

Applied Theology

INTRODUCTION

There has been an extensive development of literature in the field of practical theology in the last twenty-five years. This literature, the development of which has run concurrently with the expansion of offerings in practical theology in Protestant seminaries, has been motivated by the concern for the professional competence of ministers. It emphasizes that professional ministerial competence, like professional medical competence, is not simple or easily attained.

During the last twenty-five years, a number of basic reference books have appeared in this field. These books help fill a long-standing need and a number of these titles are found in this bibliography. Other books have dealt with basic principles of professional competence while still others have been "idea" books for the busy minister. Moreover, a number of significant journals have been started in the last few years in the field of practical theology.

The recovery of interest in biblical studies and the increased concern for theology have been reflected in this body of literature. There is an increased attempt in many of these books to discover the Christian genius in professional ministerial service. This concern is reflected, for example, by developments in the field of pastoral counseling. We are coming to see that pastors, as counselors, need to depend heavily on the great religious resources and to be less enamored with secular methods as found in psychoanalysis and clinical theology.

Preaching

Principles

Concerning the Ministry, by John Oman. New York: Harper's, 1937. 180 pages.

The underlying principle of these lectures, first delivered as casual talks to Cambridge students, was to discuss "the human side of preaching, especially intercourse with life and men and books." This is a volume which combines practical advice with much that will stimulate the moral and spiritual capacity of the preacher. The strength of the book is not in the systematic treatment of its subject but in the insights one gains into a miscellany of topics relevant to the Christian ministry. In exploiting man's personal resources for preaching, the author challenges to a creative restlessness. One of the most esteemed preaching handbooks of our time.

Design for Preaching, by H. Grady Davis. Philadelphia: Muhlenberg Press, 1958. 307 pages. \$4.75.

This book is primarily a description of what happens in actual preaching. It attempts to show the process by which the text comes to life from the basic statement of truth about God to the living existential person-to-person relationship. The author shows how the large variety of sermon forms that belong to preaching reflects and affects the sermon.

The Excellence of our Calling, by Phillips Brooks. Ed. by T. F. Chilcote, Jr. New York: Dutton, 1954. 192 pages.

An acceptable abridgement of Brooks' Yale Lectures on Preaching, which lectures are probably unsurpassed thus far by the rest of the Yale series. Rich in wisdom, deeply spiritual, and eminently helpful in suggestion, this treatise inspires the preacher with an exalted conception of his task. Browsing in this book will keep a man close to the heart of his calling.

Heralds of God, by James S. Stewart. New York: Scribner's, 1946. 221 pages. \$3.50.

One of Scotland's great pulpiteers in a refreshingly direct and simple style stresses the unchanging message in a constantly changing human scene. Practical advice on what to aim for and what to avoid if preaching is to be effective in our time. Chapters include the Preacher's World, His Theme, His Study, and His Technique.

The History of Christian Preaching, by T. H. Pattison. Philadelphia: The American Baptist Publication Society, 1903. 421 pages.

An analytical survey of Christian preaching from its beginnings in the Hebrew prophets to the close of the nineteenth century.

On the Preparation and Delivery of Sermons, by John A. Broadus. Revised and edited by Jesse B. Witherspoon. New York: Harper, 1944. 388 pages. \$4.00.

This work is a classic in homiletics, revised and brought up-to-date. One of the most complete English language texts on the theory and technique of preaching, the book has passed through twenty-three editions. Particularly valuable are the discussions on the use of biblical texts, formal and functional elements of the sermon, and literary style and imagination. To promote balanced perspective on the art of preaching, Broadus should be supplemented with a contemporary text stressing ways in which the preacher can reach today's hearers.

Positive Preaching and the Modern Mind, by P. T. Forsyth. New York: Hodder and Stoughton, 1907. 374 pages.

This is an older volume that still has much to commend it. The lectures belong to the Yale series on preaching. Among the several themes, the author discusses the preacher and his charter, preaching as worship, the preacher and his times, preaching positive and modern, and the moral poignancy of the Cross.

The Way to Biblical Preaching, by Donald G. Miller. New York: Abingdon, 1957. 160 pages. \$3.00.

