

BOOK BRIEFS

On Tiptoe With Love, by John T. Seamands. Kansas City: Beacon Hill Press, 1971. 107 pages. \$2.95.

This book comes as a sequel to the author's *On Tiptoe With Joy* (now in its tenth printing). The nine chapters of *On Tiptoe With Love* deal with the relationship of the Holy Spirit to Christian experience. The author discusses the first pentecost and shows how present-day Christians can appropriate that event in their lives. Love is presented as transcending the "charismatic gifts." The chapter entitled "Keep Walking," stresses the dynamic and growing nature of the Christian faith. A final chapter sketches highlights of the so-called "Asbury revival." Dr. Seamands, writing from a perspective both solidly Biblical and keenly sensitive to human need, touches at the heart of one of the deepest needs of the contemporary church: a fresh encounter with the Holy Spirit.

Plain Talk on James, Plain Talk on John, Manford G. Gutzke, Ph.D. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1969, 1971, respectively: 189 and 212 pages. \$1.95 each.

Both paperbacks belong in the "Plain Talk" series, all by the same author and published by Zondervan. Other volumes deal with Matthew, Luke and Acts. These are all largely devotional commentaries, written in lay language, and rich in contemporary application.

The Zondervan's Pastor's Annual 1972, T. T. Crabtree (Author-Compiler). Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1971. \$4.95.

Seventeen outstanding contributors provide a sourcebook of sermonic and other materials calculated to inspire and guide the pastor in planning a year's pulpit work. Used suggestively, the whole should prove an effective book for a more creative ministry.

The Psalms for Modern Man. Today's English Version. New York: American Bible Society, 1970. 213 pages. 10¢.

Now the TEV is available for the Psalms as well as the New Testament. The single volume Psalms begins with a two-page preface, explaining the role of the "hymnbook and prayer book of the Bible." The types of spiritual poems are cited (praise, protection, forgiveness, etc.), and the intensely personal and national character of the Psalms is noted. Jesus' use of the Psalms is observed in passing, and we are assured of a faithful, yet fresh, translation. Psalm 23 is a happy case in point:

The Lord is my shepherd;
I have everything I need.
He lets me rest in fields of green grass
and leads me to quiet pools of
fresh water.
He gives me new strength.

Footnotes of alternate translations add to the value of this work. Altogether the translating committee of the American Bible Society has given us a worthwhile rendering.

Christ and the Hiddenness of God, by Don Cupitt. Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1971. 219 pages. \$6.00.

This volume assumes that no doctrine needs to be accepted on revelation alone, that there is logic for everything one believes. Using the philosophical approach in studying some basic religious beliefs, Cupitt discusses belief in God, belief that Jesus is the Christ, and belief that God can be known through Christ. In attempting to answer elemental questions about God, the author deals with the problem of analogy, the elusiveness of God and how far historical knowledge about Jesus is important to Christianity. "This book begins and ends with an attempt to make sense of belief in God." (13) The author is Dean of Emmanuel College, Cambridge University, England.

Stranger at the Door, by Marcus Bach. Nashville and New York: Abingdon, 1971. 189 pages. \$3.95.

Justification, Pauline Text's in the Light of the Old and New Testaments, by Markus Barth. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans. 1971. 90 pages. \$1.95 (paperback).

Some of the strangers at the door are Vedantists (India), Yoga; Baha'i; Soka Gakkai (Japan); Sun Myung Moon (Korea); and the Jesus People, hippie followers of Christ. The author has searched for meaning in these faiths and he interprets this for the reader.

Justification, an "experiment in exegesis," explores the concept and vocabulary of the word as revealed in Paul's formulation of Christ's message. Barth's methodology takes into account the Old Testament background of Paul's thought—a key Barth finds too often ignored. Breathes new life into the biblical understanding of justification.

When God Was Black, by Bob Harrison and James Montgomery. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1971. 160 pages. \$1.95 (paperback).

America's "Black Son of Thunder" reveals what it is like inside black skin—when God is there too. When God came into Harrison's life, God became black. Here is an enlightening disclosure of the thoughts, feelings and aspirations of one who lives with the hatred and "unintentional prejudices" of the world around him.

Despair, A Moment or a Way of Life, by C. Stephan Evans. Downers Grove (Ill.): Intervarsity Press, 1971. 135 pages. \$1.50 (paperback).

Contemporary literature's analysis of man may well lead to despair. Dostoevsky, Sartre, Camus and a host of others tell us that modern man lives in the face of a void. But despair can be only a moment—"a moment of self-realization beyond which lies a hope more real than anything this side of despair." This book presents this kind of hope.

Jesus and His Contemporaries, by E. F. Harrison. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1970. 251 pages. \$2.95.

This is a Baker book in the Minister's Paperback Library series; these seventeen sermons by the Professor of New Testament at Fuller Theological Seminary should provide valuable resource material for biographical messages from John's Gospel.

Eyes on Europe, by W. Stuart Harris. Chicago: Moody Press, 1970. 156 pages. \$1.95 (paperback).

In this brief survey of every European country, including the major Islands of the Mediterranean, an effort is made to examine the European religious situation. This bird's-eye-view seeks to answer pertinent questions such as, What role does Christianity play in Europe today? What denominations are on the move, and in which countries? What methods of evangelism accomplish most? A handbook on Europe's spiritual vacuum.

