

Book Notices

What Americans Believe and How They Worship, by John Paul Williams. New York: Harper & Brothers, 1952. 400 pages. \$5.00.

A description of religious life in America written in an objective, dispassionate way. Helpful to all who would understand better the religion of their neighbors.

Christianity and Existentialism, by J. M. Spier. Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing Company, 1953. 140 pages. \$3.00.

The author is at present pastor of the Reformed Church at Sneek, Holland. In this volume he gives expositions of the various conceptions of Existentialism. The book closes with a statement of the truth in Existentialism.

The Beauty of Holiness, by J. Baines Atkinson. New York: Philosophical Library Publishers, 1953. 160 pages. \$2.75.

An excellent little book clarifying the specific Methodist emphasis on the doctrine of holiness, by a professor of Cliff College, England.

Commentary on the Prophecies of Isaiah, by Joseph Addison Alexander. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publications, 1953. 482 pages. \$8.95.

A verse-by-verse commentary on the book of Isaiah by a distinguished theologian and Oriental scholar. A Zondervan "reprint classic."

Saint Paul's Epistle to the Philippians, by J. B. Lightfoot. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publications, 1953. 350 pages. \$3.50.

A re-issue of a standard commentary by a scholar of the Church of England.

The Philosophy of Revelation, by Herman Bavinck. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1953. 349 pages. \$3.50.

Ten lectures on the subject, six of which constituted the Stone Lectures delivered at Princeton in 1908-09; by one of the foremost Reformed theologians of modern times.

The Self-Disclosure of Jesus, by Geerhardus Vos. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1954. 311 pages. \$4.00.

Reputedly one of the finest expositions of the Messianic self-consciousness of Jesus produced by conservative scholarship, by a former Princeton professor of theology. A reprint.

That the World May Know, by Charles W. Ranson. New York: Friendship Press, 1953. 166 pages. \$2.00. (pap. \$1.25.)

The book is a valuable aid in the study of present-day situations in missions.

Man's Search for Himself, by Rollo May. New York: W. W. Norton, 1953. 271 pages. \$3.75.

Dr. May tries to help the individual come to terms with himself by providing a storehouse of information for the reader in a clear and concise manner, comparatively free from the jargon of the specialist.

Religion in 20th Century America, by Herbert Wallace Schneider. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1952. 244 pages. \$4.25.

An informative and carefully-sketched picture of the contemporary religious scene.

Christian Worship, Some Meanings and Means, by George Percy Hedley. New York: Macmillan, 1953. 306 pages. \$4.50.

With lucidity and precision, Dr. Hedley deals with a variety of topics such as church architecture, music and preaching, baptism and marriage, and family worship and private devotions.

And Peace at the Last, by Russell L. Dicks and Thomas S. Kepler. Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1953. 94 pages. \$1.50.

A sympathetic, intelligent treatment of one of the most difficult problems of the pastor's ministry together with a collection of excerpts on death and dying from various writers.

The Bible in Pastoral Care, by Wayne E. Oates. Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1953. 127 pages. \$2.50.

An enlightening treatise on using the Bible in counseling. There are two helpful appendixes: a bibliography for supplemental reading, and a list of universities, seminaries, and divinity schools where pastoral counseling is taught.

A Man of the Word: Life of G. Campbell Morgan, by Jill Morgan. New York: F. H. Revell Company, 1951. 404 pages. illus. \$4.50.

The life of G. Campbell Morgan as compiled from his diaries.

Christianity and the Problem of History, by Roger H. Shinn. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1953. 302 pages. \$4.50.

A timely contribution to one of the outstanding topics of our day. The author with erudition and vigor sets forth his analysis of various Christian and non-Christian philosophies in his effort to answer the problem.

New Testament Studies, by C. H. Dodd. New York, 1952. 182 pages. \$3.00.

The author has collected in this excellent volume eight papers written in the course of some twenty years. The first three attempt to identify and describe the pre-literary tradition which lies behind the Four Gospels. Two chapters deal with the mind of Paul and the last three chapters are studies in the area of Biblical Theology of the New Testament. A valuable contribution.

The Christian Approach to Culture, by Emile Cailliet. New York and Nashville: Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, 1953. 288 pages. \$3.75.

A discussion of the relationship between Christianity and modern civilization.

The Kingdom of God: The Biblical Concept and Its Meaning for the Church, by John Bright. New York and Nashville: Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, 1953. 288 pages. \$3.75.

A comprehensive survey of Hebrew history and religion. The concept of the Kingdom of God is presented as the motivating force of the Church, and readers are challenged to become worthy citizens of this Kingdom.

Audio-Visual Materials; Their Nature and Use, by Walter Arno Wittich and Charles Francis Schuller. New York: Harper & Brothers, 1953. 564 pages. illus. \$6.00.

A description of some procedures necessary to the satisfactory utilization of teaching aids, such as globes, chalk-boards, graphics, three-dimensional materials, films, etc.

Major Voices in American Theology, by David Wesley Soper. Philadelphia: The Westminster Press, 1953. 217 pages. \$3.50.

The author chooses six men: Edwin Lewis, Reinhold Niebuhr, Nels F. S. Ferre, Paul Tillich, H. Richard Niebuhr, Robert L. Calhoun, and evaluates their lives and writings with reference to the contemporary scene.

The Modern Rival of Christian Faith: An Analysis of Secularism, by Georgia Harkness. New York and Nashville: Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, 1952. 223 pages. \$2.75.

The author discusses the secular faiths of our time: scientism, humanism, democracy, nationalism, racism, fascism, capitalism, and communism. Over against these she places Christianity as the true and only satisfying faith.

Sacrifice in Greek and Roman Religions and Early Judaism, by Royden Keith Yerkes. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1952. 267 pages. \$3.50.

In this work, the Hale lectures of 1951, the meaning of sacrifice, its origin and ritual, is traced from the earliest times to the dawn of the Christian era. The Christian meaning and implications of sacrifice are considered as they affect Christian living and Christian worship.