

Book Notices

Prophetic Preaching, by Roland Q. Leavell. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1963. 96 pages. \$2.25.

A former president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary provides a study of Old Testament preaching at once timely and challenging. He discusses the nature of prophetic preaching and the problems of the prophet. Chapters are devoted to such topics as "Preaching During National Crises," "Protesting Against Social Unrighteousness," and "Preparing the Way of the Lord." Today's spiritual diseases are seen to be much the same as those of Old Testament times; the remedy too is the same: "God's gospel preached by holy men under the direction of the Holy Spirit."

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Tyndale Bible Commentaries (R. V. G. Tasker, General Editor), *The Gospel According to St. Mark*, Vol. 2, by R. A. Cole. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1961. 263 pages. \$3.00.

The Epistle of Paul to the Romans, Vol. 6, by F. F. Bruce. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1963. 288 pages. \$3.00.

R. A. Cole, formerly of Trinity College, Dublin, has produced a practical, work-a-day commentary on Mark designed especially for "those engaged in the humbler levels of Christian service." Here reputedly is a distillation of some of the best comment upon and insight into Mark that the Church has produced.

F. F. Bruce, Professor of Biblical Criticism and Exegesis, University of Manchester, in writing the introduction and commentary to Romans, combines scholarship with simplicity of

presentation. Paul here delivers his message not in our contemporary idiom but in his own uncompromising first-century language.

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The Gospel Miracles and Many Things in Parables, by Ronald S. Wallace. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1963. 166 pages and 161 pages respectively. \$1.95.

Two previously published volumes are now offered in a single paperback edition at a comparatively modest cost to the reader. These expository studies by a Scottish preacher-theologian make luminous and forceful what Christ is saying to the Church today through the parables and miracles of the Gospels.

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Church Unity and Church Mission, by Martin E. Marty. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1964. 139 pages. \$3.00.

Perceptive and creative criticisms of the ecumenical movement from a distinguished theologian, with some new insights concerning the relationship between the church's unity and the church's mission.

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