

## Book Notices

*The Presbyterian Enterprise*, edited by M. W. Armstrong, A. Loetscher, and C. A. Anderson. Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1956. 336 pages. \$4.50.

The editors present a treasury of well-documented materials showing the vital role of American Presbyterianism in the struggle to combine true religion with civil liberty.

R.W.

*Learning to Live*, by Alan Redpath. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1961. 132 pages. \$2.25.

Fifteen practical messages on such subjects as prayer, devotion, gratitude, frustration, forgiveness, tranquility, by the pastor of Moody Memorial Church.

J.D.R.

*The Heart of Things*, by Nathaniel Beattie. Westwood, N. J.: Revell, 1961. 119 pages. \$2.00.

It is always of interest to read what men trained in science have to say at the point of the Christian message, particularly when they are themselves witnessing Christians. Nathaniel Beattie is a medical doctor, trained in Great Britain, who sees discerningly the difference which outlook makes, as physicians view life, either through eyes trained to see only material phenomena and to trace material causes, or through eyes of faith. This is a work abounding in illustrative material, most of it fresh and sparkling.

H.B.K.

*Many Infallible Proofs*, by Arthur T. Pierson. Westwood, N. J.: Revell, 1961. 322 pages. \$3.75.

Though written late last century, this work merits the effort of reprinting and re-marketing. A. T. Pierson combined in one person the heart of the pastor and the mind of a missionary statesman. While Christian apologetics must from

time to time adapt itself to those aspects of the mentality of an age which stand as an especial challenge to Christianity, there are some apologetic elements which are of permanent worth, and which have a continuing appeal to the one who seeks for the Light of Life. This volume brings together an excellent collection of these elements.

H.B.K.

*Archaeology and the Bible*, by G. Frederick Owen. Westwood, N. J.: Revell, 1961. 384 pages. \$4.95.

Some works in archaeology are overly general, others tend to be so specific and specialized as to interest only the specialist. Here is a work which seems to combine the general sweep of archaeological findings of the past three or four decades with the most recent discoveries and researches. The author is willing to let facts speak for themselves; and he has brought together some eloquent facts for the lover of Holy Writ. This is an excellent manual.

H.B.K.

*Out of the Earth*, by E. M. Blaiklock. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1961. 92 pages. \$2.00.

This volume is a "revised and enlarged edition" of a book first published in 1957, by the Professor of Classics in University College, Auckland, New Zealand.

The book deals with the bearing of archaeological discoveries on various matters in the New Testament, including the question of the census at the time of the birth of Jesus, sayings of Jesus discovered in non-Biblical writings, and other matters of interest which throw light on various points in the New Testament.

J.H.G.

*Monser's Topical Index and Digest of the Bible*, edited by Harold E. Monser, et al. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1960. 681 pages. \$5.95.

This book contains an outline analysis of all the Bible teaches on practically every important Biblical subject. A ready reference volume, valuable to the busy preacher.

J.D.R.

*The Pastoral Genius of Preaching*, by Samuel Volbeda. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1960. 85 pages. \$2.00.

The thesis is that preaching is essentially a pastoral activity--the care of the flock. A book calculated to widen our understanding of the preaching ministry.

J.D.R.

*The Cities of St. Paul*, by Wm. M. Ramsay. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House (Reprinted from original edition of 1907). 452 pages. \$2.79.

*St. Paul; the Traveller and the Roman Citizen*, by Wm. M. Ramsey. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House (Reprinted from original edition of 1897). 402 pages. \$2.79.

Baker Book House of Grand Rapids, Michigan, has again done the field of New Testament studies, as well as the Bible-studying world in general, a distinct service in reprinting these works of the distinguished scholar of the later nineteenth century. After the passing of six decades, William M. Ramsay's works remain valuable as aids to the comprehension of the New Testament. The price (\$2.79 per volume) is attractive; the combination price of \$5.00 for the two even more so.

H.B.K.

*The Gospel in the Old Testament*, by Don Brandeis. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1960. 188 pages. \$3.95.

A Baptist evangelist has attempted to look at the Old Testament through the eyes of the New Testament, and with some interesting results. A topical arrangement divides the study into such theological interests as the existence of God, the fall of man, the Son of God, the birth of Jesus, and His offices of Saviour and Priest. Also touched upon are these topics: angels, Satan, the nature and accuracy of Scripture, Israel, heaven, prayer, the temple, sacrifices, and the new covenant.

The book has a free and easy style but it lacks organization. At times it appears to be a disconnected series of Scripture quotations interspersed with illustrations and anecdotes loosely related to the whole. Data from widely differing periods of

time are sometimes thrown together as though belonging to a single period. On the whole the book is disappointing.

G.H.L.

*How I Discovered the Secret of Success in the Bible*, by Clinton Davidson. Westwood, N. J.: Revell, 1961. 156 pages. \$2.95.

The title of this work is a bit forbidding. One wonders whether there is not need for a good deal of clear thinking as to which effects of the Christian message are central, and which should be labelled "byproducts." One might gain the impression from this volume that successful Christianity should be measured by the size of insurance policy the salesman is able to sell. It needs to be balanced by Job's "Though he slay me, yet . . ."

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