The Second Cross, by John M. Carter. Nashville: Broadman Press, 1969. 128 pages. \$1.50 (paperback).

The author, former president of Campbellsville College (Ky.), seeks to demonstrate that the deep spiritual power attained by many in the early church is still available. If the church is to regain her power it must again have men "full of the Holy Spirit." This book is an exposition of this experience and how to attain it.

Expository Outlines from I-II Corinthians, by Kingsley G. Rendell. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1970. 157 pages. \$1.95 (paperback).

This reprint of a recent British publication by a Senior Lecturer in Divinity at Sheffield is a gathering of sermon outlines designed to aid preachers to prepare for a systematic expository ministry. If these outlines serve as a guide and are not slavishly adhered to, they could contribute much to real Biblical preaching.

Our Guilty Silence, by John R. W. Stott. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1969. 119 pages. 95¢ (paperback).

This little book should be read by every Christian. The rector of All Souls (London) asserts that in a day when the Church's evangelistic mission was never more urgent, the facts indicate that it was never more lacking or ineffective. We are more interested in theological debate, liturgical reform and social service. Here is a vigorous challenge to the Church to recover its evangelistic vision.

Genesis, A Devotional Exposition (Vol. 2 Chapters 23–50), by Donald Grey Barnhouse. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 253 pages. \$4.95.

Philippians, An Expository Commentary, by James Montgomery Boice. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 314 pages. \$5.95.

The first volume consists of a series of meditations, verse by verse expositions, in the author's program through Genesis. Intended for daily devotional readings, they not only serve to answer many questions arising from the study of Genesis but offer much that is profitable for spiritual growth.

The second volume, by Dr. Barnhouse's successor in Philadelphia, is virtually a verse-by-verse commentary on Philippians from a practical point of view. In a delightfully conversational style, the epistle unfolds for you. Paul's teachings are presented and applied in a competent, forceful manner.

The Ministry and Message of Paul, by Richard Longenecker. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1971. 130 pages. \$1.95 (paperback).

This book belongs in the "Contemporary Evangelical Perspectives" series. Its non-technical treatment of Paul will prove refreshing to the reader desirous of getting better acquainted with the life and work of the apostle. An excellent bibliography invites to further study.

The Life of Mary Baker G. Eddy and the History of Christian Science, by Georgine Milmine. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1971. 495 pages. \$5.95.

This book dealing with the origins of Christian Science was originally printed in *McClure's Magazine* in 1907–1908 under the editorship of Willa Cather. It is the result of intense personal investigation into the life of Mary Baker Eddy and into the philosophical and theological origins and developments of the Christian Science Movement. A primary source book for the researcher in this field.

Shoestring Sabbatical, by Harold E. Taussig. Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1971. 246 pages. \$3.95 (paperback).

Written by thirteen Americans who have tried it, here are the facts of living for a year on a budget in eleven European cities. The writers answer questions you would like to ask about apartments, schools, food, medical care, language and a hundred other things.

Also submitted is a new rationale for requesting a European sabbatical.

The Best of D. L. Moody. Wilbur M. Smith (editor). Chicago: Moody Press, 1971. 223 pages. \$4.95.

These sixteen sermons provide insights into the great evangelist's personality and preaching. Simplicity, fervor, concreteness, and a directness that probes man's spiritual needs are lessons to be learned by many of today's pulpiteers.

Word Pictures from the Bible, by E. M. Blaiklock, Litt. D. Grand Rapids: Zondervan. 95 pages. \$2.95.

The author, who has held the Chair of Classics at the University of Auckland, (New Zealand), for twenty-one years, seeks to enliven the imagery of these "nature pictures" of Bible lands from his experience as student and teacher of the literature of the ancient world. Coming to life in their old-world setting are the Cedar, the Olive tree, the Shepherd, the Rock, and eight other nature presentations. Illustrated with striking photographs from the Holy Land.

Christ in Your Shoes, by Buckner Fanning. Nashville: Broadman Press, 1970. 142 pages. \$3.50.

In these eminently readable sermons the pastor of San Antonio's Trinity Baptist Church brings Christianity into the market-place. He knows whereof he speaks; for his church operates a rehabilitation home for women alcoholics, runs a children's home, works with juvenile delinquents and sponsors seven missionaries.

One People, by John R. W. Stott. Downers Grove (Ill.): Inter-Varsity Press, 1970. 94 pages. (paperback).

The rector of All Souls Church (London) reminds us emphatically that clergy and laity are one people under God, working together in worship, ministry, witness, and fellowship; and he outlines a program to train laymen to meet the needs of a changing world.

Walking With the Lord, by Malcolm Tolbert. Nashville: Broadman Press, 1970. 124 pages.

Using I John as a basis, the author here submits a practical prescription for living the Christian life. Among topics discussed are the question of morality, brotherly love, assurance, and freedom in Christ.

The Power of Positive Preaching to the Saved, by John R. Bisango. Nashville: Broadman Press, 1971. 126 pages. \$2.95.

These are messages on the fundamentals of the faith, designed both to undergird the committed and to arouse the careless. Simplicity and directness of style characterize the whole. Pastors will find the book helpful in sermon preparation.