

Book Briefs

Love Aflame – Selections from the Writings of Blaise Pascal, compiled by Robert E. Coleman, Wilmore, KY: Published by the author, 1974. 35 cents (paperback).

Robert E. Coleman, professor of evangelism at Asbury Theological Seminary, has done pastors and Christian workers a great favor in making available Christian classics in pocket-size book form. Cost, too, is minimal and makes possible stocking for distribution.

Discovering the Will of God, by George Sweeting, Chicago: Moody Press, 1975. 79 pp. 50 cents (paperback).

Pastors and Christian Education directors will want to stock copies of this little booklet to give at crucial decision-making times. Biblical, practical and spiritual, Dr. Sweeting's handy pocket-sized paperback is genuinely useful.

The Exciting Church Where People Really Pray, by Charlie W. Shedd. Waco, TX: Word Books, 1974. 105 pp. \$3.95.

This little book promises to stimulate its readers toward the development of a church where everyone is prayed for by someone else every day. Dr. Shedd maps out a program sufficiently tight to get the job done, sufficiently flexible to adapt to any situation. If one is unconvinced about the necessity of a praying church prior to reading this book, he cannot remain unconvinced subsequent to reading it. The book closes with a first rate set of questions, asked by laymen wondering about the feasibility of a prayer program. The writer's answers are "right on."

How to Pray for Healing, by Mary B. Wenhe, Old Tappan, NJ: Fleming H. Revell Co., 1975. 96 pp. \$1.50 (paperback).

Pastors and interested lay leaders will profit from this little guide

to healing prayer. At once scriptural and practical, this convenient paperback provides a wealth of inspiration and information.

Winning America to Christ, by Jaroy Weber, Nashville: Broadman Press, 1975. 125 pp.

The author discusses some basic emphases needed in the churches if genuine revival is to come in power. He believes evangelism must be church-centered to be effective and lasting. Chapter headings include "House to House Evangelism," "Let's Take to the Streets," "Can the American Home Survive?" "The Saving of the Saved," and "Perennial Revival in a Church." The author, President of the Southern Baptist Convention, presents both a realistic picture of our times and a challenging call to the Church.

Journey with David Brainerd, by Richard A. Hasler, Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1975. 120 pp. \$2.50 (paperback).

Wrote John Wesley, "Let every Christian read carefully the life of David Brainerd." This book, a collection of forty brief passages from Brainerd's writings, serves as a devotional guide. Its content reveals this young missionary to the Indians as absolutely devoted to God and full of zeal for the missionary enterprise.

Simple Sermons on the Ten Commandments, by W. Herschel Ford, Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1974. 138 pp. \$1.95 (paperback).

This book, in its eleventh printing, belongs in the author's "Simple Sermon" series. Other titles include "*Simple Sermons for a Sinful Age*," ". . .for Funeral Services," ". . .for Times Like These," and ". . .for Special Days and Occasions." Inspiring and richly illustrative, this book makes the Ten Commandments highly practicable for our day. Here the vision of God becomes clearer and the law of sowing and reaping more vividly arresting.

The Ten Commandments, by G. Campbell Morgan, Grand Rapids: Baker, 1974. 126 pp. (paperback).

The author, remembered particularly for his teaching ministry, here furnishes illuminating chapters on each of the Commandments. A relevant part of each chapter deals with "Present-Day Application."

Safe Passage on City Streets, by Dorothy T. Samuel. Nashville and New York: Abingdon Press, 1975. 96 pp. \$3.95.

The author presents a positive alternative to the fear that is increasingly limiting our activities and narrowing our horizons because of the menacing nocturnal darkness of our city streets. "Instead of guns, security systems, and self-defense, consider the advantages of programming ourselves for constructive interaction." Citing actual incidents, she demonstrates how the will of the violent may be broken down until even decency is restored. This new approach to the problem surely merits our consideration.

Release for Trapped Christians, by Flora Slosson Wuellner, 1974. Nashville and New York: Abingdon. 94 pp. \$3.75.

The "trap" is that without being aware of it we substitute a Christian image for ourselves in place of surrender to the living Christ. "We choose a blueprint, a set of rules about how we should act or feel, rather than a living, changing adventure" (12). By way of cure, the writer recommends an exhilarating approach in our prayer life: Relax, Realize, Review, Relinquish, Receive, Release, and Radiate. Open, honest prayer, as here discussed releases us to see God and His will for us more clearly.

Abingdon Marriage Manual, by Perry H. Biddle, Jr. Nashville and New York: Abingdon, 1974. 254 pp. \$4.95.

This book is remarkably complete and altogether valuable for the working parish minister. Matters discussed include counseling, wedding rituals, personalizing ceremonies, rehearsals, policy statements of local churches on the use of facilities and wedding receptions. The role of music is treated, and addresses of source materials are furnished. An index and a bibliography complete the whole.

Out! In the Name of Jesus, by Pat Brooks. Carol Stream (Ill.): Creation House, 1972. 238 pages. \$4.95.

The shattering experiences realistically described in this book vividly illustrate the fact of demonic oppression. The writer describes her own struggle while a missionary in Africa, and her final deliverance through Christ. Then she relates the experiences of others, also victims of Satan's subtleties, who found freedom "in the name of Jesus."