

Book Notices

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

This volume, devoted to a survey of the major movements of our century which have influenced the course of America's religious life, aims at an evaluation of the impact of secular trends upon the belief and worship of organized Christianity. Special emphasis is given to the impact of William James' *Varieties of Religious Experience* upon theological thought and practice.

The Twelve Minor Prophets, by George L. Robinson. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1952. 203 pages. \$2.50.

The work of an eminent Old Testament scholar, this book is a reprint of a 1926 copyright. It is an excellent handbook for Bible study classes and represents interpretations and opinions which are the author's own.

The Tabernacle of Israel, by James Strong. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1952. 106 pages. \$1.75.

The author of Strong's Exhaustive Concordance has written this volume after thirty years of study of the tabernacle in the wilderness. The body of the book is devoted to a discussion of the history, structure and meaning of the tabernacle. It is well and profusely illustrated.

Sermons from Job, by John Calvin. Grand Rapids: W. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1952. 300 pages. \$4.50.

Among the best sermons preached by the Geneva theologian are these recorded in this volume. Such themes as God's majesty, His all-inclusive power and unconditional election are set forth.

A Textbook of the History of Doctrine, by Reinhold Seeberg.
Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1952. 492 pages. \$6.75.

This monumental work by Reinhold Seeberg combines the previous two volumes into one. A standard work in its field, it will continue to prove invaluable as a textbook for theological students.

African Heritage, by Emory Ross. New York: Friendship Press, 1952. 145 pages. \$2.00.

Africa's problem of human rights, her educational needs, her susceptibility to Communism, and her Christian responsibility—these are some of the topics discussed in *African Heritage*. A sobering description of the search for truth on the Dark Continent.

Understanding the Books of the New Testament, Patrick H. Carmichael. Richmond: John Knox Press, 1952. 205 pages. \$2.50.

A guide to Bible study for laymen, by several writers. Discusses first New Testament backgrounds then takes up the Gospels, The Acts, The Epistles, and The Revelation, each from the standpoint of aim, motive, plan, and content. A volume that clarifies many questions and integrates the books of the New Testament.

These Rights We Hold, by Fred L. Brownlee. New York: Friendship Press, 1952. 144 pages. \$2.00.

A treatment of the human rights problem from the standpoint of historical development, beginning with the religious idea as first manifest in the Old Testament, through the three revolutionary movements, the Reformation, the Renaissance, and the Industrial Revolution, till the present time.

Crucial Questions About the Kingdom of God, by George E. Ladd.
Grand Rapids: Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1952, 193 pages. \$3.00.

A professor at Fuller Seminary presents an up-to-date survey of the literature of the Kingdom of God with a frank discussion of some of the problems which this concept has provoked.

I Love the Trail, by John McKendree Springer. Nashville, Tenn.: The Parthenon Press, 1952. 176 pages. \$2.50.

The biography of Helen Emily Springer, as told by her husband, Bishop Springer. A moving story of the sacrifice and service of one who gave more than fifty years of her life to the work of the Master on the Dark Continent.

Accent on Liberty, by Mabel M. Sheibley. New York: Friendship Press, 1952. 149 pages. \$2.00.

Thirteen "basically authentic" home mission stories by several writers, based on the denial of the human rights as set forth in various important documents including the Declaration of Independence. These chapters should quicken the sympathies of Christians for that sizeable group in America which finds "justice heavily weighed against it."

Human Crisis in the Kingdom of Coal, by Richard C. Smith. New York: Friendship Press, 1952. 113 pages. \$2.00.

Presentation of the American coal mining community as a missionary challenge. The author, who knows a great deal about miners and mining, has been for the past ten years director of the Mountaineer Mining Mission at Morgantown, West Virginia.

Africans on Safari, by Leslie C. Sayre. New York: Friendship Press, 1952. 145 pages. \$2.00.

The people on safari (a journey) are Christian Africans making a spiritual trek from primitivism to Christianity. The force of the modern missionary movement is seen against "the broad canvas of indigenous African life."

Golden Booklet of the True Christian Life, by John Calvin. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House. 98 pages. \$1.50.

Originally a part of Calvin's Institutes this little devotional classic, in modern English, is a spiritual and realistic treatment of the Christian way.

Instruction in Christian Love, by Martin Bucer. Richmond: John Knox Press. 68 pages. \$1.50.

This vital message of Christian love, for the first time translated into English, is an important Reformation document from one who under Luther's influence became a preacher to the common man.

The Church Use of Audio-Visuals, by Howard E. Tower. Nashville: Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, 1950. 152 pages. \$2.50.

The author of this study, Director of the Audio-Visual Department, Methodist Board of Education, and a former pastor, presents a sound approach to the use of audio-visual aids in the church.

Mountain Trailways for Youth, by Mrs. Charles E. Cowman. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1947. 314 pages. \$2.00.

An excellent selection of daily devotional readings written especially for young people.

Questions People Ask, by Robert J. McCracken. New York: Harper & Brothers, 1951. 188 pages. \$2.50.

A series of sermons based on inquiries concerning "the existence and character of God, the nature and destiny of man, the relation of man to his Maker and to his fellows." Dr. McCracken is the pastor of Riverside Church, New York City.

God's Word in Man's Language, by Eugene A. Nida. New York: Harper & Brothers, 1952. 191 pages. \$2.50.

Mr. Nida, Secretary for Translations of the American Bible Society, writes of the romance of Bible translation work as he has seen it in his travels in more than thirty countries. He vividly portrays the struggle going on in many lands to bring the Book of Life to the peoples of the world in language they can understand.

A Protestant Dictionary, by Vergilius Ferm. New York: The Philosophical Library, 1951. 238 pages. \$5.00.

A concise and worthwhile reference book for the busy clergyman and student, written with an emphasis on American Protestantism.

Interpreting the Church Through Press and Radio, by Roland E. Wolseley. Philadelphia: The Muhlenberg Press, 1951. 352 pages. \$3.75.

This journalistic slant on public relations for the church should be welcomed by pastors and lay leaders. Dr. Wolseley, a journalist of twenty-six years' experience, advocates the interpretation of the church through all the up-to-date accepted media of communication. Several appendixes and an index make the book a handy reference tool.

How to Help an Alcoholic, by Clifford J. Earle. Philadelphia: The Westminster Press, 1952. 96 pages. \$1.50.

Coming out of a busy Chicago pastorate this treatment of the alcoholic problem takes into account biological, psychological, social, economic, and religious factors. Positive and negative suggestions are made for helping the afflicted person.