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CHURCH BOOK ROOM NOTES.

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William, Prince of Orange.—Miss Marjorie Bowen has written a new book entitled *William, Prince of Orange, afterwards King of England: His Early Life*, illustrated, 18s. net (postage 9d.). Miss Bowen has written a number of historical novels and romances, and not the least are those which treat with the struggle for freedom in the Netherlands. The period is one which the authoress has made peculiarly her own and the present book is the result of years of interest in the subject. It is an account of the childhood and youth of a man who by reason of his position and his character has constantly occupied the attention of his followers, has been extravagantly lauded and fiercely slandered. English historians have written of William III as King of England, but seldom shown him against his Dutch background, and seldom without a reserve even in their praise, and this Miss Bowen endeavours to rectify, very successfully, in her very interesting and painstaking study. The volume now issued only carries us up to the end of William's twenty-third year, but two more volumes are to follow describing the rest of his life. Miss Bowen's intention was to gather together in one volume the very scattered material relative to the life of the Prince, which has not been presented before in a sequence in English, and to present a portrait of William III in his youth—an intention admirably fulfilled. The book is one which will be valued on account of its vivid description of the life and manners of the period. It shows evidence of considerable research, is well documented, and is successful in depicting the confused atmosphere of the time.

Those of our readers who have not read Miss Bowen's historical novels on the period are recommended to do so. They are: *I Will Maintain; God and the King; Defender of the Faith; Prince and Heretic, and William, By the Grace of God*, are all published at 3s. 6d. net each (postage 6d.). There is another exceedingly useful and instructive historical essay by Miss Bowen entitled *Luctor et Emergo: The State of England at the Peace of Ryswick*, which is recommended. The essay contains an account of William III gathered from the material in Miss Bowen's works. It is published at 1s. 6d. post free.

Religious Novels.—Messrs. Sampson Low, Marston & Co. have just published two books of a religious nature which we are glad to be able to notice in this column. The first, entitled *Shoddy*, by Dan Brummitt, is one of the best religious novels that has come to our notice. The scene is laid mainly in America, the hero being a boy born in a mining centre of Lancashire who migrated early to the States, working his way through one of the Universities there and eventually becoming a Bishop of the Methodist Church in America. The story contains a great deal of extremely interesting matter and will well repay reading.

The second book, entitled *The Gulf of Years*, by Watson Griffith, is of quite a different type and deals particularly with Faith and Faith-healing. The scene is also laid in America. The text of the book is given in an extract from a speech by Sir William Osler in January, 1901, which forms an introduction, the purport of which is that faith is the great lever of life,

without which men can do nothing. Both books are published at 7s. 6d. net each (postage 6d.).

Church Accounts and Schedules.—Many inquiries have been received of late for an Account and Schedule of Church Property, commonly called a "Terrier." Mr. Albert Mitchell has very kindly prepared a form, which is printed and published by the Church Book Room, price 1s. net (postage 2d.). This is supplied in an endorsed envelope, and we feel sure that it will be found of very great use by Churchwardens and others.

Intercommunion.—The article on *Intercommunion*, by the Rev. J. P. S. R. Gibson, Principal of Ridley Hall, Cambridge, which appeared in *THE CHURCHMAN* for January, has now been issued in pamphlet form, price 2d. It was felt that this article would be of considerable value during the next few months, in view of the many discussions that will take place on the subject before the Lambeth Conference next year.

The Sung Eucharist.—Archdeacon Thorpe has written an extraordinarily valuable pamphlet entitled *The Anglo-Catholic Sung Eucharist*, which has been published by the Church Book Room, price 2d. net. This pamphlet is written in the Archdeacon's clear and forcible way against this growing practice, and we trust it will have a large circulation, particularly in districts where the Sung Eucharist is superseding Morning Prayer.

A Christian State.—Sir Lewis Dibdin has answered some of the Bishop of Durham's special pleading in regard to Disestablishment in two able articles which appeared in *The Times*. These have now been issued in pamphlet form, price 6d. net (7d. post free), and will form a treasure-house of valuable historical information on the position of our Church in regard to the State.

New Folk Runes.—A series of excellent simple children's posters, as they are described by the publisher, is being issued on a thick board, size 12" x 10", in beautiful design and colouring, price 1s. each. The four now published are:—*The Children's Beatitudes*, a copyright publication, here illustrated for the first time; *My Creed*, some favourite verses: "I will be true for there are those who trust me," etc.; *A London Litany*, in praise of the blessings of our corporate life, a new publication, not done in any other form; and *Motherhood*, lines issued by permission of the author, Miss Evelyn Underhill. They would make very attractive additions to the walls of school or playroom.

The Tomb and Life Beyond.—Messrs. Elliot Stock have just published a booklet entitled *The Tomb and Life Beyond in the Light of Bible Lands*, by the Rev. J. Politeyan, B.A., F.R.G.S., price 1s. 6d. net (postage 2d.). The subject matter of this book was originally one of a course of lectures given on various Biblical subjects at the Palestine Bible Schools which have been organized by several rural deaneries in the South of England and conducted by the author. The lecture has been published in book form in response to many and repeated requests, and should prove comforting and helpful to its many readers. This all-important subject is treated entirely from an oriental standpoint.