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CHURCH BOOK ROOM NOTES.

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Communicants' Manuals.—For presentation to Confirmees we again recommend the following books: *Helps to the Christian Life* (new edition), by the Rev. T. W. Gilbert, D.D. (leather, 2s.; cloth gilt, 1s. 6d.; cloth, 1s.; paper cover, 6d.). This manual, containing advice and suggestions on Prayer and Bible Study, and also instructions and devotions before, at the time of, and after Holy Communion, has been found a real help to the young and to the adult communicant. *My First Communion*, by the Rev. A. R. Runnels-Moss (cloth, 1s. net), has reached a third edition, and is a simple explanation of the Sacrament and Office, together with the Service. A third edition of Canon Barnes-Lawrence's valuable manual, *The Holy Communion: Its Institution, Purpose, Privilege*, has been issued in three forms (cloth gilt, 1s. 6d.; cloth limp, 9d.; paper, 6d.). The body of the book is largely devotional, and some instruction on difficult points is given in an appendix. It is particularly useful for presentation to Public School boys and girls. We also recommend *At the Lord's Table*, by the Bishop of Chelmsford (cloth gilt, 1s. 6d.; cloth, 1s.). The "preparation" is very practical and shows a true appreciation of the lives and thought of the younger generation. The Self-examination portion is not overdone and is on original lines. It has three lines of thought—one based on the Fruit of the Spirit in Galatians v; one on the Beatitudes; and one on the shorter Exhortation.

Lenten Reading.—The following books may be mentioned as suitable for Lenten reading: *The Time of Refreshing* (2s.) and *At the Lord's Table* (1s. 6d. and 1s.), by the Bishop of Chelmsford; *Seven Times He Spake*, addresses for Good Friday (6d.) and *Helps to the Christian Life* (1s. 6d., 1s., and 6d.), by the Rev. T. W. Gilbert, D.D.; *Addresses on the Seven Words from the Cross*, by the Rev. H. Browning (6d.); *Christus Redemptor*, Meditations on 1 Corinthians, i. 30, by Canon A. J. Tait, D.D. (cloth 9d., paper 6d.); *Be of Good Cheer*, by the Rev. W. P. G. McCormick (2s. 6d.); *The Life of Love*, by Prebendary H. W. Hinde (1s. 6d. and 9d.); *The Dawning of That Day*, by the Rev. H. G. J. Howe (1s. 6d.); *Worship and Communion*, by the Rev. H. Montague Dale (2s. 6d.); Dr. Gilbert has also prepared *A Form of Service for the Three Hours on Good Friday* (2d. or 12s. per 100). For children we specially mention *The Master and His Friends*, by the Bishop of Chelmsford (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 lived at the time of our Lord and knew Him personally. It is designed to appeal to the heart of children and young people; to make the Supreme Figure in the world's history live before them and to lead them to feel the winsomeness of His Personality.

Missionary Books.—An excellent biography of *Patteson of Melanesia*, by F. H. L. Paton, B.D., has recently been published (3s. 6d. net). The book gives a vivid impression of the real Patteson and the description of the Pacific is of intense interest.

Another very interesting Missionary book of a different type is *The Pear-Tree Family*, a tale of modern Manchuria by Emily McN. Miskelly (1s. 6d. net). The book gives a wonderfully life-like account of life in China and the work of the Missionaries in the homes of the Chinese. It makes an excellent gift book.

Offertory—A notice to be placed on Church doors announcing the amount of Offertories and Collections has just been printed by the Book Room, price 2s. per 100. A sample will gladly be sent on application.

The Bible.—Messrs. Thynne & Jarvis have just published a third impression of *Messages from the Epistle to the Hebrews*, by Bishop Handley C. G. Moule, which has for its sub-title A Study of the great Epistle and its application for certain needs of our own time. The book is published at 2s. 6d. net. The same publishers have also published at 3s. 6d. net in a uniform edition the same author's *Philippian Studies*, *Ephesian Studies* and *Colossian Studies*, and *The Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans* at 5s. net, this latter being a valuable commentary and book of devotion.

Bible Stories for Children.—Several inquiries have been made at the Book Room for a selection of books on the Old and New Testament, with pictures, which would give children a happy interest in the Bible and could either be given to them to read or be read to them on a Sunday. The following books are specially recommended and have been found of service in a number of cases, particularly to families abroad where the children get little or no Bible instruction. The Children's Sunday Bookcase is a series of Bible stories intended to be a simple and helpful gift to little children. Each book is illustrated in colour and published at 2s. net. The majority of them are founded on the Peep of Day series, and the story is simple and attractively put for the children of to-day. The following is a list: *Stories from the Old Testament; From Bethlehem to Calvary* (new Precept upon Precept); *Fifty-two Bible Stories for Children; The Children's Pilgrim's Progress; The New Line upon Line; The New Peep of Day; Children's Life of Jesus; The Kings of Israel and Judah*. Two other books, also at 2s. net, are specially useful, *The Children of the Old Testament*, and *The Children of the New Testament*. For older children the books by Mildred Duff and Noel Hope published at 1s. 9d. are recommended and are as follows: *Where Moses learnt to Rule; Where Moses went to School; Daniel the Prophet, or The Boy with a Purpose; Esther the Queen, or Life in the Ancient Palace of Shushan; Hezekiah the King, or The City Defended by God*. A new series of Bible Story books, attractively bound, has also just been published by Messrs. Shaw, the letterpress being by Catherine Shaw. They are profusely illustrated and the following are issued at 1s. each: *The Children's Saviour; Fed by the Ravens; and Sunday Stories*. At 6d. each: *The Sower; Stories of Jesus; Bible Stories and The Good Shepherd*. In addition to these we would specially mention the Scripture Rewards by Catherine Shaw, which are published at 1s. each. The pictures and letterpress are both excellent. There are eight titles in this series, as follows: *Living Waters; Miracles of Jesus; Parables of Jesus; Twilight Talks; In the Temple; Servants of God; Bible Talks; Bible Lands*. These books are particularly useful as presents and prizes as they differ from the ordinary picture book, and incidentally would be very excellent for teachers.

The Book of Martyrs.—Foxe's *Book of Martyrs* was at one time constantly referred to and circulated very widely. To-day few of the younger generation seem to know much of the sufferings of the early Reformers. A cheap, well-bound, well-printed and readable abridged edition of this famous book was recently published in the Evergreen Library and the Book Room has purchased a number of these and is able to offer them at 2s. net. The book contains excellent memoirs of Savonarola, Luther, Tyndale, Wycliffe, Huss, Hooker, Ridley, Latimer and Cranmer, together with a number of memoirs of the less-known martyrs.