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CHURCH BOOK ROOM NOTES.

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William of Orange.—Miss Marjorie Bowen, in response to repeated requests, has recently published an exceedingly useful and instructive historical essay entitled *Luctor et Emergo: The State of England at the Peace of Ryswyck, 1697*. The essay contains an account of William III gathered from the material which formed the background of the three books written by her dealing with the lives and times of William III and Mary, viz., *I Will Maintain; God and the King*, and *Defender of the Faith* (now published in cheap editions at 3s. 6d. each). Needless to say, Miss Bowen writes with force and conviction and her historical judgments do not lack either clearness or decision. Particularly does this apply to her able marshalling of the evidence to show how greatly England benefited internally from William's rule. The booklet deserves to be widely read, for it supplies an antidote to much loose thinking and reading at the present time. It is published at 1s. 6d. post free. We wish that it could be possible to secure a much wider reading than at present of Miss Bowen's historical books, particularly those already mentioned, and also *Prince and Heretic*, 3s. 6d., and, *William "by the Grace of God,"* 2s.

St. John's Gospel.—A second edition of the Rev. Dr. Gilbert's book entitled *The Miracles in St. John's Gospel: Their Teaching on Eternal Life*, has now been issued at the price of 1s. 6d. net. Dr. Burge, the late Bishop of Oxford, contributed a preface in which he stated: "These lectures open up in a simple, straightforward way a subject of which too many are, no doubt, unaware: they invite discussion and question, and above all they stimulate the study of the subject deeper and further." The book shows how the Gospel is really built up round the seven miracles selected by St. John, and that there is a definite sequence. And not merely is there this sequence, but the writer shows also that the teaching connected with each of the miracles is so arranged as to bring out the truth of which the particular miracle is a "sign." Miracle and teaching go hand in hand, so to speak, to explain how Eternal Life is possible through Christ, and the development is explained from the first miracle at Cana, with its application in our Lord's words to Nicodemus, until the complete confession of Christ by Thomas in the Upper Room.

Christ the Messiah.—In 1906 Cornelia, Lady Wimborne, wrote and published three very useful and suggestive little essays entitled *Christ the Messiah; Christ the Rest-Giver*; and *The Presence of God*. These she published in pamphlet form, which had a wide circulation. It has been out of print for many years and Lady Wimborne has now re-published it at the original price of 2d. For devotional reading, for circulation at Missions and as a help to those in sorrow, the booklet will be found of great service.

Mariolatry.—Archdeacon Thorpe has just published through the Book Room a very useful little pamphlet entitled *Prayers to the Blessed Virgin Mary*, price 2d. net. Mariolatry in the Church of England has so much increased of late years that this pamphlet meets a real need, and we trust

it will be largely circulated. The danger cannot be over-emphasised, for if men believe, as so many now do, that they are surer of obtaining access to God and pardon of their sins if they approach Christ through the Virgin Mary, the inevitable consequence will be that for one prayer addressed to Christ Himself, there will be ten thousand offered to the Virgin Mary. As Archdeacon Thorpe says, this is no speculation, but an actual fact, as every one acquainted with Roman Catholic devotions is aware. Another pamphlet, written by Archdeacon Thorpe and published in the same series, is *Transubstantiation and the Mass*. This pamphlet, issued two or three months ago, has already had a wide circulation, and we hope this will continue.

The English Prayer Book.—A new book will shortly be published (price 5s. net) by Canon Dyson Hague, entitled *The Story of the English Prayer Book*. This is a book needed to-day, for its object is to supply a growing and increasing demand for a readable and reliable history of the Prayer Book of the Church of England which can be put into the hands of the average reader. It tells the story of the English Prayer Book from the day of its development in the early British Church to the present day, especially describing the work of the various Compilation and Revision Committees in the reign of Edward VI. The story of the Scottish, Irish, American and Canadian Prayer Books is also told in a very readable and interesting way. The author, who is the Rector of one of the largest Churches in Toronto, has also been, for many years, lecturer on Prayer Book History and interpretation at Wycliffe College, Toronto, and was, for fourteen years, a member of the Canadian Prayer Book Revision Committee. The book will not only be valuable to clergymen and students, but it will be particularly useful for Sunday School teachers, scholars and young people generally. The author has the gift of writing in a popular way.

Remainders.—The following books, now nearly out of print, have been reduced in price and can be obtained from the Book Room at the prices named, for a short time :—*The Nicene Creed*, by Rev. Chancellor Lias, 1s. ; *The Heavenly Session of Our Lord*, by Canon A. J. Tait, D.D., 1s. 6d. ; *The Pastoral Idea*, by Bishop J. T. Inskip, 2s. 6d. ; *The Philosophy of the Faith*, by Rev. E. Digges La Touche, M.A., Litt.D., 1s. ; *Quousque ?* Extracts from Pastoral Letters and Charges of Leading Bishops and others during the past fifty years. Edited by Canon Christopher and J. C. Sharpe. With a Preface by Dean Wace, 1s. ; *A Short Introduction to the Old Testament*, by Rev. F. E. Spencer, M.A., 1s. 6d. ; *The Student's Prayer-Book*. The Text of Morning and Evening Prayer and Litany, with Notes, by Rev. W. H. Flecker, M.A., D.C.L., 1s. 6d. ; *The Three Kingdoms : A Young People's Guide to the Christian Faith*, by Rev. F. G. Goddard, B.D. With Preface by Bishop Chavasse, 1s. 6d. ; *Foundations of Faith*. Bampton Lectures, by Dean Wace, 2s. 6d. ; *Episcopacy and Unity*, by Canon H. A. Wilson, M.A., Rector of Cheltenham, 1s. 6d. ; *Home Prayers for a Month*. Chiefly from the Prayer Book, or in the style thereof. Compiled by G. F. Chambers, 6d. ; *Christus Redemptor*. Meditations on 1. Corinthians i. 30, by Rev. A. J. Tait, D.D., 6d. ; *The Meaning of Holy Baptism*, by Canon C. H. K. Boughton, B.D., 1s. 6d. ; *Primitive Church Teaching on the Holy Communion*, by Dean Goulburn, 1s. ; *The Communion of the Laity*. An Essay, chiefly historical, dealing with the question of non-communicating attendance, by Rev. W. E. Scudamore, 6d. ; *Thomas Scott, The Commentator*, by the Rev. Dr. Downer, 1s. Postage is extra, and in most cases would be 6d.