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CHURCH BOOK ROOM NOTES.

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The Sunday School.—Sunday School Lesson Books which are being issued this year are as follows :—A reprint of *Lessons on the Hymn Book*, and *The Message of the Prayer Book*, by the Rev. G. R. Balleine (2s. each), which are now ready; and *The Faith of our Fathers*, also by the Rev. G. R. Balleine (2s.). The last book is being issued with stamps in books at 4s. sufficient for ten children for the year. Mrs. Macdougall Ferguson, author of *Bible Tales for Little Folk* which was published last year, is writing a further series entitled *More Bible Tales for Little Folk* (1s. 6d.). This is for the infant school. The book by the Rev. L. E. L. Roberts, mentioned in these notes last quarter, will not be published until the new year.

Book Racks.—The following penny booklets are recommended for the Book Racks, which are supplied by the League: *Reading the Bible, Some Thoughts and Hints*, by Bishop H. C. G. Moule; *The Clear Heavens Beyond*, by the Rev. F. W. Boreham; *Recent Science and Christianity*, by the Rev. G. T. Manley, and three by the Rev. W. H. Griffith Thomas, *What Do We Believe?*, *Why Do We Believe?* and *The Claims of Christianity*.

The Prayer Book Teaching pamphlets are supplied now at 1d. each, and have been added to by *St. Peter and the Pope* and *Purgatory*, both by Archdeacon Thorpe; and the Church Booklet Series has been added to by *Bible Reading*, by Mr. W. Guy Johnson, and *Holy Baptism*, by Bishop H. C. G. Moule. A list of pamphlets suitable for the Racks has been issued,—discount of 25 per cent. is allowed on supplies for this purpose.

The XXXIX Articles.—It is proposed to issue within the next two months a series of short pamphlets on the doctrine and history of the XXXIX Articles, the first of which, by Dr. Harold Smith, entitled *The Origin and History of the Articles*, will be ready early in the month. The second pamphlet, which is nearly ready, is by Archdeacon Thorpe, and is entitled *The Appeal To Scripture*. They will be issued at 2d. each, and should be widely distributed.

Roman Catholic Missions.—Several letters have been received recently, drawing attention to the Missions being organized by Roman Catholic Communities, particularly at seaside resorts, and asking for useful literature to circulate in the various districts. In one case a letter from the Vicar of a seaside town states :—“The large Roman Catholic Convent is holding an eight-days’ Mission obviously to obtain converts to the Roman Catholic faith from the Reformed Churches. Meetings are to be held on the following subjects: Why Pray for the Dead?; Transubstantiation; Is the Pope infallible?; Why become a Catholic?, etc. This is to be followed by a large open-air Corpus Christi procession, which in previous years has been cause for violent attacks on Protestants.” Should any of our readers be similarly placed the following pamphlets can be recommended for distribution: *Rome and England*, by Canon Elsley, issued at 2d., and three pamphlets published by the Joint Board of Divinity in the Diocese of Liverpool for circulation in that diocese :—*Is Rome Right, some Questions and Answers*, *Marriage*, and *Infallibility and the Bible*; *St. Peter and the Pope* and *Purgatory*,

by Archdeacon Thorpe, and *Why I am not a Roman Catholic, Eighteen Reasons*. These are published at 1d. each.

Beliefs of To-day. Clergy and others are constantly coming into contact with those who are confused or ill-informed in regard to the several modern religious beliefs. We should like to draw attention to a very valuable review of modern cults and creeds which has been issued under the title of *Beliefs of To-day*, by the Rev. Edward T. Vernon (5s.; post 6d.). Two other useful books, *The Truth and Error of Christian Science* (6s.; post 6d.) and *Theosophy and Christianity: A Word to Western Theosophists* (2s. 6d.; post 3d.), by Miss M. Carta Sturge, can be confidently recommended. The author treats each subject respectfully, allowing each to speak for itself as far as possible; and then shows what elements are compatible with Christianity, and what are not. In the second book she specially writes for Western minds, to whom Theosophy is presented in a very different manner from that in which it is given to the Indian, and she succeeds in making clear what are the real and essential differences between Theosophy and Christianity.

A smaller pamphlet by the Rev. W. St. Clair Tisdall, D.D., entitled *Modern Theosophy Tested* (3d.), should also be mentioned. Dr. Tisdall's pamphlet is clear and concise, and deals with the principal points of Theosophical teaching.

Amongst the valuable books that have been added to our second-hand shelves are the following: Orr's *Problem of the Old Testament* (4s. 6d.), Robinson Lee's *Life of Christ* (5s.), Burgon's *Lives of Twelve Good Men* (2 vols. 7s.), Adam Smith's *Historical Geography of the Holy Land* (15s.), Meyrick's *Old Anglicanism and Modern Ritualism* (1s. 6d.), Froude's *Life and Letters of Erasmus* (1s. 6d.), and *Lectures on The Council of Trent* (1s. 6d.), Meyrick's *Sunday Observance* (1s.), Trench's *Notes on the Parables* (1s. 6d.), Ranke's *History of the Reformation in Germany* (5s.), Balleine's *History of the Evangelical Party* (2s. 6d.), and *The Layman's History of the Church of England* (1s.), Archdeacon Hughes Games' *Evening Communion* (1s. 6d.), Beckitt's *Reformation in England* (1s.), Ryder's *Priesthood of the Laity* (1s.), Wace's *Prophecy: Jewish and Christian* (3s. 6d.), Ingrouille's *Sacrifice of Praise and Thanksgiving* (1s.), John Edwin Watts-Ditchfield (2s.), Prothero's *Psalms in Human Life* (1s. 6d.), Demans' *William Tindale* (2s.), and *Hugh Latimer* (2s. 6d.).

An Appreciation.—We recently received the following letter from one of our members in South Africa:—

“As one of the very few Evangelical Clergy in the South African Church, I wish to testify to the great help your Book Room has been to me in providing just the literature I need, not only for myself and my work, but to put into the hands of many others for their instruction in the faith of our reformed Church of England.”
