

## CHURCH BOOK ROOM NOTES.

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**Prayer Book Revision.**—A pamphlet on Prayer Book Revision from an Evangelical point of view by the Rev. T. W. Gilbert, B.D., is published by the Book Room at 1d. net. It is short and concise and deals especially with the proposals in N.A. 60, the particular portions which Evangelicals welcome, those which they dislike, and ends with an appeal to Evangelical and Moderate Churchmen to unite on a policy of no *doctrinal* revision of the present Prayer Book. A four-paged leaflet has also been issued by the National Church League on the *Proposed Revision of the Prayer Book* published at 1s. 6d. per 100 for general distribution. It is written simply and deals with the origin and proposals for Revision, the character of the Report, and the purpose of the proposed changes. It ends with a note on the duty of Churchpeople. In *Anglican Essays* which has just been published, edited by the Ven. W. L. Paige Cox, B.D., quotations are given from, and reference is made in one or two of the Essays to, Bishop Dowden's pamphlet *Define Your Terms*, which is published by the Church Book Room at 1d. net. Mr. W. Prescott Upton's manual on *The Proposed Revision of the Prayer Book* which was mentioned in the January number of *THE CHURCHMAN* has reached a 2nd edition, and has been considerably revised and enlarged. It is priced 3d.

**The Canadian Revision.**—Archdeacon Armitage, who was Secretary of the Canadian Revision and saw the various draft books through the Press, has issued a very interesting volume entitled *The Story of the Canadian Revision of the Prayer Book*, 9s. net. It explains the various changes made, and the reasons therefor, furnishing at the same time a most interesting and intelligent account of the new material, especially the new services. The Primate of All Canada writes :—"I have nothing but praise for your production, which is splendid. You have told your story in a most interesting way. What might easily have been a prosy reciting of facts has been relieved and brightened by a raciness and a knowledge of Prayer Book revision generally."

**The London Meeting of Lay Churchmen.**—The Report of the 10th London Meeting of Lay Churchmen, held in January last, is now obtainable, price 1s., post free. The general subject of the Meeting was *Prayer Book Revision*, and the papers include *The Need and Purpose of Revision and the Question of Alternative Use* by Dr. Eugene Stock; *Prayer Book Revision in Relation to Sacerdotalism, Modernism, Evangelicalism*, by Mr. Stephen Neill; *Morning and Evening Prayer, Litany, etc.*, by Mr. W. Prescott Upton; *The Psalter and the Occasional Services*, by Miss B. C. Mulliner, M.A. Lond.; *The Holy Communion*, by Mr. G. A. King, besides speeches on the general subject by Mr. Albert Mitchell, Sir Thomas Inskip and others. The papers will be found of particular interest in view of the Prayer Book Revision proposals. It would be invidious to pick out any particular paper as more valuable than the rest, as all are useful and instructive, but that by Mr. Stephen Neill is of remarkable interest, coming as it does from a young Cambridge graduate, while Professor Pite's opening address on the general question will be read with much advantage.

**A Church History.**—A large number of requests for a re-issue of *The Layman's History of the Church of England* by the Rev. G. R. Balleine have been received during the last few months, and we are glad to announce the issue of a 3rd edition at 2s. 6d. net. (postage 5d.). The new edition has been brought up to date and will, we hope, have as great a demand as the two previous editions, both of which went out of print in the year of their publication. It is difficult to speak too highly of this admirable little book. It is written from "the best Evangelical point of view" in a most entertaining and attractive way, avoiding little technical points, of interest only to the scholar. It deals clearly and truly with the great questions and issues that have successively arisen in the course of the history of the Church of our land. A review of the book appears in this issue under "Reviews."

**The Infallibility of the Church.**—No work on the Roman Controversy has made so deep an impression as *The Infallibility of the Church*, written by the late Dr. Salmon, Provost of Trinity College, Dublin. For wit, clearness and common sense the book has no rival. Dr. Salmon stood in the front rank of the world's scholars and teachers, and every page of the volume bears testimony to a sureness of historical insight and a grasp of essentials. It was originally published at 9s., and in 1914 a cheap edition was issued at 2s. 6d. net, which is now completely exhausted. As it is one of the ablest books written on the Roman Controversy and has never been answered or contradicted, it is felt that an effort should be made to secure the immediate publication of another edition, and we are glad to say that Mr. John Murray has consented to publish it. It is impossible to issue the new edition under 5s. net and even then the publishers will receive very little return for their outlay. We very much hope that our readers, if they have not already a copy of this most valuable work, will obtain one. All will be able to read it with interest and we may say enjoyment, for it is most interestingly written and is by no means "dry reading."

**Whereunto are We Drifting?**—In view of the statements made in the "Anglo-Catholic" Handbooks our readers who have not already obtained a copy of *Quousque? Whereunto are we Drifting?* (2s. 3d. post free) would do well to obtain a copy. It contains a number of extracts and quotations from the writings of "Anglo-Catholic" Divines showing how far the present so-called Catholic school goes beyond, not merely the old historic school of days gone by, but those who went all lengths with the Tractarian Movement. The book will be found most useful by those who are engaged in repelling this assault on the faith and practice of our Reformed Church.

**An Australian Soldier on Christianity.**—Dr. E. Digges La Touche was a distinguished Irish clergyman, who for health reasons undertook work in Australia. When the call came in 1914 he volunteered for work as a chaplain. Older men were chosen, so he volunteered as a private, and did excellent Christian work among his comrades. Given his commission, he died leading his men in Gallipoli. Shortly before leaving Australia he delivered five lectures on *The Philosophy of the Faith* which have been published by the Church Book Room under that title (1s. 8d. post free). His thought is always clear, his scholarship is undoubted, and his enthusiasm for what he believes to be truth is evident in every page. There has already been a great demand for the book which will well repay the small outlay.