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## CHURCH BOOK ROOM NOTES.

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**The Holy Communion Service.**—Dr. Gilbert's articles which recently appeared in *The Record* on the Biblical and Anglican Teaching of the Holy Communion Service have been printed in book form with a few verbal alterations at 1s. net in paper cover and 2s. net in cloth. The book is specially useful in view of the discussions on Prayer Book Revision. A full review appears elsewhere in this number.

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**Biographies of the Reformers.**—The Religious Tract Society has published new editions of *Hugh Latimer* and *William Tyndale* by Robert Demaus at 5s. net. Demaus wrote out of a full knowledge, and his task was a labour of love; hence it is but natural that his books should become standard authorities. Archdeacon Buckland, in his preface to *Hugh Latimer*, states that both this and his later book on *William Tyndale* were warmly commended by scholars when they were published in 1869 and 1871 respectively, and no English Lives have replaced them. The need to study with gratitude the lives of those who toiled and died to give English-speaking people the Word of God and pure Religion is very great, and it is hoped that these interesting and arresting biographies will be widely read now that they are again obtainable at a reasonable price. We trust that we may soon see a reprint of Lechler's *Wycliffe* which has been out of print for some time.

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**Short Biographies.**—The R.T.S. has re-published a number of short Biographies in pamphlet form (size  $4\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3''$ ) which will be found suitable for sale in our book-racks. They can be obtained at 1d. each net. The series include, Hugh Latimer, William Tyndale, Martin Luther, John Wycliffe, John Knox, John Wesley, David Livingstone, John Huss, Charles Simeon, Elizabeth Fry, Robert Morrison and John Bunyan.

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**Church Teaching.**—A customer of the Church Book Room wrote the other day: "The general public are extremely ignorant of Church Teaching, even when truly interested, as the best books are little known. Would it not be possible for letters to appear in the papers from individual members of your Committee recommending *A Churchman and His Church* by Canon Barnes-Lawrence as a book of the hour?" This suggestion has been adopted in several instances. The book in question is entitled by the author *A Manual for Churchmen*, and contains popular addresses on the Church and the Bible, The Church, The Christian Ministry, Holy Baptism, Holy Communion, The Prayer Book, and The Relative importance of the Means of Grace. We give two instances of its value which came to our notice on its first publication during the Great War. A Chaplain at one of the London hospitals received a copy of the book. A few days later he came to the Church Book Room and stated that he had given it to a young officer in the hospital who had thought little of religion, and through reading it he hoped he had been definitely brought to God. On another occasion a Private appeared with nineteen shillings carefully wrapped up, entrusted to him by men who had read the book and wanted each a copy for himself. It is published at 1s. in paper cover and 2s. in cloth. (Postage 3d.)

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**Baptism.**—A useful leaflet compiled by the Rev. B. Herklots, Vicar of St. George's, Leeds, entitled *A Talk About Your Baby's Baptism* has been re-issued in booklet form (1d. or 7s. per 100). As the title indicates it is designed first to assist those who feel serious difficulty on the question of the baptism of young children. Its form and style render it suitable for presentation to parents both before and at the time of the baptism of their children. It is written in the form of a letter and can be signed, if desired, by the Vicar of the parish. It may be of service to mention three other pamphlets on this subject, particularly *Infant Baptism* by Canon Barnes-Lawrence, which has now been issued at 6d. net. The Canon states in his preface: "The case, either for or against Infant Baptism, is a matter of inference and argument," and his excuse for writing on so important a matter lies in the fact that most of the books and tracts about it so far as they have come under his notice omit all reference to that Divine Covenant on which the argument really rests, and urge the practice on secondary grounds. The other two pamphlets by Bishop H. C. G. Moule and the Rev. H. G. Grey, late Principal of Wycliffe Hall, Oxford, deal with the whole question. They are published at 1d. each or 7s. per 100.

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**Islington Conference.**—The papers read at the Islington Conference this year on *Evangelicals Facing Facts*, have now been published (1s. net). The pamphlet is particularly interesting and useful this year, as it contains the addresses given by representatives of various shades of opinion of the Evangelical Party on Prayer Book Revision.

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**Church Booklets.**—Two booklets entitled (1) *Time to Think. For Invalids*, and (2) *Why Go To Church?* have been issued at 1d. each or 7s. per 100. The first contains some very helpful thoughts and has already been found to be of service to Clergy, District Visitors and others who wish for something of the kind to leave with sick people. The second booklet deals with a subject of great importance at the present time, and it is hoped will be found useful for general distribution.

Two other booklets in the series include *A Talk About Your Baby's Baptism*, which is referred to in a preceding paragraph, and *A Communicant's Manual*, by Canon C. W. Wilson, Vicar of Swansea. This is specially compiled for Communicants' Unions and contains objects, rules, and a Service. The booklets are tastefully got up and can be enclosed in a court-shaped envelope.

In response to many requests it is proposed to add to the series, *Conversion*, by Bishop H. C. G. Moule. This pamphlet has been out-of-print for some time and was originally written for the League as a Mission Leaflet. The Bishop treats the subject with a directness that makes his words an appeal suitable for the widest circulation.