The thesis of the book is that the message is more central than either the messenger or the hearer. The chief concern of preaching is to rehearse the story of God's redeeming action in Christ so that this becomes a living reality in the act of preaching. In stressing biblical preaching as the way to realize this aim,

the author gets away from the older, narrower conceptions of exposition to view expository preaching as an act "wherein the living truth of some portion of the Holy Scripture comes alive to the hearer confronted by God in Christ." A little volume richly deserving of its title.

Public Worship

Christian Symbolism in the Evangelical Churches, by Thomas Albert Stafford. New York: Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, 1942. \$3.00. (Paperback, Apex Books, \$1.25.)

In this work the author has given an excellent and helpful handbook for the busy minister. The origin, history and meaning of the basic symbols being used by Christian churches throughout the world are clearly explained. The knowledge of this book should add much to the enrichment of worship in many of our evangelical churches.

Concerning Worship, by W. D. Maxwell. New York: Oxford University Press, 1948. 153 pages.

The dean of Reformed liturgists penned this brief but instructive volume, which deals with certain aspects of worship from the point of view of a Scottish churchman. Its interest is by no means limited to members of his own communion. To save our services from being regulated by the subjective notions of men and from degenerating into a miscellaneous and heterogeneous collection of items woven according to fancy, the author, out of a background of consummate research in his field, seeks to relate practice to theory, principle, and history. Subjects treated include *Worship and Conduct*, *Religious Values in Worship*, *The Conduct of Worship*, and *Worship as Offering, Adoration, and Heritage*.

The Fine Art of Public Worship, by Andrew Blackwood. New York: Abingdon, 1951. 247 pages. \$3.50.

A practical treatise on the conduct of worship in evangelical churches, by one whose pastoral and professional experience well qualifies him for the task. Significant chapters on such

topics as *The Teaching of the Bible on Worship, The Practical Bearing of Psychology, The Fine Art of Sacred Music, and The Plan of the Entire Service*. A good introduction to the subject.

A Historical Approach to Evangelical Worship, by Ilion T. Jones. New York: Abingdon, 1954. 319 pages. \$4.50.

The author feels that the present Protestant trend toward more ritual and the greater interest in ancient liturgical forms constitute a backward step. He seeks to discover the nature of evangelical worship in the light of its history and to lay down a basis for formulating a doctrine of worship in harmony with its nature. The merit of the book lies in its moving interpretation of those qualities of genuineness and spirituality which should characterize all true worship.

Methodist Worship, by John Bishop. London: Epworth Press, 1950. 162 pages.

This book, dealing with the origin and development of Methodist worship, is of value not only to the people called Methodists but to those of other communions. The author discusses Catholic and Evangelical worship, pointing out the relative strength and weakness of each type; the historic evolution of Free Church worship; the order of service for worship in the Free Churches; and, finally, he presents a detailed survey of Methodist church worship. This little treatise on worship is a vital contribution to our total understanding of the art of public worship.

Reality in Worship, by Willard L. Sperry. New York: Macmillan, 1925. 346 pages.

A classic which blends the underlying philosophy of worship with practical insights borne of experience. Written primarily for non-liturgical churches, this book analyzes motives, ideals, and needs of corporate worship in the modern age. It has had wide influence on the contemporary worship movement.

Worship, by Evelyn Underhill. New York: Harper's, 1937. 350 pages. \$4.00.

A comprehensive analysis of the nature of worship, with a discussion of the channels through which worship is expressed. The book gives a rich interpretation of the worship practice of the major religious communions. A difficult volume for the general reader, but a rewarding one for the student.

Sermons

Here In Thy Soul, by A. J. Gossip. New York: Scribner's, 1950. 267 pages.

These sermons are rich in Christian inspiration and insight, speaking to the heart of the people, and a superb example of the language of preaching.

The Protestant Pulpit, by Andrew W. Blackwood. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1947. 318 pages. \$4.50.

An anthology of thirty sermons by pulpit masters from the Reformation to our times.

Sermons Preached at Brighton, by F. W. Robertson. New York: Harper's (n.d.). 838 pages.

