

CHURCH BOOK ROOM NOTES.

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The Keswick Convention.—Arrangements were made for the first time last year for a National Church League Stall at the Keswick Convention. The Stall was well patronised, and from remarks made by customers, it was evident that the opportunity to purchase our publications and to learn of the activities of the League was much appreciated. The success of this venture has encouraged us to arrange for a stall again this year. A number of our publications, particularly those of a devotional nature and those dealing with Sunday School work, will be on sale. The General Secretary, the Rev. T. Ashton, will also be at Keswick and can be seen at the stall by appointment.

Dr. Dyson Hague.—Our readers will be grieved to learn of the death of Canon Dyson Hague, several of whose books have been published by or through the Church Book Room. His latest book, *The Life and Work of John Wycliffe*, has just been published at 3s. 6d. (post 4d.), the final proofs arriving in England only a few days before his death.

He was a constant contributor to *THE CHURCHMAN* and other Evangelical Magazines and his writings were valued for their scholarship and clearness. His present book has been pronounced by some of those who have seen it before publication to be the best of his works, and we have no doubt that it will have a wide circulation.

Over twenty-five years ago Canon Dyson Hague wrote a short life of Wycliffe as an historical study, taking pains to secure all the literature upon the subject that was then available. As important additions have been made to the fund of Wycliffe literature since that time, the author has carefully revised the original book, which has been largely rewritten and added to from material gleaned from recent knowledge and research.

The Prayer Book.—*The Story of the English Prayer Book*, which has reached two editions, and *Through the Prayer Book*, are two other books by Canon Dyson Hague, published at 3s. 6d. each (post 5d.), which have been noticed and recommended several times in this Magazine. A smaller book of particular value also published by the Church Book Room is *The Holy Communion of the Church of England* (1s. 6d., post 2d.), which has a commendatory Preface by Bishop Knox. An older book which is almost a classic, and which is obtainable at 1s. (post 3d.), is entitled *The Protestantism of the Prayer Book*, with Prefaces by the late Bishops J. C. Ryle and H. C. G. Moule. In addition to these the Church Book Room holds the stock of his valuable little book on *Confirmation, Why we have it: What it Means: What it Requires* (6d., post 1d.).

The Reformation.—An important work entitled *The Reformation and Reunion*, by the Rev. C. Sydney Carter, D.D., has just been published by the Church Book Room (3s. 6d., post 4d.). It is issued with an "Appreciation" by Bishop Knox in which he states that the imprimatur of the University of Oxford on the historical correctness of Dr. Carter's presentation of the Reunion Problem cannot fail to command the attention of all who desire to form a sound judgment on that question. The subject matter

of the book formed one of three theses which were accepted by the University in 1933 meriting the degree of Doctor of Divinity. Bishop Knox describes the book as invaluable and states that it should be prayerfully studied and mastered. The Bishop of Manchester (Dr. Guy Warman) contributes a "Foreword" in which he warmly commends the book and welcomes its issue at a time when we are beginning to think of the 300th anniversary of the placing of the Bible in our Anglican Churches. Dr. Carter's account of John Dury's efforts to promote unity and union throughout Protestant Christendom, which are not by any means as well known as they should be, is one of the many matters which Dr. Carter treats very clearly, showing their bearing upon the main thesis of his book.

The *Expository Times* says of it: "One of the most valuable studies which we have had the pleasure of reading for some time. . . . It proves that some things which the Anglo-Catholic has repeated so often and so dogmatically that he not only believes them himself, but has wellnigh persuaded others to accept their truth, have no historical justification at all. . . . The price of this excellent book is so low that we trust it will find the dissemination its merits deserve. It should be in the hands of all ministers, theological students and many laymen."

Viscount Brentford.—A few copies remain of Mr. H. A. Taylor's biography entitled *Jix—Viscount Brentford*, which was originally published at 21s. These copies can now be obtained from the Church Book Room at 7s. 6d. each, post free. In writing this book, the author was assisted by much intimate material which Lord Brentford had prepared with a view to the publication of a book of memoirs, and on which he was working when his last illness overtook him. In Mr. Taylor's book Lord Brentford's political life and his activities in connection with Church matters are well portrayed, and as the *Observer* states in a review: "The biography leaves admiration for a personality compact of energy and goodwill and the sincerest kind of public spirit."

"Is It True?"—A new series of booklets under the general title of *Is It True?* is being published by the Church Book Room at 1d. each, or 7s. per hundred. The first of the issue is now in print, and is entitled, *Is It True that We shall Live after Death?* by the Rev. C. W. R. J. Anderson, B.D., Vicar of St. Peter's, Islington.

Infant Baptism.—Within the Church there is an astonishing difference of opinion upon the subject of Infant Baptism, and we are constantly receiving testimonies to the value of a little book entitled *Infant Baptism*, by Canon A. E. Barnes Lawrence, written some little time ago. One clergyman recently told us that he had given the book to his Lay Reader who had acknowledged that he did not really understand the subject; but after reading this little book two or three times, he realised its importance. The Vicar on paying his next visit to the Book Room bought more copies of the book which he said he wished to always have by him to give in similar cases. The book is obtainable at 7d. post free.

Confession.—There is a strong movement to re-establish the practice of systematic Confession to a priest in order to obtain private Absolution, and we feel that Canon Meyrick's pamphlet *The Confessional* will be exceedingly useful in the consideration of this subject (4d. post free).