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The Reformed Doctrine of Predestination. By Loraine Boetiner, Professor of Bible, Pikeville College, Kentucky. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co. 1932. 431 pages, 6×9. Price, \$3.00.

This is a comprehensive, lucid, and uncompromising presentation of Calvinism. The author, a Presbyterian, states: "In the development of this book much use has been made of other books in order that this one may contain the very cream and quintessence of the best authors on the subject." In setting forth the "Five Points of Calvinism": "Total Inability, Unconditional Election, Limited Atonement, Irresistible Grace, and Perseverance of the Saints," he quotes extensively the old writers Calvin, Zanchius, etc., and the modern exponents of Calvinism C. Hodge, B. B. Warfield, W. G. T. Shedd, S. G. Craig, and others. It is Calvinus Redivivus. It will be of value to those who would familiarize themselves with the Calvinistic system. It will prove of particular value in that it exhibits the violent methods Calvinists are forced to employ in order to square their tenets with Scripture. Furthermore, it exhibits the strongly rationalizing trend of Calvinistic theology. The opening sentence (which also appears on the jacket) states that the purpose of the book is "to show that the Reformed faith, or Calvinism, is beyond all doubt the teaching of the Bible and of reason." Reason, logic, common sense, is being constantly appealed to in defense of the Calvinistic tenets. On the one hand, the true, Scriptural principle is clearly enunciated, as, for instance, on page 50, in the words of Charles Hodge: "It is the duty of every theologian to subordinate his theories to the Bible and teach, not what seems to him to be true or reasonable, but simply what the Bible teaches." See also pages 52, 54, 124. On the other hand, Calvinism is advocated because of "its logical consistency," p. 44, its "most inescapable logic," p. 95. "This view alone is consistent with Scripture and with what we see in the world about us," p. 49. "The doctrine of election is in every point Scriptural and a plain dictate of common sense. . . . Consequently, Calvin's own reasoning compels him to hold (to be consistent with himself) that no reprobate child can die in infancy," p. 147 f. "While other systems are found to be wholly inadequate in their explanation of sin, Calvinism can give a fairly adequate explanation in that it recognizes that God is ultimately responsible, since He could have prevented it," p. 251. "Let our opponents inform us why it is that in regard to those who become true Christians, but who, as they allege, fall away, God does not take them out of the world while they are in the saved state," p. 183, etc., etc. It is Calvinus Redivivus, the spirit of Calvin, who also was wont to stamp the denial of reprobation as "inscite nimis et pueriliter," "plus quam insulse." "This they do ignorantly and childishly, since there could be no election without its opposite, reprobation. . . . It were most absurd to say," etc. (Institutes, III, XXIII, 1.)

The author knows his Calvinism full well, but Lutheranism not at all. The Lutheran doctrine that the sole cause of man's damnation lies in man and the sole cause of man's salvation lies in God is nowhere touched.

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"There are really only three systems which claim to set forth a way of salvation through Christ. They are 1) Universalism, which holds that Christ died for all men and that eventually all shall be saved, either in this life or through a future probation. . . . 2) Arminianism, which holds that saving grace is offered to every man, which grace he may receive or reject, just as he pleases. . . . It is essentially a recrudescence of Pelagianism, a type of self-salvation. . . . 3) Calvinism, which holds that as a result of the fall into sin all men in themselves are guilty, corrupted, hopelessly lost; that from this fallen mass God sovereignly elects some to salvation through Christ, while passing by others, etc.," p. 47 f. The teaching of the Lutheran Church, which, on the one hand, rejects Arminianism and insists on the sola gratia and, on the other hand, rejects Calvinism and insists on the gratia universalis, is nowhere discussed. The author is not acquainted with it. In fact, he lists Luther as a Calvinist, pp. 1. 106. "And the Lutheran Church to-day as judged by the Formula of Concord holds the doctrine of predestination in a modified form," p. 2. He certainly does not know our Formula of Concord, which rejects and condemns reprobation, absolute election, and whatever else goes to make up Calvinism. (He does know the Lutheran doctrine on the means of grace, "the necessity which it attaches to the means of grace, especially [?] the Word and the Sacraments," p. 145, and rejects it.)