This quality of preaching has appealed to preachers the world over. Characterized by great intellectual power and resource, quick perception, and discriminating spiritual understanding, the sermons are also models of homiletical excellence.

Studies in the Sermon on the Mount, by D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, Vol. I, 1959, 320 pages; Vol. II, 1960, 327 pages. \$4.50 each.

Probably one of the finest expositions ever published on the subject. Rich in insight and strong in application.

Pastoral Work

General Works

A Comprehensive Dictionary of Psychological and Psychoanalytical Terms, by Horace B. English and Ava C. English. New York: Longmans, Green, 1958. 594 pages. (Text ed. \$8.00.)

This highly valuable dictionary defines the basic term in current psychological and psychoanalytic usage. It often illustrates them, and in other cases provides useful explanatory material.

Many ministers find this volume the most useful among the smaller dictionaries of psychology.

A Dictionary of Pastoral Psychology, by Vergilius Ferm, Ed. New York: Philosophical Library, 1955. \$6.00.

This is a useful book of 335 pages in which the basic terms and concepts of pastoral psychology are defined. Some of the more important concepts are discussed more comprehensively than in a simple definition. The volume also includes introductory statements about the men who have contributed significantly to the field of pastoral psychology.

Psychiatric Dictionary, by Leland E. Hensie and Robert J. Campbell. (3rd ed.) New York: Oxford University Press, 1960. \$17.50.

This comprehensive dictionary of psychiatric terms covers those in contemporary usage as well as those concepts that have been used since the days of Hippocrates. The volume has about 7,500 title-entries and it defines most of them briefly. A few are treated in an encyclopedia-like manner.

Terms from allied fields of psychiatry are also included. There are terms drawn from social service, general medicine, genetics, eugenics, occupational therapy, and psychology.

Many of the definitions are treated in the nature of clinical observations and most of them are vital and applicable to human problems. They are worded so that their meaning may be grasped by the laymen of psychiatry.

Church Administration

Advancing the Smaller Local Church, by W. Curry Mavis. Winona Lake, Indiana: Light and Life Press, 1957. 189 pages. \$3.00.

This volume, written by the Professor of Pastoral Work and Chairman of the Division of Applied Theology in Asbury Theological Seminary, explores the religious, psychological, and sociological problems and possibilities of smaller local churches. Dr. Mavis is concerned equally with churches in rural and in urban communities, and seeks to analyze the problems which inhere in both types of church-situation.

Dr. Mavis is particularly concerned to show the advantages which inhere in the smaller church, and to help the pastor capitalize upon these resources. It is a volume for the minister who is dissatisfied with the status quo of his pastorate, and who is concerned to increase his own pastoral effectiveness. Wide experience as pastor, as district superintendent, and as workshop leader, eminently qualifies the author for the task of producing such a work.

Handbook of Church Finance, by David R. Holt, II. New York: Macmillan, 1960. \$5.00.

This is a very thoughtful and practical discussion of the financing of a local church. The treatment is broad and succinct. Numerous tables that present useful forms are provided. A helpful bibliography is also presented. Few books within the compass of 200 pages present church finance so broadly and helpfully.

Handbook of Church Management, by William H. Leach. Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey: Prentice-Hall, Inc., 1958. (Text ed. \$6.00.)

This is the most comprehensive and, perhaps, the most valuable discussion of church administration that is relevant to the readers of *The Asbury Seminarian*. The subject of church administration proper is treated with considerable detail. In addition the author gives more brief attention to related subjects such as worship and the pastoral ministry.

The author usually presents general church organization from a congregational viewpoint. This does not minimize greatly the value of the book for readers who are in connectional churches.

A Handbook of Church Public Relations, by Ralph Stoody. New York: Abingdon, 1959. \$4.00.

Ralph Stoody presents the many facets of a church program of public relations with a rare genius. His grasp of important principles is impressive, and his practical handling of the details of public relations is helpful.

The material in this book should be known by every pastor.

Pastoral Counseling

The Minister As Marriage Counselor, by Charles William Steward. New York: Abingdon, 1961. 223 pages.

