

CHURCH BOOK ROOM NOTES.

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A LITTLE book, entitled *Private Morning Prayers and Devout Meditations*, 3d. net, will be found helpful to many. It is a selection from Bishop Andrewes'

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Devotions.**

Devotions, made and translated afresh by the late Canon F. Meyrick. Their special excellence is that they abound in Praise and Thanksgiving, and are based upon passages from the Psalms and other parts of Scripture.

The manual *Revelation*, in the English Church Manual series, by the Bishop of Bristol, has been reprinted in the same form as the Archbishop of Sydney's manual on *Confirmation*, and is priced 2d. net.

Revelation. This manual deals with a problem which is exercising the minds of many, and Dr. Nickson faces boldly the results of the study of Comparative Religion and shows how they prove the religious character of man. "There is," he says, "a Divine inspiration in every great religious Teacher, so far as his teaching has led men nearer the truth. Instead, therefore, of being dismayed or perplexed when we find ideas which we more specially associate with our Faith present in other religions, we ought to rejoice. Our task of evangelization is made easier." Needless to say, the Bishop emphasizes the unique character of the Revelation contained in the Bible. The pamphlet is divided into four sections under the headings of (1) Modern Obstacles to the Concept of a Revelation from God; (2) A priori Arguments for a Revelation from God; (3) Evidences of a Revelation from God; (4) Methods of Personal Appropriation of the Revelation.

Two of the historical manuals of the series are also being reprinted in the same form at 2d. each, *The Dawn of the Reformation*, by the Rev. H. E. H.

**Historical
Pamphlets.**

Probyn, M.A., and *Since the Days of the Reformation*, by the Bishop of Truro. These pamphlets show that their authors have the power of seizing salient points and passing by minor incidents. The careful study of both will remove many prevalent misconceptions and prove that there was great need of a Reformation, and that the Church of England is a Reformed Church. Dr. Guy Warman insists on the Apostolic, Catholic, Reformed and Protestant character of the Church. The Reformation gave to the Church its Reformed and Protestant aspect, and restored the full meaning of Apostolic and Catholic, which had been almost lost in the mists of Mediævalism. His pamphlet begins with a summary of the effects of the Reformation on the Church, and takes us down through the times of James I, Archbishop Laud, the Commonwealth, the Restoration, to the Evangelical Revival and the Oxford Movement. Mr. Probyn begins his pamphlet with a short sketch of the early British Church and the conversion of England. An interesting chapter is devoted to the happenings in the century before the Reformation.

Miss Ellen M. Knox, Principal of Havergal College, Toronto, has written not only a useful book for the reading of the modern girl, but one which is intensely interesting. *The Girl of the New Day*, 6s. net, is

The Girl of the New Day. published in Canada, but copies are obtainable through the Church Book Room. Miss Knox states in her preface that some years past a man on a far-away ranch in Western Canada turned to her saying, "What am I to do? We are out of reach of

Sunday School and friends—tell me of a book which will give my girl a wider outlook, which will open her eyes to her chances in life." The thought of that girl on her lonely farm recurred to Miss Knox time and time again until at length, as she says, she decided to write down, practically as spoken, one after another of her talks with her girls. The preliminary chapters are introductory to the kernel of the book—the chapters on the Joy of Teaching—the Joy of Nursing—the Joy of Farming—the Library—Household Arts—the Business World—the Call of Missions—the Joy of Music. Particularly interesting chapters are those entitled "The Call of the West" and "The Queen of Them All," which deals with Motherhood. A very useful appendix is given, stating the requirements of the different professions and trades in Canada and the emoluments to be received from each.

The Lord's Supper, by Dr. Drury, late Bishop of Ripon, and *The Confessional*, by Canon F. Meyrick, are two reprints from *Church and Faith*,

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a valuable collection of essays to which we have had occasion to refer many times in these columns. These two pamphlets are now issued at one penny and threepence respectively. Both are printed in clear type and are strongly bound in stiff paper covers. *The Lord's Supper* is written in a simple style, and is well suited for distribution among the more intelligent lay workers, Sunday School teachers, etc. The first portion consists of a description of the earlier development of the Eucharistic service, and Dr. Drury then considers the Holy Communion in its various aspects, i.e., as a service of remembrance, as a covenant sign, as a sacramental feast, as a Eucharist, as a service of fellowship. As the low price of the pamphlet brings it within the reach of all our readers we hope that many will buy copies. Canon Meyrick's pamphlet is a severe condemnation of the practice of Confession on the grounds alike of Scripture, of primitive custom, of history, and of its practical consequences. Those who read it with unprejudiced minds will probably be convinced that few greater injuries can be done to the English Church and the English people than the re-introduction for general adoption of a practice so inconsistent with ancient example and so adverse to the cultivation of the best manly and womanly character. The present value of the reprint is enhanced by a preface written by the Dean of Canterbury.

The Catholic Faith, by Dr. Griffith Thomas, which has been for some little time out of print is now on sale, price 1s. 6d. net in paper covers, 2s. net in limp cloth, and 2s. 6d. net in cloth boards. Dr. Griffith

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Thomas has thoroughly revised the new edition, which has been in parts re-written and added to. We hope that it will have as large a circulation as previous editions. This will be found a valuable book to place in the hands of young Church people. Its sub-title, *A Manual of Instruction for Members of the Church of England*, explains its purpose, and it answers two important questions, *What is the Church of England?* and *What does the Church of England teach?*