The supralapsarians taught that the greater part of mankind will be lost. The statement of the Visitation Articles, listing as a doctrine of the Calvinists "that God created the greater part of men for eternal condemnation" (Trigl., p. 1157) is not a calumny. It is substantiated by S. G. Craig, editor of Christianity To-day, who says: "No doubt many Calvinists, like many not Calvinists, have, in obedience to the supposed teachings of Scripture, held that few will be saved; but there is no good reason why Calvinists may not believe that the saved will ultimately embrace the immensely greater portion of the human race," p. 131. Accordingly, modern Calvinism has modified Calvin's tenet. It still teaches that God predestined a part of mankind to damnation, but greatly reduces the numerical extent of this part. - Scripture certainly teaches that the number of the lost exceeds the number of the saved. Scripture employs the terms "remnant," "little flock." While the number of the saved forms a countless multitude, they are "few" as compared with the number of those who bring eternal damnation upon themselves. In illustration of the violent methods of exegesis Calvinism employs for the purpose of harmonizing Scripture with human speculation we submit this paragraph: "But, it may be asked, do not the verses 'Narrow is the gate, and straightened the way, that leadeth unto life, and few are they that find it' and 'Many are called, but few are chosen,' Matt. 7, 14; 22, 14, teach that many more are lost than saved? We believe these verses are meant to be understood in a temporal sense, as describing the conditions which Jesus and His disciples saw existing in Palestine in their day. The great majority of the people about them were not walking in the ways of righteousness, and the words are spoken from the standpoint of the moment rather than from the standpoint of the distant Judgment Day. In these words we have presented to us a picture which was true to life as they saw it and which would, for that matter,

describe the world as it has been up to the present time. But, asks Dr. Warfield, 'As the years and centuries and ages flow on, can it never be—is it not to be—that the proportion following "the two ways" shall be reversed?'" (p. 139).

The Significance of Karl Barth. By John McConnachic. Richard R. Smith, Inc., New York. 288 pages, 5½×7¾. Price, \$2.00.

