

## CHURCH BOOK ROOM NOTES.

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**Parochial Church Councils' Powers Measure.**—A fourth impression has been issued of Mr. Albert Mitchell's valuable explanation of the Parochial Church Councils' Powers Measure, 1921. The new edition has been considerably revised and enlarged in view of many inquiries which have been received since the issue of the last edition on little-understood points in the Act, and we are sure that this edition will be found even more useful than the last. An addition to the book is the Representation of the Laity Measure, 1922, which has been added as an appendix. To this also is appended special explanatory notes by Mr. Mitchell. The book, though written by a lawyer, is penned, not so much from the standpoint of a lawyer as from that of an active Church worker of widely varied experience, and if to the more technical mind some of the difficulties indicated and endeavoured to be met seem too slight for a textbook or exposition, the explanation is that the writer has had them propounded to him in or about his Ruridecanal Conference or in parochial work. The price of the book remains at 1s., and every member of a Parochial Church Council should possess a copy.

**Circulation of Literature.**—When the special Committee, consisting of the Archbishop of Sydney, the late Bishop of Chelmsford, Dr. Watts-Ditchfield, the present Bishop of Chelmsford and Canon Dawson Walker issued the series of pamphlets entitled English Church Manuals, a special book-rack was designed by the Church Book Room for the sale of these and other pamphlets, particularly in churches and parish halls. The Committee felt the importance of the circulation of literature in this way, having in mind the large quantities of literature circulated in Anglo-Catholic Churches by means of similar book-racks and literature tables. Over 500 of these special book-racks were quickly sold. Unfortunately, owing to the large increase in the cost of production in 1915, it was impossible to continue the supply until last year, when it was again possible to produce them at a reasonable price. Two racks are being supplied: one which contains space for a parish magazine and which is suitable for standing on a table, size 22 in. × 12 in. × 7½ in., and the other, size 19 in. × 22 in. × 2½ in., more suitable for placing on a wall. This is designed to show more manuals, but contains fewer of each kind. Each rack is fitted with a strong money-box, with a lock and key, in which purchasers can place the amount of their purchase. A label is affixed to the front of the box with the words, "Please take one and place money in the box." Both racks can be supplied at the same price, 16s. net each, or with 100 1d. manuals at 20s., or 100 2d. manuals 25s., carriage extra, which varies according to distance, but might be taken on an average at 2s. 6d. The racks are sent packed in strong wooden cases. †

Several instances of the value of these racks as a means of distributing literature have come to our notice, and we would particularly emphasize the importance of parishes in seaside and country places, where a large number of strangers visit the churches, being provided with these racks. In one village in Somerset over £12 worth of pamphlets was sold in the

summer months last year, mainly to visitors, who, in many cases, placed more than their actual purchase in the box. Large repeat orders have been received for pamphlets from parishes in seaside resorts, and also from churches where the vicar has recommended some of the booklets from the pulpit in the course of a sermon on a particular subject.

**Pamphlets.**—Of the various pamphlets suitable for placing in these racks, we once more draw special attention to the English Church Manuals, published at 1d., a list of which will be supplied on application, and to the new series of Prayer Book Teaching Manuals published at 2d. each. The great united Demonstration on the Reformation recently held at the Albert Hall, and the issue of "A Call to Action," draw particular attention to the pamphlets specially dealing with the subject of the Reformation. The following may be briefly mentioned: five pamphlets in the English Church Manuals series: *The Dawn of the Reformation*, by the Rev. H. E. H. Probyn; *The English Reformation and Since the Days of the Reformation*, by the Bishop of Chelmsford (Dr. Guy Warman); *The Story of the Prayer Book*, by Bishop H. C. G. Moule; and *Principles of the Prayer Book*, by Bishop T. W. Drury; and eight new pamphlets in the Prayer Book Teaching series which treat largely of the subject: *The English Church, Catholic, Apostolic, Reformed, Protestant*, by the Rev. C. S. Carter, Litt.D.; *A Short Sketch of English Church History*, by the Rev. T. J. Pulvertaft; *The Christian Church*, by the Rev. C. S. Carter, Litt.D.; *A Short History of the Prayer Book*, by the Rev. T. W. Gilbert, D.D.; *Apostolical Succession*, by Canon H. A. Wilson; *The Creeds*, by the Rev. Harold Smith, D.D.; *Fasting Communion and Non-Communicating Attendance*, and "This is My Body," by Canon A. P. Cox.

**The Sacrifice of Christ.**—This book by Dean Wace is one of his least-known works and one of the most valuable. A re-issue of the book with a new introduction was published in 1915 by Mr. John Murray at 1s. The book contains addresses written for Lincoln's Inn Chapel, which were prompted, as the Dean states in his Preface, by a desire to apprehend, if possible, how the Sacrifice of our Saviour, and its atoning efficacy, arose naturally from the circumstances of His life and ministry, and from His relation to the Jews. Much of the difficulty felt on the subject has probably arisen from an impression that the Atonement involved some arbitrary or artificial arrangement, amounting almost to a legal fiction; and thoughtful persons have been perplexed, or even repelled, by the introduction of conceptions of this nature into the profound moral realities of the relations between God and man. The subject is divided into the following sections: The History of the Sacrifice, the Efficacy of the Sacrifice, the Effect of the Sacrifice, the Testimony of the Sacrifice, and the Sufficiency of the Sacrifice.

**"Jewel's Apology."**—The disparaging references which are now so often made to the Reformation and the controversies of the sixteenth century make it necessary for Churchmen to ascertain for themselves the facts which led to those controversies. Canon Meyrick added to his great work for the Church when he published *Jewel's Apology*, written in modern speech, under the title *On the English Reformation and the Faith of English Churchmen* (6d.). We cannot too often mention Canon Meyrick's other books, particularly *Scriptural and Catholic Truth and Worship, or the Faith and Worship of the Primitive, Mediæval and Reformed Anglican Churches*, a new edition of which is issued at 1s. 6d. net.