This useful book seeks to put basic principles of marital counseling into the framework of the Christian pastor's situation. The author discusses with fine clarity and sufficient specificity the fundamentals of both pre-marital and marital counseling in an effort to give the busy pastor an orientation into this important work.

Pastoral Counseling, by Seward Hiltner. New York: Abingdon Press, 1949. \$3.00.

Seward Hiltner provided in this work one of the better books, among many good ones, in the field of pastoral counseling. Hiltner discusses clearly the basic principles, methods, and resources of pastoral counseling. He makes the principles and methods of counseling vivid by the generous use of case materials. Moreover, he relates pastoral counseling to other fields of psychotherapy.

Understanding and Counseling the Alcoholic, by Howard J. Clinebell, Jr. New York: Abingdon, 1956. \$3.75.

The author discusses the nature and cause of alcoholism and the minister's approach to this problem in this volume. He shows clearly that religion and psychology have resources that are of great value in this area of pastoral care.

Pastoral Psychology and Psychiatry

American Handbook of Psychiatry, by Silvano Arieti, Ed. 2 Vols. New York: Basic Books, 1959. 2,098 double column pages. \$25.00.

These two voluminous books undertake to provide a clearly organized presentation of the various facets of modern psychiatry. The work consists of contributions from 111 authors, 97 of whom were psychiatrists and neurologists. The two volumes are divided into fifteen parts.

While this work was not prepared primarily for laymen of psychiatry, most of the authors wrote in terms that can be understood by the pastor who is well oriented in the literature of pastoral counseling. Ministers who are specializing in counseling can profit by frequent reference to these volumes.

The Art of Ministering to the Sick, by Richard C. Cabot and Russell L. Dicks. New York: Macmillan, 1936.

More than 25 years ago a medical doctor and a younger Christian minister collaborated in the writing of this highly perceptive volume that has become a classic in its field. It sets forth material designed to help the pastor understand medical personnel and services. It gives valuable insights into the psychological and spiritual needs of sick persons. It discusses, also, ministerial methods of helping the sick.

The Individual and His Religion, by Gordon Allport. New York: Macmillan, 1950. \$3.00.

An academic psychologist discusses the relationship between religion and psychology with fine insight and erudition in this significant little volume. Allport points out certain psychological factors in religion without negating authentic religious experience.

Psychology of Pastoral Care, by Paul E. Johnson. New York: Abingdon, 1953. \$4.75.

The author covers the broad field of pastoral care in this volume with a fine sense of fitness. After dealing briefly with general pastoral relationships, he discusses principles of pastoral counseling, confession, marriage, and family counseling. He also gives specific attention to a ministry of pastoral care to the physically and mentally ill, the dying, and to the bereaved.

The Psychology of Religion, by Walter H. Clark. New York: Macmillan, 1958. \$5.95.

This volume advances the study of the psychology of religion by restating basic principles and by adding certain new insights. His emphasis on "primary" religious behavior is appreciated by all earnest Christians. His discussion of the elements of genuine religious experience has abiding worth. His consideration of the relationship between psychotherapy and the psychology of religion proper is valuable.

Understanding Grief, by Edgar N. Jackson. New York: Abingdon Press, 1957. \$3.50.

This is a valuable discussion of the roots, dynamics, and treatment of bereavement. It may be read with profit by ministers, even by those who have had extensive experience in the work of pastoral care.

Evangelism

Principles

Effective Evangelism, by George E. Sweazey. New York: Harper's, 1953. \$3.50.

This is an important volume, which stresses the soul-winning imperative. The author is convinced of the grandeur of the opportunity which lies with the local church in the evangelization of those who come within its reach.

A competent author shows how an evangelistic strategy can be developed which will embrace the whole organization and effort of the church. The author was for many years the Secretary of Evangelism of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. This is probably the best one-volume treatment of the methods of evangelism in the local church which has come out of the last decade.

Lectures on Revivals of Religion, by Charles G. Finney. New York: Revell (reprint), 1958. \$4.00.

This work is written by one of America's most effective revivalists, whose name is a household word wherever evangelism is loved. The twenty-two lectures, delivered in 1843, tell in no uncertain terms what revival is, and how it relates to the lives of individuals and to the life of the Church.