Zerbe, Pauck, and now McConnachie have tried to do what Karl Barth himself has warned his followers not to attempt, namely, to define the "standpoint" of this foremost of present-day modern theologians. Barth's warning was justified. As yet he has laid down no permanent basic principles by which to judge the thousand and one questions that must be put in connection with the doctrines he proclaims. Barth knew as little as others what would follow after his Roemerbrief or his Das Wort Gottes und die Theologie, or even his Dogmatik, I. Die Lehre vom Wort Gottes. Barth, the devoted pupil of Herrmann, only realized (in 1918) that the connection between himself and his former teacher must be severed since neither the "religious individualism" of Herrmann nor the "historical relativity" of Harnack could furnish the theologian with an adequate principium cognoscendi; so he turned to Luther and Calvin, principally the latter, and began a most diligent research of the material and formal principle of the Reformation, - of course, all this in the light of his own modernistic background. For a while orthodoxy and Liberalism struggled vehemently in the young theological professor, while he tried to find himself; gradually, however, more positive notes were heard, and to-day Barth is on the way to conservative Calvinism. This explains why McConnachie can speak with more definiteness than could Zerbe, and even Pauck. The Barth of 1932 is no longer the Barth of 1918. He is less Kierkegaard, less Dostojewski, less Kant and Plato, and more Barth, yet always the same searching, investigating, doubting, polemizing Barth of 1911; for the years of storm and stress have not yet passed away. Barth's position is between historic Fundamentalism and Ritschlian Modernism; Barthianism is neither of the two, yet it contains elements of both. Against modernistic pantheism, with its eternal emphasis on divine immanence, he stresses God's transcendance. Against modernistic self-sufficiency he preaches the total depravity of man; of course, not in the sense of Augustine, or even Calvin, nevertheless in terms that are unmistakable ("Before the Cross of Calvary there is no good in me at all"). Over against modernistic agnosticism, Barth points out the necessity and certainty of divine revelation; yet divine revelation, according to Barth, is not Scripture, nor is the "Word of God" the Holy Bible. Barthianism is against Modernism, yet not for the Apostles' Creed in the historic sense of that inestimable confession. Nevertheless, the basic tenets of Barthianism are Calvinistic, and toward Calvinism he is drifting steadily. What Barthianism is and what it purposes to do, cannot be stated until Barth has completed his Dogmatics and has applied his dialecticism to the various doctrines of historic Christianity in a systematic and critical way. In the mean while men are studying his books and essays, and his pupils (McConnachie is one of them) are writing monographs to explain to the world what the master really means to teach. The present volume is by a Scotch scholar who studied Barthianism at its source. His language is simple, his paragraph divisions are lucid, and the whole monograph is an important contribution to the already voluminous Barthian literature. His book is worth reading, especially as the writer makes it clear that Barthianism is only Calvinism in a modern garb. Our own opinion on Barthianism appeared in the last issue of the Monthly, and we were glad to find that this new volume on Barthianism did not contain anything that compelled us to alter or revise what we have said. The "theology of crisis" has done much good in liberalistic Germany, since it has drawn the younger theologians away from the extreme critical and liberalistic school that ruled supreme before the war. But it will not accomplish any permanent good until it places itself absolutely and four-square on Holy Scripture as the only norm of faith and teaches with simple faith and in simple terms the Gospel of the crucified Christ. As yet it is not Gospel, but only Gospel philosophy.

J. T. MUELLER.

"Erlöfung von JEfu Chrifto"? Eine Auseinandersehung mit Frau Dr. Masthilbe Ludendorff. Bon Lic. Karl Heinrich Rengftorf, Privatsbozent in Tübingen. Leipzig 1931. Berlag von Dörffling & Frank.
72 Seiten 54×9. Preis: M. 1.50, geheftet.

Der Tannenbergbund ift eine beutschländische Organisation gur Betampfung bes Chriftentums. Die geiftige Gubrerin bes Bunbes ift Frau Dr. Mathilbe Luben: Dieje hat lettes Jahr ein umfangreiches Buch ericheinen laffen, bas ben bezeichnenden Titel "Erlofung bon [sic] 3Gfu Chrifto" führt. 3hr Buch ift, wie ber Berfaffer biefes heftes flar nachweift, jum großen Zeil ein Abflatich gweier Bucher, bes Bertes bon Jacolliot, La Bible dans l'Inde, und eines fleineren Bertes bon Plange, "Chriftus ein Inber?" Erfteres Wert erfchien 1876, letteres 1906. Angriffe auf bas Chriftentum bon biefer Seite aus find ja nichts Reues; haben boch auch fcon andere Schriftfteller ben bermeintlichen Urfprung ber drift: lichen Religion in Indien finden wollen. Prof. Rengftorf weift in folagenber Beife, manchmal nicht ohne fachgemäße Ironie, Die plumpen Angriffe Frau Luben: borffs gurud und bedt befonbers ihren Dangel an Biffenfchaftlichfeit auf. Das Befen Diefes Bamphlets hat wieber bie überzeugung vertieft, Die ber Regenfent foon feit bielen Jahren bat, bag nämlich bon feiten folder Leute bem Chriftens tum nicht biel Gefahr broht. Wir foliegen uns ben Worten bes Bormorts an: "Der Berfaffer ift ber überzeugung, bag letten Enbes nicht bie Sachtenntnis, fons bern allein bie mutige und frohe Bezeugung ber Botichaft bes Reuen Teftaments unfere befte Baffe gegenüber bem mobernen Beibentum ift."

