

BOOK NOTICES

The Minor Prophets, by Jack P. Lewis. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1966. 103 pages. \$1.95.

A helpful introduction to the subject, comprising topics such as the man and his times, the structure of his book, its key concepts, particular views of the period, and recent archaeological findings on the text.

I Think of Jesus, by Herbert Brokering. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1966. 81 pages. \$3.50.

A little volume from the heart of a poet. The author blends the everyday things of life with the world of faith, correlating what the eye sees with what the heart believes. Inspirational readings that invest the commonplace with that light that never was on land and sea.

Beacon Bible Commentary (Volume IV): The Major Prophets, by Ross E. Price, C. Paul Gray, J. Kenneth Grider, and Roy E. Swimm. Kansas City, Mo.: Beacon Hill Press, 1966. 964 pages. \$5.95.

With the recent appearance of Volume IV of the projected ten-volume *Beacon Bible Commentary*, the project is now more than half completed. Previous volumes published include Volume II (Joshua through Esther), Volume V (Hosea through Malachi), Volume VI (Matthew, Mark, Luke), Volume VII (John, Acts), and Volume IX (Galatians through Philemon). Four other volumes remain to be published.

The majority of the contributors come from the "community of scholars" within the Church of the Nazarene. The format, treatment of biblical materials, and frequent homiletical hints should make these volumes helpful to preachers, teachers, and earnest laymen in the evangelical tradition.

(Paperbacks)

The "Is God Dead?" Controversy, by J. W. Montgomery. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1966. 66 pages. \$1.00.

A philosophical-theological critique of a much discussed controversy by the professor of church history at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, Illinois.

The Grace of God, by Samuel J. Mikolaski. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1966. \$1.65.

A careful study of a subject which is probably the main point of division between the Catholic and the evangelical-Protestant faiths: the nature and function of grace in salvation.

God Is Dead: The Anatomy of a Slogan, by Kenneth Hamilton. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1966. 86 pages. \$2.45.

A provocative analysis of one of the most explosive "movements" the Church has witnessed in many years. The author presents the problem in relation to its historical background and contemporary context, and suggests what the positive response of the Church should be to the young radicals in its midst.

Master Bibliography of Holiness Works, by Nazarene Theological Seminary, 1965. Kansas City, Missouri: Beacon Hill Press. 45 pages. Copies free.

A comprehensive bibliography of holiness literature.

A Handbook of Contemporary Theology, by Bernard Ramm. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1966. 141 pages. \$1.95.

Provides the minister with a more or less simplified reference guide to the main concepts of the major contemporary thinkers in theology.

Repentance Unto Life, by J. Kenneth Grider. Kansas City: Beacon Hill Press, 1965. 80 pages. \$1.00.

Designed to help clarify superficial thinking on repentance and its relation to salvation and spiritual growth.

A Private and Public Faith, by William Stringfellow. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1965. 99 pages. \$1.45.

The paperback edition of one of the most controversial books on religion in America published in this decade. An attack on the manipulation of religion for personal, corporate, and national self-interests.

Roman Catholicism Today, by H. M. Carson. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1965. 128 pages. \$1.45.

A little book that should dispel a superficial optimism that predicts any kind of organic union between Protestantism and Roman Catholicism in the foreseeable future.

Ernest Hemingway, by Nathan Scott, Jr. *Flannery O'Connor*, by Robert Drake. *Charles Williams*, by Mary McDermott Shideler. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1966. 46-48 pages each. 85 cents each.

These pamphlets, parts of a series entitled *Contemporary Writers in Christian Perspective*, are published in an effort to provide readers with a better understanding of a given writer's work as seen from a Christian viewpoint. Studies in the continuing series will be released at the rate of six each year.

A Serious Call to a Devout and Holy Life, by William Law, 1966. 313 pages. \$1.95. *Miracles*, by Benjamin B. Warfield, 1965. 327 pages. \$2.25. *The Soul of Prayer*, by P. T. Forsyth, n.d. 92 pages. \$1.45. (Eerdmans reprints).

Effective Evangelistic Preaching, by V. L. Stanfield. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1965. 78 pages. \$2.00.

Helpful counsel on evangelistic preaching, especially in the matter of the invitation. Six sermons by outstanding Baptists, including Billy Graham, add to the value of this book.