In style, the work is repetitious in spots. It is limited, of course, by the author's lack of familiarity with modern techniques of evangelism. However, this volume is still the most popular and penetrating treatment of its kind in print today. If but one book in the field of revival were to be selected for study, this would by all odds be the book. It should be mastered by everyone who works in the field of evangelism.

The Master Plan of Evangelism, by Robert E. Coleman. Huntingdon Valley, Penna.: Christian Outreach Press, 1963. \$1.50 (paperback ed. \$.75).

This work embodies a fresh study in the basic evangelistic strategy of Jesus. Using the Scriptures as a frame of reference, the author interprets the Master's plan of ultimate conquest of the world to be that of using committed men and women to reproduce the Christian life in others.

This volume seeks to rescue the concept of evangelism from the realm of the "special" and the "occasional" and to anchor it where it belongs, namely, in the abiding program of church activity, as Christians participate in the on-going life and witness of the Church Militant.

The Practice of Evangelism, by Byron Green. New York: Scribner's, 1951. \$3.75.

It is heartening when an Anglican speaks out upon the subject of evangelism. The writer of this helpful work is an eminently successful evangelist in his church, and has had a particularly effective appeal to men and women in the upper strata of society.

In this work of medium length, Byron Green sets forth his concept of the work of the evangelist in a most thoughtful fashion. He also summarizes the methods by which he seeks to win men for his Lord.

True Evangelism, by Lewis Sperry Chafer. London: Marshall, Morgan and Scott, 1919. \$2.50.

A distinguished Baptist divine utters here a plea for a renewed degree of dependence upon the Holy Spirit in every phase of evangelistic effort. The author, possibly because of his strong dispensational tendencies, tends to make rather little of aggressive methods in evangelism (such as a public invitation to commitment). This is a weakness, but not a fatal one, for the work as a whole.

The book has a Calvinistic bias, but as a counterbalancing merit it carries a wholesome warning against superficiality in evangelism. Of special merit are the chapters which treat the prayer of intercession and the suffering with Christ in concern for souls.

Method

The Drillmaster of Methodism, by Charles L. Goodell. New York: Eaton & Mains, 1902.

This volume contains both a plea for, and a plan of instruction in, the discipline of Class Meetings in Methodism. The writer was an able pastor in his denomination, and writes with a sensitivity to the history of this vital phase of the life of early Methodism.

The same writer has dealt with the pastoral opportunity for evangelism in another book which is helpful, although incomplete. The book is entitled, Pastoral and Personal Evangelism

(New York: Revell, 1907). These two books will have to be purchased on the second-hand market.

Evangelism in the Home Church, by Andrew W. Blackwood. New York: Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, 1942.

The dean of professors of homiletics in America here gives to the reading public a penetrating study of the homiletical aspect of evangelism. He makes the local church to be his point of departure, as the title suggests, but moves beyond this to the more general needs of the Lord's Church.

This is an intensely practical work, reflecting the long career of a highly distinguished Presbyterian professor of preaching. Though written twenty years ago, it is remarkably contemporary.

New Life in the Church, by Robert A. Raines. New York: Harper's, 1961. \$3.00.

A successful pastor, son of a Methodist bishop, presents in this volume a stimulating discussion of the importance and function of small "Koinonia" groups in the local church. This book was something of a bombshell in some groups, for it brought to the fore a new emphasis upon evangelism by an author who was dynamic and youthful.

The title itself is indicative of the vision of the author. His methods are realistic, taking into account the religious illiteracy which has issued from four decades of "liberal" theology, and offering a modest proposal for the alleviation of this condition. The work carries a pungent challenge.

Revive Thy Church, Beginning With Me, by Samuel M. Shoemaker. New York: Harper's, 1948. \$2.00

A warm-hearted Episcopal rector presents in this volume a convincing contention that something must happen to us and in us before it can come to pass through us. The author sees great value in the work of small and vital group-fellowships in the church.

