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CHURCH BOOK ROOM NOTES.

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Gift Books.—Some excellent gift books can be found in Messrs. Seeley's "Books on Travel." These books contain interesting descriptions by famous explorers, sportsmen, soldiers, scientists and others of savage and semi-civilized tribes in little-known regions. The last of this series is *On the Trail of the Veiled Tuareg*, which is an account of those mystic nomadic warriors whose home is the trackless desert and whose history fades into the far past. The author, Mr. Dugald Campbell, presents a fascinating story and the book is well illustrated and has an excellent map. Its price is 21s. net.

Another book, also published by Messrs. Seeley, is entitled *Crooks and Crime*, by Mr. J. Kenneth Ferrier, C.I.D., formerly Detective-Inspector at Scotland Yard. This book describes the methods of criminals from the area-sneak to the professional card-sharper, forger or murderer, and the various ways in which they are circumvented and captured. There are many interesting illustrations and photographs in the book, which is issued at 18s. net.

A number of books originally issued at 6s. and 7s. 6d. by Messrs. Morgan & Scott, under the general title of *Stories of High Purpose*, have now been issued at 3s. 6d. net (postage 6d.) and can be thoroughly recommended. The books include: *The Call of the Night-Rider*, A Tale of the Days of William Tyndale, by Mr. Albert Lee, one of the finest of modern historical romances, with four coloured and four half-tone illustrations; *Under Coligny's Banner*, also by Mr. Lee, giving a vivid picture of a momentous period in French history; *The Sapphire Button*, A Romance of the Road in Stuart Days, by Miss Florence Bone, is enriched with many quotations from George Herbert's writings and is full of plots and counterplots between the Puritans and the Royalists; *The Dawn of Hope*, A Tale of the Days of St. Paul, by Morice Gerard. *The British Weekly* says of it: "This graceful and tender romance is really a study of the Gospel of the Resurrection as it appealed to those who first heard it under the magnetic influence of St. Paul." Other books in this series of high standard, but not of historical interest, are *Mrs. Desmond's Daughter*, by E. Everett-Green; *The Girls of Clare Hall*, by Esther E. Enock; *Isobel's Winnowing*, by A. D. Stewart; *Dudley Napier's Daughters* and *Terrie's Moorland Home*, by Amy Le Feuvre.

Christian Inscriptions in Ancient Rome: Their Message for To-day, by Prebendary H. E. Fox, with a preface by the late Dean of Canterbury, has been re-issued at 2s. 6d. net. This book affords us all the means of becoming acquainted with one of the most interesting and most valuable records of early Christian life.

Sunday School Lesson Books.—We are glad to be able to announce the re-issue of two Sunday School Lesson Books by the Rev. G. R. Balleine: *Boys and Girls of the Bible; For the Sundays of the Church's Year in the School or Home*. The object of these lessons is to give the children a bird's-eye view of the whole Bible story from Abraham to St. Paul. In order to keep in touch with the Church Seasons, we begin with the New Testament. After two introductory lessons illustrating the world's need of Christ, we have a lesson on St. John the Baptist, then seven lessons on our Lord's Childhood,

ten lessons on our Lord's Ministry, and five from the Acts of the Apostles. Then we turn back to the Old Testament, taking two stories of the days of Abraham, one of Joseph, two of Moses, one of Joshua, two of the Judges, four of David, one of Solomon, one of Elijah, three of Elisha, four of the later Kings, two of the Captivity, one of Nehemiah, and one of Esther. The incidents have been selected with the thought that children are always interested in children, and, as the titles show, every lesson in this course is a story about a child.

The second book, *Lessons on the Acts of the Apostles*, provides the teacher with three things which will help to make the lessons interesting. (1) A quite definite aim for each Sunday. (2) A way of breaking the lesson into convenient headings. (3) A large amount of explanatory or illustrative matter. The Forewords to both books are full of useful and helpful hints to teachers. They are published at 2s. net each (postage 3d.).

Prayer Book Revision.—The Official Report of the Parliamentary Debates (Hansard) on the Prayer Book in the House of Commons on Thursday, December 15th, can be obtained at 6d. (7d. post free) from the Book Room. The reports of the House of Lords' Debate on the 12th, 13th and 14th December can also be obtained at 6d. each.

Bishop Knox has issued a little pamphlet entitled *The Malines Conference and the Deposited Book*, price 2d., in which he emphasizes the close relations between the two.

The Rev. W. C. Procter has issued a short supplement to his book, *The Bible and the Composite Prayer Book*, which is inserted in each copy. To those who have already purchased the book, the supplement will be gladly sent on application to Messrs. Thynne & Jarvis, Ltd., 28-30, Whitefriars Street, E.C.4

Manuals for Communicants.—For presentation to Confirmees we again recommend the following books: *Helps to the Christian Life* (3rd edition), by the Rev. T. W. Gilbert, D.D. (cloth gilt 1s. 6d., cloth 1s., paper 6d.). This manual, containing advice and suggestions on Prayer and Bible Study, and also instructions and devotions before, at the time of and after Holy Communion, has been found a real help to the young and to the adult communicant; *My First Communion*, by the Rev. A. R. Runnels-Moss, M.A. (price, cloth gilt 1s. 3d., cloth 1s.), has already reached a third edition and is a simple explanation of the Sacrament and Office, together with the Service. A devotional section has been added to the third edition, which has greatly enhanced the value of the book. Bishop Knox says of it: "I cannot doubt that this manual will find an extensive circulation, since it is both instructive and inspiring, and I have much pleasure in commending it to the notice of Evangelical clergy for the use of their communicants." A third edition of Canon Barnes-Lawrence's valuable manual, *The Holy Communion: Its Institution, Purpose, Privilege*, has been issued in three forms (cloth gilt 2s., cloth limp 1s., paper 9d.). The body of the book is largely devotional and some instruction on difficult points is given in an appendix. It is particularly useful for presentation to Public School boys and girls.

At the Lord's Table, by Canon H. A. Wilson (cloth gilt 1s. 6d., cloth 1s.). The "preparation" is very practical and shows a true appreciation of the life and thought of the younger generation. The Self-Examination portion is not overdone and is on original lines. It has three lines of thought—one based on the Fruit of the Spirit in Galatians v.; one on the Beatitudes, and one on the Shorter Exhortation. The book possesses positive merits of a special character.