P. E. Rregmann.

Father and Son. The life-story of Henry Ziegler, D. D., 1816—1898, and of John A. M. Ziegler, Ph. D., D. D., 1855—, together with a concise outline of American Lutheran history by the son, with an introduction by Frank P. Manhart, D. D., LL. D., Dean of Theological Department, Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, Pa. Published for the author. 285 pages, 6×8. Price, \$2.00.

No person interested in the history of the American Lutheran Church will fail to find the first part of this book, treating of the elder Ziegler, truly fascinating. This remarkable man, whose picture is here skilfully and affectionately drawn by his son, was born in 1816 of poor parents,

living in Pennsylvania. We are shown how he was "converted" when eighteen years old; how he, after this change, conducted morning and evening prayers for the family; how, after having done the severest kind of manual labor from his fourteenth to his nineteenth year, he prepared for the ministry, making the trip of 250 miles to and from Gettysburg on foot twelve or fourteen times, "never getting an invitation to ride even a single mile by a passing traveler"; and how he, at the conclusion of his studies at the seminary, became a pastor of the General Synod. He was bilingual and preached in either the German or the English language, as the circumstances required. In the controversy over "new measures," he belonged to the party which sponsored this type of church-work, holding "revivals" in his churches, but not dispensing with catechetical instruction and confirmation. Having been pastor, missionary superintendent, and agent of an education society supporting ministerial students, he, in 1858, was chosen as professor of theology for the Missionary Institute at Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania, which was founded in that year. Here for a period of fifteen years he was the sole regular theological teacher, performing herculean labors, inasmuch as the presidency of the school also rested on his shoulders during this period. The institute was founded by people who declared that they were decidedly in favor of a learned ministry and did not wish to interfere with the work of the regular colleges and seminaries, but that they entertained the conviction that there "are men in our Lutheran Zion who ought to enter our ministerial ranks, but who cannot be expected to do so by means of our present system, men who are somewhat advanced in life, established in health, pious, and approved by their brethren, having already a practical knowledge of men and things in the Church and in the world," and that it was their design to open an institute for this class of men, giving them a thorough training "in such branches as have a direct and essential bearing on their peculiar calling" (p. 77 f.). In the twenty-three years that Professor Ziegler taught at Selinsgrove, one hundred men entered the Christian ministry as graduates of that school, which now is known as Susquehanna University. Confessionally his position in his earlier years was vague and unsatisfactory, like that of many other men in the General Synod; but in common with Krauth and Passavant and others he experienced a growth in the right direction. When the storm arose which was caused by the so-called Definite Platform, the anonymous pamphlet which attacked the Augsburg Confession in its historical form, Dr. Ziegler and his fellow-members of the Synod of Central Pennsylvania were inclined to endorse it; but a few months later he and they emphatically declared that they did not wish to be understood as having adopted that whole instrument (p. 103). When an old man, he bitterly deplored that in his youth he had not enjoyed a course of thorough catechetical instruction. His words written with reference to an exposition of the Catechism deserve quotation (p. 113): "Would to God I had been faithfully drilled in that Appendix (i. c., the section of the Catechism treating of the Power of the Keys) when a catechumen. Oh, the agonies through which I had to pass for want of such instruction! It took me years of praying, searching, and struggling to get out of the darkness into the full light of the Gospel and of the Lutheran Church. I want to save our youth in all

coming time from the necessity of passing through the same uncertainties, perplexities, and struggles." It is evident that, though at the time of his death in 1898 he was still a member of the General Synod, he had gone forward a great distance on the road of Lutheran conservatism. As a preacher he must have been a power in his day, having unusual gifts for public speaking. A number of books on theological subjects were published by him which had grown out of the work which he did in the classroom.