The controlling motif is, that revival is a major need in today's church. His concern is eminently practical, and his recognition

of the obstacles is highly realistic. This book can well be read in connection with two other works by the same author, *Faith At Work* (New York: Hawthorn Books, 1958, \$4.95) and *With the Holy Spirit and With Fire* (New York: Harpers, 1960, \$2.50).

Personal Evangelism

Let Me Commend, by William E. Sangster. New York: Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, 1948. \$2.00.

An eminent British divine discusses with his characteristic care the place of the pulpit, of small church groups, and of personal work, in evangelism. The analysis is done carefully and with realism.

This volume comprises six lectures, given by one who feels that the Wesleyan emphasis upon entire sanctification is the mainspring of a true evangelism. It embodies the penetrating style of the late Dr. Sangster and his contagiously warm heart.

The Passion For Souls, by Oswald J. Smith. London: Marshall, Morgan & Scott, 1950. \$1.50.

One of the great missionary and pastoral hearts of this generation presents in this brief work (128 pages) a ringing call to earnest soul winning. He is concerned to discover for himself, and to pass on to others, the understanding of the requisites for real evangelism today.

Like all of Dr. Smith's writings, this work is intensely practical. He is the long-time pastor of People's Church in Toronto, and an honorary alumnus of Asbury Theological Seminary. His life-long ministry reflects the application of that which he sets forth for the reader's consideration.

Winning the Children, by Gaines S. Dobbins. Nashville: Broadman Press, 1953. \$2.00.

A Southern Baptist professor gives a sane and practical approach to the question of leading children to Christian commitment. The emphasis is upon simplicity and directness; this makes the work richly suggestive at the local church level.

The same author has written a less specialized book on personal evangelism under the title, *A Winning Witness* (Nashville: Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1938).

Words to Winners of Souls, by Horatius Bonar. New York: American Tract Society, 1950 (revised ed.). \$.35.

The name of this beloved Scottish Presbyterian is enough in itself to suggest the worth of the book. This reviewer regards this short volume (it consists of 48 pages) to be one of the most heart-searching treatments of the subject of soul-winning in the English language.

A careful and prayerful reading of Dr. Bonar's volume should cause the reader to fall on his knees and ask for mercy, as he renews his covenant with God as a soul-winner. The trumpet once more sounds to action for the Lord of the Harvest.

Speech

The Art of Persuasion, by Wayne C. Minnick. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co., 1957. 295 pages (Text ed. \$4.50.)

Those interested in the principles and practice of persuasive speaking will find this book helpful in the understanding of human behavior and motivation. The chapter devoted to "Getting and Holding Attention" should answer SOS calls from some congregations. Also of special concern to the minister are the chapters "Winning Belief," "The Opinion of Others," "Argument," "Personal Experience," "Wants and Desires," "Wants and Values," and "The Emotions." A chapter on "The Ethics of Persuasion" concludes the book.

Basic Principles of Speech, by Lew Sarett, William Trufant Foster, and Alma Johnson Sarett. (3rd ed.) Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company, 1958. 601 pages. \$5.75.

Some individual chapters are worth the price of this book. Basically a college textbook, it uses many pages at the end of chapters for suggestions and assignments. Among the chapters

which would be of special interest to religious workers would be "Adapting Your Speech to the Situation" which discusses disarming the audience, adaptive patterns of arrangement, establishing rapport or common ground, motivation, and suggestion.

Biblical Authority for Modern Preaching, by Charles W. F. Smith. Philadelphia: The Westminster Press, 1960. 176 pages. \$3.50.

This work contains a good analysis of the present audience-situation, stressing the use of the church calendar in preaching the "given" message of the Christian minister. Both scholarship and practical experience aid in this discussion which relates the biblical message to the modern audience. Four factors in our contemporary setting are contrasted with the biblical world: (1) the methods of group dynamics, (2) the scientific method of investigation, (3) the impact of the American ethos, and (4) the loss of the preacher's audience.

Discussion and Conference, by William M. Sattler and N. Edd Miller. Englewood Cliffs, N. J.: Prentice-Hall, Inc., 1954. 353 pages. \$6.00.

The central aim of this fine book is to show how group leaders and members can develop personal skills in discussion. The excellent sections dealing with leadership, participation, and speech and language, are especially relevant to ministers and lay leaders.

