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## CHURCH BOOK ROOM NOTES.

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**National Church Almanack.**—We remind our readers of the announcement made in the October number of *THE CHURCHMAN* of the issue of the National Church Almanack for 1933 (2*d.*). Copies are still available, and we suggest it might well be used by Clergy for circulation in their Parishes at the New Year. Special terms can be arranged for quantities.

**Dr. Griffith Thomas.**—The demand for copies of *The Principles of Theology*, An Introduction to the Thirty-nine Articles, by the Rev. W. H. Griffith Thomas, D.D. (12*s.* 6*d.*), continues. It will be remembered that the first edition was disposed of within two months of publication, and a larger edition with a more complete index was issued immediately. The returns for *The Catholic Faith*, a Manual of Instruction for Members of the Church of England (2*s.* 6*d.* and 1*s.* 6*d.*), are also exceedingly good. This book has reached its fiftieth thousand. *A Sacrament of our Redemption*, An inquiry into the meaning of the Lord's Supper in the New Testament and the Church of England (1*s.* 6*d.* and 1*s.*), which is in its second edition, is also in demand. Two reprints of two of Dr. Griffith Thomas's books have recently been issued, and we commend them to the notice of our readers. They are: *The Apostle John, his Life and Writings* (4*s.*); a volume which is intended to help those who are called upon to preach and teach, and on this account, the material is set out largely in outline form. This book also contains a very valuable bibliography of larger books, which the author says, although varying greatly in their attitude to Scripture and in their Spiritual teaching, have been consulted or otherwise used, in the preparation of his book. The second book, *Grace and Power—Some Aspects of the Spiritual Life* (2*s.* 6*d.*), is intended in its first part to call attention to some of the possibilities of Christian living, in the second to some of its provisions, and in the third to a few of its guarantees of protection.

**Parochial Church Councils.**—The following forms and books have been issued by the Church Book Room: *The Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure*, with complete Text, Introduction, and Notes, by Albert Mitchell (1*s.*); *The Enabling Act*, with complete Text and the Constitution of the National Assembly of the Church of England, with Notes, Introduction, and "Ladder of Lay Representation," and other Appendices, by Albert Mitchell (1*s.*). These are recommended, as are also the forms published by the League, a sample packet of which will be sent on receipt of 3*d.* The following is the list: No. 1A. *Application for Enrolment on Church Electoral Roll* (1*s.* per 100). No. 1B. Ditto, printed on card for Card Index System (1*s.* 6*d.* per 100). No. 2. *Notice of Enrolment of a Non-Resident* (10*d.* per 100). No. 3. *Notice to Cancel Entry in Another Parish* (10*d.* per 100). No. 4. *Notice of Removal to Another Parish* (10*d.* per 100). No. 5. *Notice of Revision of Church Electoral Roll* (1*d.* each; 9*d.* per dozen). No. 6. *Notice of Annual Parochial Church Meeting* (1*d.* each; 9*d.* per dozen). No. 7. *Notice of Joint Meeting for Electing Churchwardens* (1*d.* each; 9*d.* per dozen). No. 8. *Notice of Parochial Church Council Meeting* (for Church Door) (3*d.* per dozen). No. 9. *Notice of Parochial Church Council Meeting with Agenda* (1*s.* 6*d.* per 100). No. 10B. *Form of Parochial Voting Paper*, with space for forty names (2*s.* 6*d.* per 100). No. 11. *Electoral Roll Sheets* (2*s.* per 100). No. 12. *Nomination Forms to Diocesan Conference* (6*d.* per dozen). No. 13. *Nomination*

*Forms to House of Laity* (6d. per dozen). No. 14. *Nomination Forms to Parochial Church Council* (1s. per 100).

**Sunday Schools.**—As we understand from purchasers in the Book Room that a large number of Sunday Schools are taking the *Acts of the Apostles* as their subject for this year, we mention some publications of George Phillips & Co., which are interesting and useful, namely : 1. Phillips's *Handy Scripture Atlas* with index (price 1s. 3d.). This Atlas, in addition to the Bibliographical and Classical names of places, also gives their modern names. It contains 32 maps, and there are 11 pages of index. 2. *An Atlas illustrating the Acts of the Apostles and the Epistles*, by the Rev. John F. Stirling (price 1s. 3d.). This Atlas contains 22 maps, and some very useful notes. It is designed to give at a glance a complete and graphic outline of Apostolic history. 3. *An Atlas of the Life of Christ*, by the Rev. John F. Stirling (price 1s. 3d.), the design of which is to give a simple, clear and connected outline of the Life of Christ. It contains 21 maps, upon which as far as possible His journeys are traced, and the different incidents of His history are marked at the places where they occur. Two Jig-Saw puzzles (price 1s. each), have also been issued, one illustrating the Missionary journeys and the last voyage of the Apostle Paul, and the other a Map of Palestine.

**Church and State.**—Mr. Robert Stokes, author of *New Imperial Ideals* and *The Moral Issue in India*, has just published at 6d. a valuable booklet entitled *The Christian Church and the Christian State*. Mr. Stokes treats with the main features of the position of the Established Church in this country, and Sir Thomas Inskip contributes a foreword in which he bears his testimony to Mr. Stokes's treatment of the subject. He says : " I am very glad it has been decided to publish this most informative and wise examination of the relation of Church and State." In this study of the application of Christian ethics to the corporate conduct of the State the author criticises theories based on facile analogies between the Church of England, and argues that for England there can be no permanent half-way house between the present Establishment of the Church of England and the degradation of the Empire to the level of a secular State. All our readers who wish to understand the issues which will be raised in the controversy which must inevitably soon arise when the report of the Church Assembly Commission on the relation of Church and State is published, would do well to make a careful study of the case as presented by Mr. Stokes in his pamphlet, which has already reached a second edition.

**Confirmation.**—A new series of notes by the Rev. C. H. E. Freeman published in connection with his book, *The Christian Fellowship*, has just been issued, entitled *Outlines for Confirmation Candidates* (price 2d. or 14s. per 100). The Outlines are twelve in number, and there are also pages devoted to Confirmation questions, Confirmation and After, and some Methods of Work. Mr. Freeman's book (1s. and 1s. 6d.), has been very well received, and is commended by the Bishop of Worcester in the foreword, in which he states that it commends itself to him " because it contains *twelve* talks, and not the usual eight which are insufficient for any but exceptional boys and girls ; and also because it lays stress on the outcome of Confirmation in a life of *service*, a point often forgotten in Confirmation preparation : and does not stop short of the world-wide mission of the Church which every member should be taught from the first is his concern. It is none the worse for being quite frankly written from the point of view of a loyal Evangelical Churchman."