The second part of the book is autobiographical, Dr. Ziegler, Jr., telling about his own work as pastor and teacher (Carthage, Illinois). The third part, treating of the history of the American Lutheran Church, is intended to set forth the confessional development in the General Synod. Those who would like to read of the withdrawal of the Pennsylvania Ministerium from the General Synod in 1866, which secession led to the formation of the General Council, will find here a reprint of some of the documents which played an important rôle at that time. The last chapter of the book discusses the founding of the United Lutheran Church and the ventures in which it is particularly interested. The weaknesses of this general body, which still tolerates un-Lutheran preaching and un-Lutheran practise in its midst, are not dwelt on by the author. Other Lutheran bodies are referred to only briefly. For a better understanding of the history of the old General Synod the work is very valuable.

W. ARNDT.

Studien bes apologetischen Seminars in Wernigerobe. Gerausgegeben im Auftrage bes Borftandes von Carl Stange, Göttingen. Drud und Berlag von C. Bertelsmann in Gütersloh.

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Lutherifdes Miffionsjahrbuch für bas Jahr 1932. Gerausgegeben im Auftrage ber Miffionstonferenz in Sachfen burch B. Gerber. 45. Jahrs gang. Berlag &. G. Wallmann, Leipzig. 152 Seiten 5×7½. Preis: M. 2.

Auch biefes Jahr enthält bas borliegenbe Wert biele intereffante Artifel und Mitteilungen. Rach einem einleitenben Artifel über bas zeitgemäße Thema "Durchhalten!" findet fich ein Auffat über "Das Bilb Chrifti am Kreuze zu Beginn bes

Mittelalters als Musbrud frubbeutider Frommigleit" von Pfarrer D. Dr. Reil. Es folgt ein Artifel über bie Diffion auf ber Infel Island bon Bfarrer Dr. Beng. Miffionar Lic. Sanbegren, einer ber fowebifden Miffionare in Subinbien, foreibt über bas Thema "Theologifche Aufgaben in Indien". Bfarrer Dr. Specht behan: belt bie Frage: "Welche Mufgaben erwachfen ber Miffion aus ber gunehmenben Induftrialifierung ber Belt?" Diffionar Dr. Repher fcreibt über "Raturboll, Bibilifation und Diffion in Reuguinea". Es folgt bann bie übliche Runbichau und eine Diffionsbibliographie für 1931. Schließlich wird in einer Reihe fürgerer Auffage Material geboten für Bibelftunben. Unfer Blid fallt gerabe auf einen Cay Diffionsbirettor Ihmels', ber mitteilt, bag bas Tamulenland in Inbien, wo aud unfere Diffionare arbeiten, reichlich fo groß ift wie Subbeutschland und baß fiebzehn bis achtzehn Millionen Menfchen bie tamulifche Sprache fprechen, bon benen nur achtundzwanzigtaufend lutherifche Chriften finb. Beigelegt ift ein fleiner Traftat, ber bon einem Befuch im Lehrer: und Ebangeliftenfeminar für Subweft-Afrita in Otahandja ergahlt. Das Jahrbuch ift fo reichhaltig, bag es fich gewiß berlohnt, wenn Brediger und Lehrer es fich beftellen. 2B. Urnbt.

Historias Biblicas para Menores. Preparadas por el Rev. L. Heinemeier de Vernon, Texas, conforme de la edicion en idioma aleman hecha por el Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo., e impresas por cumplido del Rev. A. W. Reese de Concordia, Mo. Buenos Aires. 1932. 155 Scitch 4½×6. \$\parallel{3}\$ Preis: 60 Cts.