Helping the Bible Speak, by Johnnye Akin, Seth A. Fessenden, P. Merville Larson, and Albert N. Williams. New York: Association Press, 1956. 117 pages. \$2.50.

This brief volume is one of the best contemporary books in its field. It aims to improve the generally inept public reading of the Scriptures. Outstanding characteristics include non-technical language, clarity, and brevity.

Interpretative Speech, by Lionel Crocker. New York: Prentice-Hall, Inc., 1952. 358 pages.

This eclectic author has written extensively and well in various areas of speech. Several of the thirty chapters in this work could aid in the effective oral reading of the Bible.

Persuasion: A Means of Social Control, by Winston Lamont Brembeck and William Smiley Howell. Englewood Cliffs, N. J.: Prentice-Hall, Inc., 1952. (6th printing, Jan. 1961.) 488 pages. \$7.75.

This is an intensive exploration of persuasion, well documented and thorough in scope. The five major divisions of the book are entitled: *Introducing the Study of Persuasion*, *Investigating Persuasion at Work*, *Examining the Bases of Persuasion*, *Identifying and Interpreting the Tools of Persuasion*, *Applying Persuasion to Speaking*, and *Evaluating Persuasion*. Several chapters are of special interest to the preacher.

The Preacher and His Audience, by Webb B. Garrison. Westwood, N. J.: Revell, 1954. 285 pages. \$4.00.

This book has a popular style with prolific imagery, illustrations, and literary allusions. But, more important, it has something vital for preachers today. In contrast to much contemporary emphasis upon gimmicks, techniques, and methods for short cuts to personal power, this very readable volume attempts to provide an objective look at principles of preaching. The author employs contemporary insights into the processes of communication via psychological testing, group dynamics, and speech research. These illumine the discussion of such practical matters as attention, persuasion, literary style, and the illustration. Some will feel that the twenty-page chapter on "Humor in the Pulpit" is exaggerated beyond its importance. The final chapter is entitled "Plagiarism and the Development of Originality." The history of kidnapping another's brain child is followed by suggestions for keeping a clear conscience and a fertile mind amid the pressures a minister faces today.

The Psychology of Persuasive Speech, by Robert T. Oliver. (2nd ed.) New York: Longmans, Green, and Co., 1957. 466 pages. \$5.00.

This revision attempts to incorporate in one volume the best features of two influential volumes the author has written. Twenty-one chapters are divided into five parts: Motivation in Human Affairs, Principles of Persuasion, Modes of Appeal, The Speaking Process, and Forms of Persuasive Speeches. While some bibliographical references bear dates post-1950, yet much of the illustrative material in the text is pre-1940.

Public Speaking and Discussion for Religious Leaders, by Harold A. Brack and Kenneth G. Hance. Englewood Cliffs, N. J.: Prentice-Hall, Inc., 1961. 259 pages. (Text ed. \$4.95.)

Both authors of this much-needed book are eminently qualified to write such a volume, which is designed for both clergy and lay leaders. The first nine chapters deal with public speaking--preparation, delivery, audience, notes, explanations, attention and interest, persuasion, argumentation, and speaking for special occasions. It is hoped that young ministers will not be led blindly to assume the swashbuckling stance of a towering Colossus by the unfortunate chart on page 28 which shows the feet spaced 18 inches apart. With such a posture even a ten-foot Goliath would look like a hollow chested boaster. An interesting aspect of the chapter on "Humanizing Your Persuasion" is the concept of motives based upon the appeals used by our Lord in the beatitudes. Church board meetings and other discussion groups would lose their lackluster hues if leaders would follow the excellent suggestions in the latter section of this book.

Public Speaking for College Students, by Lionel Crocker. (3rd ed.) New York: The American Book Company, 1956. 511 pages. \$5.50.

An excellent comprehensive summary of the principles of speech composition is given at the front of the book. This well-outlined volume is broad in scope and easily read, but is lacking in depth in some areas. Ten chapters are devoted to each of the first two major divisions of the book: The Speaker and the Speech; then four chapters deal with The Audience, and two with The Occasion.

