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CHURCH BOOK ROOM NOTES.

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Thomas Cranmer.—We are glad to be able to announce that Messrs. Putnam have published a new edition of *Thomas Cranmer and the English Reformation*, by Professor E. F. Pollard, in their Black and White Library, at the price of 5s. This publication is a very important and useful one. It was first published in 1905 at 12s. 6d., reprinted in 1906, and a new edition published in May, 1926, at 7s. 6d.

Professor Pollard in his Preface states: "Cranmer chose the better part, but it was one of labour and sorrow. He is the storm-tossed plaything of forces which even Henry VIII could not control; and his soul is expressed in the beautiful and plaintive strains of his Litany, which appealed to men's hearts in those troublous times with a directness now scarcely conceivable. His story is that of a conscience in the grip of a stronger power; but, unless I misread his mind, he surveyed his life's work in the hour of death and was satisfied."

Confirmation.—To those who are making preparation for Confirmation Classes, we would recommend the sample packet of pamphlets obtainable from the Church Book Room at 1s. post free. This contains seven courses of instruction for the use of candidates and a series of leaflets by the Bishops of Chelmsford and Leicester, Bishop Knox and others.

Manuals recommended by the Book Room are as follows: *Confirming and Being Confirmed*, by the Rev. T. W. Gilbert, D.D. (1s.). Bishop Chavasse wrote of it that "it contains clear, forcible and Scriptural teaching." It consists of eight lectures preceded by an excellent summary and followed by a set of five or six questions on its subject matter. The order is mainly that of the Church Catechism, special attention being directed to the meaning of Confirmation and Holy Communion. *The Christian Fellowship*, by the Rev. C. H. E. Freeman, M.A., Vicar of St. Silas's, Blackburn, contains twelve talks in preparation for Confirmation. The Bishop of Worcester has contributed a foreword in which he says: "The author has produced an unusually valuable set of talks which will enable not only inexperienced clergy, but those of some standing in the ministry, to give solid and well-illustrated teaching to their candidates." This book is also published at 1s., and in connection with it a manual containing a series of twelve Class Notes has also been prepared, price 2d., or 14s. per 100. The Notes are perforated and can be distributed to the candidates after each lecture.

The Book Room has acquired the remainder of the English edition of Canon Dyson Hague's valuable little book on Confirmation. It came to us with the high commendation of two Canadian Archbishops, and Bishop Moule introduced it to English readers with cordial words of appreciation. Having read its pages packed with argument and earnest exhortations we fully endorse all that has been said by its eminent sponsors. In terse pointed sentences it sets forth the reasons and meaning of Confirmation and what is required by those who are to be confirmed. Senior candidates will find the book most helpful and stimulating. A sample copy will be sent on receipt of a postal order for 6d.

Confirmation Register.—Owing to several communications on this matter the Church Book Room has published a Confirmation Register, as

so many of those in existence do not contain sufficient room for the necessary particulars. This, we hope, has been rectified by the new Register which is now on sale. The size is 8 inches by 12 inches, and the price 5s. for 500 names, and 7s. 6d. for 1,000 names (postage 6d.).

Parochial Church Councils.—In view of the forthcoming elections we mention the following forms and books which have been issued by the Church Book Room: *The Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure*, with complete Text, Introduction, and Notes, by Albert Mitchell, 1s.; *The Enabling Act*, with complete Text and the Constitution of the National Assembly of the Church of England, with Notes, Introduction, and "Ladder of Lay Representation," and other Appendices, including Diocesan Conferences Regulation, 1922, Representation of the Laity Measure, 1929, etc., by Albert Mitchell, 1s.; *Parochial Church Councils*, a leaflet for distribution amongst P.C.C. members, by Albert Mitchell, 3s. per 100; *Parochial Electors' Roll Book*, containing 100 sheets and with alphabetical index cut through, 3s. 6d.; *Application for Enrolment on Church Electoral Roll*, 1s. per 100; also printed on card for Card Index System, 1s. 6d. per 100; *Notice of Enrolment of a Non-Resident*, 10d. per 100; *Notice to Cancel Entry in another Parish*, 10d. per 100; *Notice of Removal to another Parish*, 10d. per 100; *Notice of Revision of Church Electoral Roll*, 1d. each, 9d. per dozen; *Notice of Annual Parochial Church Meeting*, 1d. each, 9d. per dozen; *Notice of Joint Meeting for electing Churchwardens*, 1d. each, 9d. per dozen; *Notice of Parochial Church Council Meeting (for Church Door)*, 3d. per dozen; *Notice of Parochial Church Council Meeting with Agenda*, 1s. 6d. per 100; *Form of Parochial Voting Papers*, with space for 40 names, 2s. 6d. per 100; *Electoral Roll Sheets*, 2s. per 100; *Nomination Forms to Diocesan Conference*, 6d. per dozen; *Nomination Forms to House of Laity*, 6d. per dozen; *Nomination Forms to Parochial Church Council*, 1s. per 100. Sample packets of the above leaflets and forms can be supplied on application, price 3d. post free.

Church Accounts and Schedules.—Many enquiries have been received of late for an Account and Schedule of Church Property commonly called a "Terrier." Mr. Albert Mitchell has very kindly prepared a form, which is printed and published by the Church Book Room, price 1s. net (postage 2d.). This is supplied in an endorsed envelope, and we feel sure that it will be found of very great use by Churchwardens and others.

Women's Services.—A special service entitled *Short Liturgies for Women's Services*, by the Rev. W. E. Daniels, Vicar of St. George's, Deal, has just been published, price 2d. net, or 12s. per 100. The Services are compiled, with a few exceptions, from existing material, and an appendix is added as useful for mothers to teach their children.

National Church Almanack.—The Almanack for 1935 is in preparation, and will be ready in October, price 2d. We should be glad to receive advance orders and to have enquiries as to special rates for distribution. The Almanack is an excellent booklet to place in the hands of Churchpeople generally, and is especially useful to members of the Parochial Church Council.

Catalogue.—A General Catalogue of the Publications of the Church Book Room and Theological Books recommended and on sale in the Book Room has just been issued, and will be sent on application.