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CHURCH BOOK ROOM NOTES.

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DR. GRIFFITH THOMAS' Manual on the meaning of the Lord's Supper was referred to in these Notes last month, when it was announced that it was hoped the new and revised edition would be published early in October. The book is now on sale, price 2s. 6d. net, paper cover; 3s. 6d. net, cloth. It is valuable having regard to the proposals for the revision of the Service of Holy Communion.

In view of approaching Confirmation Classes, a sample packet of leaflets and manuals, published by the Church Book Room, has been prepared and will be sent for 1s. 9d. post free. It contains five courses of instruction for the use of candidates attending Confirmation classes: (1) *Class Notes*, by the Rev. Henry Edwards, Vicar of Gorleston, now in its fifth edition; (2) *A Soldier in Christ's Army*, and (3) *The Christian Disciple*, both by the Rev. Canon E. R. Price Devereux, Vicar of Christ Church, Woking; (4) *Strength for Life's Battle*, taken from addresses given by the late Canon Hoare, of Tunbridge Wells, and (5) *The Faith of a Churchman*, by the Rev. C. H. K. Boughton. These courses are issued at 2d. each, or 14s. per 100, net. A useful manual (2d.) by the Archbishop of Sydney, giving in a clear manner the meaning of Confirmation, and a number of leaflets suitable for distribution to the congregation before classes commence, to candidates when they come forward, and to the newly confirmed are also added. These include *About Confirmation*, and "*Be Strong—Be Glad*," a message to girls who have been confirmed, by Canon Grose Hodge; *Confirmation: a Letter to Candidates before Classes commence* and *What keeps you back?* by the Rev. C. C. B. Bardsley, at ½d. each, or 3s. per 100, net; *Will you join the Senior Division?* and *The Race of Life*, by the Rev. C. H. K. Boughton, and "*The Life Beautiful*," by Canon Grose Hodge, at 9d. a dozen, or 4s. per 100, net; *Three Questions for Young Men who have been Confirmed*, by Canon Grose Hodge, at 1d. each, or 5s. per 100, net, and a card entitled *Your Confirmation* (1d.), being a letter to candidates, and three prayers to be used during the time of preparation; a sample set of Confirmation Hymns; a Confirmation Anniversary Letter, and Confirmation cards and labels.

A list of books which can be recommended as Sunday School Prizes has been carefully compiled as a guide to those who are unable to call at the Book Room and select books from the shelves. The books in this list have been selected with a view to recommending to clergy and others, books which have merit and which avoid sacerdotal teaching on the one hand, and an anti-Church bias on the other. Every help will be given in the choice of books, and, if a list of the number of books required be sent, together with the age of the scholars and the price to be paid, suitable books will be suggested or sent as desired.

**Sunday
School
Prizes.**

The Rev. G. R. Balleine has written a new Sunday School Lesson Book for the ensuing year entitled *Lessons from the Hymn-Book*. As he tells us in his Preface, "Children love singing. In Church and Sunday School they enjoy the hymns more than anything else. Yet apparently hymns are not often used as vehicles for instruction. . . . Yet here is an easy line of approach

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to the children's minds. Here are words that they know, words that they like, words that they will use again and again in future years, words, moreover, that are often full of doctrinal and practical teaching." The book that Mr. Balleine has provided us with this year will, we consider, answer its purpose admirably. The lessons are practical, and they contain doctrinal teaching. We agree with Mr. Balleine that there is no subject that a teacher ought to deal with in a year's lessons which cannot be discovered in the Hymn-Book; and, moreover, it will be found there treated in a definitely devotional way. The Lesson Book contains fifty-two lessons and fifty-two well-known hymns. The price is 2s. net. Those who have used Mr. Balleine's other Lesson Books will appreciate the new volume, as it is a companion to the former books, most of which we regret to say are out of print. *The Young Churchman*, in fact, is the only one now available. This book is still issued at 1s. 6d. net, and contains fifty-two lessons on Church life and worship, the aim being to give every young Churchman just that knowledge of his Church which is too often taken for granted. A new series of lessons entitled *In the King's Service*, a course of fifty-two lessons following the Church Calendar, by Q. Scott-Hopper, has also been published at 2s. in connexion with the Home Words Art Stamp system. The lessons are full, practical and up-to-date and commence with lessons on the King's coming, on what the King asks, and on what the King gives. A useful series of lessons on The King's Servants in all Ages is added. Similar lesson books which can be recommended, price 1s. each, are *Simple Lessons on the Creed*, *the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments*, and *Lessons on the Life of Abraham and Joseph*, by the Rev. N. F. Duncan; *Chats with my children on the Church Catechism*, by Sarah Brine, price 1s. net, and *Sunday School Lessons for Juniors*, by Canon Stewart, price 1s. net.

A little book entitled *Talks to Teachers in Sunday Schools*, by the Rev. C. H. K. Boughton, B.D., Diocesan Inspector of Schools in Bradford, has been brought before us, and we recommend it very gladly.

**Sunday
School
Teachers.**

The book makes no pretence to be elaborate or exhaustive, or to add anything new to the science of education. The talks are simply a plain statement of the elementary rules of teaching for those working-class teachers of good intelligence but little leisure who mainly staff our Sunday Schools. The first chapter is devoted to "The Teacher," and the book goes on to give some guidance as to the characteristics of the various classes of children who attend Sunday Schools. Bishop Drury says in a very interesting Preface, "The modern results of child-psychology have not been sufficiently recognized in the past. Hence the need of knowledge of the children, sympathy with their individuality, and above all that intuition which is the fruit of love." Mr. Boughton has a good deal to say about the methods of teaching, and says it well. The book is published at 1s. 3d. net. Another excellent little pamphlet entitled *Points for Sunday School Teachers*, by the Rev. N. F. Duncan, Vicar of Crookes, Sheffield, is recommended. The price is 1d., or 9d. per dozen. The pamphlet is practical and helpful, and we hope it will have a large circulation. Copies can be obtained from the Book Room.