Reading the Bible Aloud, by John Edward Lantz. New York: The Macmillan Co., 1959. 144 pages. \$3.50.

This brief book answers questions many ministers should be asking about their ineffective reading of the Scriptures in public. Chapters are devoted to "Understanding the Bible," "Selecting the Appropriate Passage," "Getting Ready to Read Aloud," "Presenting the Reading," and "Special Types of Religious Readings."

Speaking in the Church, by John Edward Lantz. New York: The Macmillan Co., 1954. 202 pages. \$3.75.

This excellent book fills a great need in the alerting of ministers to the high task of preaching the Gospel. Basic principles are clearly enunciated in non-technical terms, using illustrative material especially from the Bible and great preachers. Every minister could improve his preaching by carefully reading this book.

Speech: Its Techniques and Disciplines in a Free Society, by William Norwood Brigance. (2nd ed.) New York: Appleton-Century-Crofts, Inc., 1952, 1961. 576 pages. \$5.50.

Dr. Brigance has written as a scholar, a speaker, and a teacher. In this revised speech textbook several chapters are especially valuable for ministers. For example, most would profit by reading the chapter on "Using Words." He advises the use of concrete words, simple words, colorful words, short sentences, straight sentences, active voice rather than passive. He would have the minister strip adjectives and verbs, eliminate empty words, use questions, direct quotation, suspense, and climax. In addition to the areas usually treated in general speech books, there are chapters on discussion, radio and television, parliamentary procedure, and speeches on special occasions.

Church Music

The Gospel in Hymns, Albert Edward Bailey. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1950. \$7.50.

The book presents a comprehensive history of the great hymns from early times to the present.

The author, Albert Edward Bailey, has spent a lifetime in the study of hymnology. He has traveled widely in both Europe and America. The *Gospel in Hymns* is not a treatise on theology, but as a textbook and source of hymnology information and inspiration it is surpassed by no other book.

This book gives the most complete and readable story available of hymns and hymn writers down through the ages. It makes vivid to us our glorious heritage of the hymns of the Church.

In discussing each hymn, Professor Bailey explains the significance of the words and what they mean to imply, thus providing the reader with a new understanding of the hymns he sings. The interpretation of each hymn brings new association, making the words more valuable and enriching.

Lyric Religion, H. Augustine Smith. New York: Century, 1931.

This book presents an elaborate array of factual and inspirational material of varying interests.

Lyric Religion presents 150 hymn studies, interpretations, syntheses, bases for actual worship procedure, pictorial life of the past and present, to help arouse lethargic congregations, ministers, and ministers of music to a new appreciation and enthusiasm for hymns.

Mr. Smith uses many devices to stir the imagination and the will to sing. This work is a classic in its field and would amply merit reprinting.

Patterns of Protestant Church Music, Robert M. Stevenson. Durham: Duke University Press, 1953. \$4.00.

This book is written in order to trace the differing traditions that have grown up in the various denominations. It is a valuable book for church musicians, ministers, and other religious leaders.

Each of the major denominations has its own appropriate musical traditions. This book has not been written with the purpose of magnifying one musical tradition over another, but rather with the purpose of summoning musicians to their duty

of respecting and cherishing the traditions in whatever denomination they serve.

The author, Robert M. Stevenson, has had a rich background in church music, and has given us an excellent description of the best in church music.

Considerable space is devoted to hymns and to the textual problems that have confronted such hymnists as Watts and the Wesleys. However, hymns, because of their first place in any order of Protestant worship, deserve extensive treatment in any history of Protestant music.

Steps Toward a Singing Church, Donald D. Kettring. Philadelphia: The Westminster Press, 1948. \$4.50.

The author of this book, Donald D. Kettring, believes deeply that there is only one effective approach to the much discussed and greatly desired "singing church," and that is by the inauguration, organization, and administration of the multiple-choir program.

This book is a veritable encyclopedia on the matter of the multiple-choir plan. It begins with reasons for installing such a program. It then discusses the organization of the choirs, the auditions of prospective members, the methods of procedure, rehearsals, vestments, attendance stability, and choir morale.