Bir begrußen biefes Buchlein mit taufend Freuden. Es ift unfere alt= bewährte "Biblifche Befchichte für Unterflaffen", Die auch in englifcher Form borliegt in bem Buchlein Bible History for Parochial and Sunday-schools und hier nun in fpanifcher Sprache ericheint, hauptfachlich für bie Arbeit in Argentinien, aber auch für die fpanische Missionsarbeit in unserm Lande, in Tegas, in Chicago, in Los Angeles und bier in St. Louis. Die gange Anlage bes Buchleins heimelt an, weil es eben nicht nur in ben fünfundbreißig Gefcich= ten bes Alten Teftaments und ben vierundvierzig Befchichten bes Reuen Tefta: ments ben befannten Tegt ber beften Gefchichten bietet, fonbern auch weil bie Berleger felbft bie alten Illuftrationen gebraucht haben. Wir haben einige Stich: proben gemacht, auch im Bergleich mit ber fpanifchen Bibel, fomobl ber tatho: lifden als ber protestantifden überfetung, und find ber überzeugung, bag bie hier borliegende Form ihren 3med in befter Beife erfüllen wirb. Befondere Unertennung berbient bie Arbeit Baftor Beinemeiers und bas Intereffe Profeffor Reefes, bie bas Unternehmen möglich gemacht haben. Es ware gut, wenn jeber Baftor, ber etwa mit fpanifchrebenben Leuten gufammentommt, Exemplare biefes Buchleins gur Sand hatte, bamit er gegebenenfalls Diffion treiben tann.

B. E. Rregmann.

The Book We Love. By Charles L. Goodell. Abingdon Press, New York. 108 pages, 5×7½. Price, \$1.00.

The Bible in Religious Education. By Jacob Sheatsley. Lutheran Book Concern, Columbus, O. 270 pages, 5×7%. Price, \$1.50.

A Methodist and a Lutheran discuss the Bible, and both volumes are an apologetic against Modernism and the higher criticism. Dr. Goodell's little volume is a panegyric on the Bible, highly wrought, sometimes slightly straining after effect, but undoubtedly sincere in its presentation of the

spiritual supremacy of the Bible in the world's literature. Much of it quotable. Dr. Sheatsley of the American Lutheran Church (Ohio Synod) submits a volume of scholarly chapters defending the conservative position relative to the Bible as the inspired Word of God and as adapted, also in our present age, to the demands of religious education. An excellent book for young people instilled by the skepticism of the university; its argumentation is closely reasoned and its attitude towards the Bible orthodox throughout. The chapter entitled "The Bible as Revelation" presents a unique argument, and there are other chapters which state old truths in a novel way. The contrasting of modernistic and orthodox positions is done in a trenchant manner, yet not in a way that will offend those mired in doubt. The pedagogical defects of the modernistic scheme of religious education have not often been set forth as convincingly. We took special delight in the writer's attitude towards the Christian day-school. His English is excellent. TH. GRAEBNER.

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From Fleming H. Revell Company, New York, London, and Edinburgh:—
Confident Faith. By Samuel M. Shoemaker, Jr. 190 pages, 5×7%.
Price, \$1.50.

Souls Aflame. By Joseph M. Dawson, D. D. 143 pages, 5×7½. Price, \$1.50.

Pilate's Wife, and Other Addresses. By French E. Oliver, D. D. 160 pages, 5×7½. Price, \$1.50.

C. Bertelsmann, Gütersloh:

Das Dogma und bie Rirche bes Glaubens. Bon D. Fr. B. Som ibt. 31 Seiten 51/2×81/2. Preis: M. 1.

Beitschrift für fystematische Theologie. Herausgegeben von Rarl Stange und andern. Bertelsmann, Gütersloh. 9. Jahrgang, 4. Bierteljahrshest. M. 4.50. Inhalt: Schott: "Luthers Anthropologie und seine Lehre von der manducatio oralis in wechselseitiger Beleuchtung"; Zwirner: "Bemerlungen zu dem Aussacht Berths über "Psychopathologie und Religionspsichologie"; Schumann: "Jur Frage der theologischen Anthropologie"; Stange: "Das letze Wort des Ausserschaften (Matth. 28, 18—20)"; Wichel: "Grundzüge der urchristlichen Eschatologie"; Stange: "Die Wandlung des religiösen Bewuhtseins in der Gegenswart"; Traub: "Beidegger und die Theologie."

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