

CHURCH BOOK ROOM NOTES.

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EVANGELICAL clergy and others are invited to write to the Church Book Room for samples of the various leaflets and forms which are published through its agency in connection with the new Constitution of the Church of England. The leaflets are *The Ladder of Lay Representation*, 2s. per 100 post free; *The New Constitution of the Church of England*, 2s. per 100 post free; and the forms, *Declaration as to Qualification* (1st schedule), 1s. 6d. per 100 post free; the same printed with form for non-resident electors, 2s. per 100 post free; the same printed on cards for index system 3s. per 100 post free, the same printed with space for six signatures, 3s. per 100. Notice of Parish Church Meeting, 1d. each. Parochial Roll Sheets, 3s. per 100. Voting papers for Parochial Lay Representatives with spaces for twenty or for forty names, 3s. per 100.

A new leaflet, addressed to those lately confirmed, by Canon Grose Hodge, has just been issued by the Book Room entitled *The Life Beautiful*, 9d. per dozen or 4s. per 100. We are also able to announce that a new edition of the Archbishop of Sydney's manual, *Confirmation*, published in the English Church Manual series, has been issued at 2d. net. It is unfortunate that the high cost of printing at the present time prevents the former price of 1d. being adhered to, but we hope the increased price will not hinder the circulation of the new edition, which is printed on good paper and with an attractive cover.

Few questions are more to the fore at the present moment than that which concerns the origin and authority of the Christian Ministry, and it may be of service to mention the late Archbishop Whately's book, *Apostolical Succession Considered*, price 1s. net. Few men have had the gift of clear exposition of a weighty argument to so great an extent as the great logician whose mark upon the contemporaries of Newman was deep. His work is by no means forgotten, but it has suffered some eclipse on account of the readiness of readers to study what is novel and untrue, to the neglect of sound criticism and saving common-sense. In this volume we have one of the most powerful attacks ever made on the doctrine of Apostolical Succession, which was the chief plank of the Tractarian movement. The Archbishop shows the true character of the Christian Church as the organisation for propagating the social religion of its Founder. He proves that Christianity is without Sacrifice, Altar or Temple, and argues rightly that the English Reformers rested the claims of ministers "not on some supposed sacramental virtue, transmitted from hand to hand in unbroken succession from the Apostles in a chain, of which, if any one link be even doubtful, a distressing uncertainty is thrown over all Christian Ordinances, Sacraments, and Church privileges for ever; but on the fact of those ministers being the *regularly appointed officers of a regular Christian community.*" The logic of the Archbishop is irrefutable, his appeal to Scripture cannot be overthrown, and his healthy common sense and fidelity to the Reformation make his book valuable and stimulating. The usefulness of the present edition is considerably enhanced by an appendix, giving quotations from Anglican Divines, including such names as Bishop Gore, Bishop Lightfoot, Bishop Westcott, Canon Bigg, Dr. Sanday, Dr. C. A. Briggs, Professor Gwatkin, Dr. Hort, Dr. Harnack, and others.

At the present time, when the authority and Person of our Blessed Lord are discussed with freedom by many who are officers of the Christian Church, the little book by the late Archdeacon Gifford, is.

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net, entitled *The Incarnation*, should be read and studied. No one should be deterred from studying this little volume of 105 pages by a feeling that because it is scholarly and a classic it is difficult to read and hard to understand. We have no hesitation in saying that by the purity of its English, the lucidity of its style, and the masterly method of presenting its arguments, no person of average intelligence—even if he has not a knowledge of Greek—will be unable to follow the reasoning and see the grounds of the position adopted. The main portion of the book is taken up with a very careful and complete discussion of Philippians ii. 5-11. This passage has frequently been interpreted to admit dangerous views of the relationship between the Divine and the Human in the Person of our Lord. Some of those views have depended upon a partial examination of the passage before us. Here we have a thorough examination, the study of which will help us to a truer appreciation of its meaning. The second part of the book consists of a sermon on Psalm cx. preached before the University of Oxford, and discusses a particular question in reference to Our Lord's knowledge which is of typical importance. It shows that Our Lord did not exhibit either the literary ignorance, or the condescension to the literary ignorance of His opponents, which have been attributed to Him.

A reprint at 1s. net of the late Dean Goulburn's very useful work, *Primitive Church Teaching on the Holy Communion*, has been recently published. A

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High Churchman, he had a strong realisation of the Church as Reformed and Protestant, and felt it his duty to write and speak plainly on the introduction of practices and doctrines that are medieval and were deliberately rejected by our Reformers. This book was written by him, as he states in his preface, because since the original publication of his book, *The English Office of the Holy Communion*, "two or three practices, which seem to me wrong in principle, and to have a tendency to undermine the true doctrine of the Holy Eucharist, have shot up with an amazing rapidity, and are gaining every day a greater foothold among the members of our Communion," and he felt that readers of his book on the Holy Communion had a right to expect from him some guidance on such subjects as the practices he refers to in it: Fasting, Communion, Non-communicating Attendance, and previous private Confession.

The Rev. Bernard C. Jackson's little manual entitled *The Thirty-nine Articles*, 3d. net, has been described as the best popular boil-down of the

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Articles that has been issued. It is not wordy nor does it ever state the obvious as though the reader were in need of the most elementary knowledge, but is a real help to grasping the spirit and meaning of the Articles. In Sunday-schools and young men's classes it will be most useful, as the price enables it to be used by every member of the class, and it is faithful to the formulas which it unpretentiously illustrates. Mr. Jackson's little book is clear and concise, and the teaching which it contains is excellent in every way. For Churchpeople generally who desire to make themselves better acquainted with the Articles nothing could be more suitable.