House of Laity*. The

Enabling Act.

pamphlet supplies a want, as it is an explanation of the change in the method of election in the new House of Laity from that which prevailed in the elections to the old House of Laymen.

In the old elections each elector had as many votes as there were members to be elected, but he could not give more than three votes to any one candidate. While that rule is retained for the lower elections, it is now superseded in the case of the elections of the actual members of the House of Laity and is based upon the principle of what is called "Proportional Representation." The pamphlet describes in clear language the effect of this and gives instructions as to how votes can be given and how they can best be used. (Price 2s. per 100). In addition to these leaflets, forms of nomination to the Diocesan Conference and to the House of Laity have been published. (Price 6d. per dozen).

A few months ago Miss Ellen M. Knox, Principal of Havergal College, published in Canada a little book of Prayers for girls, entitled *A Student's*

Prayers for Girls.

Week of Prayer, and in response to many requests an English edition of this booklet has been published by the Church Book Room, entitled *A Girl's Week of Prayer*, price 4d. The

book is primarily for the use of schoolgirls, but many older persons will find it helpful. It is simple and practical in its style, deeply devotional, and true to the spirit of the teaching of God's Holy Word. The prayers have been written in view of the difficulties of to-day and with a special longing after reality. As Miss Knox states in her preface: "We are realizing better than ever that if we would pray effectively we must think effectively, and that Prayer is *not* a magic charm, *not* a mere grasping after the good things of life, *not* a shirking of the ill, but something far grander, far nobler." The booklet contains two short prayers for every morning and evening of the week, and at the end some additional prayers for preparation for Holy Communion, for schools and colleges, before Bible study, for the choice of vocation, etc.

A little time ago we published a pamphlet by Lieut.-Col. Seton Churchill entitled *Is There a Prayer-Answering God?* Lessons from the late Great

Prayer.

War, price 2d. or 14s. per 100. The pamphlet was excellently reviewed and the first edition was exhausted soon after

publication. A new edition has now been issued and is on sale. The pamphlet is full of much that is valuable and contains many apt up-to-date illustrations. It will be found useful for a widespread circulation, not only to stir up the indifferent, but to satisfy the more thoughtful class of reader.

In January of this year, two pamphlets by the late Bishop of Durham were published by the Book Room. The first, *The Power of the Presence,*

The late Bishop of Durham.

and its Relation to the Holy Communion, not long since given by him as an address at a meeting of the London Clerical and Lay Evangelical Union. The Bishop's handling of this subject is at once spiritual and masterly. The second is entitled

Holy Baptism, a pamphlet full of instruction given in the way for which the

Bishop is so well known. Other pamphlets by the Bishop to be obtained from the Church Book Room are *The Supper of the Lord*, 1d.; *The Story of the Prayer Book*, 1d.; *The Cup of the Covenant*, 1d.; *Conversion*, 1d. Of the Bishop's larger books several copies of his Biography of *Charles Simeon*, a book now out of print, are in stock, price 1s. 6d. net, and some copies of the following devotional books at 1s. net each: *Thoughts on Christian Sanctity*, *The Secret of the Presence*, *Temptation and Escape*, *Our Prayer Book*, and *Pledges of His Love*.

An excellent translation by the late Canon F. Meyrick of Jewel's *Apology of the Church of England* is published by the Book Room at 6d. net, and in two penny pamphlets under the title of *Jewel on the English Reformation* and *The Faith of English Churchmen*. Lady Ann Bacon's translation of the *Apology* can also be obtained, price 6d. net. The Dean of Canterbury, when addressing the students of St. John's Hall, Highbury recently, speaking of the care that should be taken to give utmost attention to the study of history and principles of the Reformation, said that "they would be helped in this by studying Jewel's *Apology* of the Church of England. It contained the principles of the Reformation and the Church of England in a nutshell, and was written by a man whom Hooker called the greatest scholar of his age. A clergyman who did not know Jewel's *Apology* did not know the trust deeds of his Church. If they studied that book they would get at the heart of the Reformation, and know the ground upon which the Church of England stood. They must remember that the Church of England, so long as it remained the Church of England, would never get away from those trust deeds."

In view of the forthcoming Lambeth Conference the following books will be of interest to readers: *Episcopacy and Unity*, by the Rev. H. A. Wilson, Rector of Cheltenham, price 3s. 6d. This book is marked by its scholarship, by its lucid, temperate and careful writing, and gives exactly the information required. Readers will have no doubt as to the views held by the Reformers and their successors on Episcopacy and the Church of Christ. *No Bishop, No Church*, Anglo-Catholic Claims Examined, by the Rev. J. R. Cohu, M.A., Rector of Aston Clinton. Mr. Cohu examines utterances by Anglo-Catholics in the light of the best available English theological thought as represented by Lightfoot, Hatch, Hort, Westcott, Swete and Gwatkin. His aim being to show in a very simple, popular, yet accurate form their invaluable historical facts bearing on the Christian Ministry. *Apostolical Succession Considered*, or *The Constitution of a Christian Church, its Powers and Ministry*, by Archbishop Whately, with an Appendix of recent Anglican Views on Apostolical Succession. 1s. net. Professor Gwatkin's *Episcopacy, In Scripture and Episcopacy, In the Church of England*, 1d. each. *Steps towards Reunion*, a Statement for the Consultative Committee, by the Rt. Rev. W. G. Peel, D.D., Bishop of Mombasa, and the Rt. Rev. J. J. Willis, D.D., Bishop of Uganda. 1s. net. *Kikuyu*, 1918, Report of the United Conference of the Missionary Societies in British East Africa. 6d.

