

## BOOK BRIEFS

*An Evangelical Theology of Missions*, by Harold Lindsell. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1970. \$2.45.

Previously published as *A Christian Philosophy of Missions* (Van Kampen Press, 1949), this revised edition attempts to relate the message of missions in our day of crisis. The main discussion is devoted to the following subjects: The Word of God, The Gospel, The Inadequacy of the Non-Christian Religions, The Nature and Function of the Church, The Individual and the Church, the Eschatological Picture, the Holy Spirit and Missions, and A Relevant Faith for the Hour.

*The Book of Judges and Notes on the Hebrew Text of the Books of Kings*, by C. E. Burney. Reprints. Prolegomenon by W. F. Albright. New York: Ktav Publishing House, 1970. 912 pages, 2 vol. in 1. \$19.95.

This volume provides one of the best commentaries on the Book of Judges. It is not popularly written and it is not a homiletical commentary, but it provides notes on the text that are of great value in understanding the book. For the reader a knowledge of Hebrew would be desirable but not mandatory. The second section, on the Hebrew text of the Books of Kings, will be of value to him who can work with Hebrew. Here are notes that will prove valuable in translating and exegeting passages from these books. Albright's prolegomenon, in providing a commentary on Burney's work, highlights more recent material in the study of Judges.

*The Public Worship of God*, by John R. P. Sclater. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1970. 199 pages. \$2.95. (paperback).

This volume is a reprint in the Baker series *Notable Books on Preaching*, edited by Ralph G. Turnbull. It comprises materials given in the Warrack and the Yale lectures. The order of worship, prayer, the Word, the sermon, and the Sacrament are all seen in the context of worship. For the author, worship is "the highest end of the soul." A timely republication.

*A Dictionary of Illustrations*, by James G. Hefley. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1971. 313 pages. \$6.95.

This is a volume of contemporary illustrations, many of them based on first-hand experiences of the author, others gathered from recent magazines, newspapers, and books. As is to be expected, the content of the whole is uneven in value. Yet in this collection of preaching values are many remarkable for their simplicity, realism, and spiritual insight. An index and cross-references contribute to the usefulness of the book.

*Three Letters from Prison*, Studies in the Epistles of Ephesians, Philipians, and Philemon, by John H. Schaal. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1970. 151 pages. \$2.95 (paperback).

This is the first release in the newly projected Layman's Bible Study Series. The main emphasis in this book is on "becoming conversant with the contents of the Bible in order to adapt them to better Christian living." Each of the sixteen lessons is followed by a series of questions to direct personal study and class discussion.

*The Quest for Serenity*, by G. H. Morling. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1964. 91 pages. \$2.50.

The Principal of the Baptist Theological College of New South Wales writes simply and straight-forwardly on the biblical solution to the major problem confronting man. He offers no popular "Peace of Mind" sedative. This is a little book that the pastor may place with confidence in the hand of the troubled and perplexed.

*How to Preach to People's Needs*, by E. N. Jackson. (Introduction by R. G. Turnbull). Grand Rapids: Baker, 1970. 191 pages. \$2.95 (paperback).

This reprint in the Baker series *Notable Books on Preaching* should help the pastor understand better the predicament of the guilt-laden, the sorrow-filled, the fearful, the lonely, and many other emotionally disturbed types.

*Student Power in World Evangelism*, by David M. Howard. Downer's Grove (Ill.): Intersity Press, 1970. 129 pages.

This little book presents the biblical basis of missions, the record of student power in world evangelism, and an appraisal of the task ahead for today's student generation.

*The Wilderness Journey*, by Charles H. Stevens. Chicago: Moody Press, 1971. 270 pages. \$4.95.

This book deals with Christian principles as illustrated by Israel's desert wanderings. It makes interesting reading. Biblical events from Exodus through Joshua come to life for the reader. It is the author's purpose to give an over-all, comprehensive view of God's redemptive plan as outlined and dramatized in the journey from Egypt to Canaan (p. 9). Here are many fresh insights into familiar Biblical passages. The author is president emeritus of Piedmont Bible College.

*The Charles L. Allen Treasury*, edited by Charles L. Wallis, Old Tappan (N. J.): Révell, 1970. 191 pages. \$4.95.

*The Treasury* is arranged around twelve topics such as: Christian living, faith, prayer, healing, decision making, and salvation. Charles Allen is pastor of one of the nation's largest churches, First Methodist, Houston, Texas. The book will be especially helpful to preachers seeking sermonic ideas and illustrations.

*Chosen and Sent: Calling the Church Mission*, by Theodore Eastman. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1971. \$2.95.

The recent emphasis on missions entering the United States from other countries has created a perplexing problem. The rector of the Church of the Mediator, in Allentown, Pennsylvania, and former executive secretary of the Overseas Mission Society, treats the problem by analyzing the church's mission to the world as found in biblical faith, historical precedent, and contemporary change. He calls for a new Christian with a new mission in a new world.