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The Old Testament：an Appreciation．By Paul I．Morentz，B．D．Pub－ lished by the author，Room 804，Muhlenberg Bldg．， 1228 Spruce St， Philadelphia，Pa． 91 pages， $51 / 4 \times 73 / 4$ ．Price， 60 cts．
The author is a member of the U．L．C．who has labored for the con－ version of Judaism these many years．He occupies vantage－ground through his accurate knowledge of Talmudic lore，which he quotes ex－ tensively in his studies of Messianic prophecies．Some of his comment is proof that the ancient Jewish interpreters did understand the Mes－ sianic significance，for instance，of Gen．3，15，of Jacob＇s reference to Shiloh，of the Star of Jacob，of the prophet like unto Moses，of Micah＇s reference to Bethlehem，and of other famous texts．The book contains six lectures delivered at a Lutheran summer－camp in Pennsylvania，and its purpose is to help Christian ministers recognize the Old Testament more than is customary in their preaching and teaching ministry．We do not agree with some of the critical positions taken（ $\mathrm{pp} .17,40,62,80$ ） and would not recommend Driver＇s and Alleman＇s books to the student of the Old Testament（p．45）．

Theodore Grazbner
The Highest Fellowship．An Explanation of the First Epistle of John． By the Rev．James M．Ghysels，pastor of the Christian Reformed Church，La Fayette，Ind．Introduction by Henry Schultze，pro－ fessor of the New Testament，Calvin Seminary，Grand Rapids， Mich．Zondervan Publishing House，Grand Rapids，Mich． 261 pages， $53 / 4 \times 8$ ．Price，$\$ 1.50$ ．
This handsome，sizable volume（beautifully printed and well bound， reasonable price）sets forth in fifty popular meditations，under the unify－ ing title of＂The Highest Fellowship，＂an interpretation of John＇s ex－ quisite first letter．These meditative interpretations first appeared in the Banner，one of the periodicals of the Christian Reformed Church in America，and upon general demand are here offered to a wider circle of Christian readers in book form．They possess a winsomeness of style， diction，and content which，together with the writer＇s professed loyalty to the old faith，well explains their popularity．The Lutheran reader，of course，cannot assent to the specific Calvinistic views that are here main－ tained．Thus the author，while repudiating perfectionism，contends that the believer cannot＂become a sinner again＂（p．150），since＂renewing
grece is an abiding principle" (p.151). This is the peculiar Reformed doctrine according to which a believer, once effectually called, cannot agin lose his faith, though its exercise may be temporarily and incidentally suppressed. In his interpretation of 1 John 2,2 the writer labors hard, but quite in vain to deny the universal redemption which is so clearly taught in this remarkable passage. He expounds it wrongly to mean that Christ is the Propitiation for the sins, not merely of the Ephesian Christians, but of all believers throughtout the world, the expression "whole world" having a "graphical sense." It is unfortunate that such Calvinistic bias should mar a book in many respects meritorious and Biblical. As an example of the author's exegetical method and Christian faith we quote the following: "There are many people these days who resent the idea that God needs to be reconciled and appeased. They say that that savors too much of the heathen idea, which seeks to appease the wrath of the gods by sacrifice. They say, moreover, that it is not God who needs to be appeased, but man. Sinful man needs to be reconciled to God, but not God to man. God is loving and kind, but man is rebellious. Man's rebellion must be broken down, and then all will be well. This, however, is not the Biblical idea. The Biblical idea is that God had to be reconciled to the sinner before the sinner could be reconciled to Him. There could be no peace with God unless God was at peace with men. God had to be propitiated, and according to the text this propitiation is Christ, who gave His life that we might live. And it is on the ground of this propitiation that He can be the Advocate of sinners. He can plead their cause effectively because He Himself is the covering for their sins." (P. 43.)
J. T. Mueller

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The Christian Answer to the Problem of Evil. By J.S. Whale, President of Chesunt College, Cambridge. The Abingdon Press. 1936. 96 pages, $5 \times 71 / 2$. Price, $\$ 1.00$.
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 belyanbelt ("Rachel weeping for her children, Job cursing his day - Christianity itself has no formula explaining these things. Intellectually considered, the mystery remains a mystery. Neither theism nor atheism, neither the philosophies nor the sciences can solve this, the deepest problem for humanity. We do not understand why this child is blind nor why that mother, for whom life has already been one long discipline, now loses her only son", G. 53), hat lejensiverte Martien. Es twirb ba 3. ㅇ.
 twegen niddts taugen, tocil fie Iogijd bertebrt finb. "Three axioms constitute the problem. The first axiom is the absolute sovereignty of God, Maker of heaven and earth. . . . The second: God is love. . . . The third Christian axiom asserts the indubitable reality of evil in God's world. . . . All those tempting solutions must be rejected which would simplify the issue by getting rid of the triangle." (ธ. 15.) Dic Whitojopgic bes Determinisimus, bes ©albiniŝmus, ftreid)t cinfady bic cine Geite, ber Dualiŝmus bic anbere; unb biejenigen, Die bie Eriftens beş übets (physical evil) unb bie Gilublideleit ber Glinbe (moral evil) Ieugnen, baben aud) nidfts zur 8 gjung bes $\mathfrak{P r o b l e m s ~ b e i s ~}$ getragen. Dies alles weift Mbate mit grinblider Sogit auf. Nidt jo triengs wert ift jeine शntwort auf bieje fdivierige frage, jeine Darlegung ber deriftiden 2tutivort. Im alfgemeinen gibt er biejetbe शntivort twic \&obertc. Das \&reus, ber Tob unb bie stufertegung Efrift geben bic Mtntwort. Stber nun toirb bie Gadfe io formufiert: "To faith authenticated in life and vindicated in experience we have to turn if our problem is to be triumphantly dealt with." (ธ. 54.) Unb wenn er ba auf bas תreus unb ben Tob §Giu 3u \{preden tommet, toeiß man niddt refft, twarum Cyrifus eigentlidg geftorben ift. sier rebet eben cin tiberaler ₹heolog bom \&ireus. Dás toir burdi ben Tob Ejrifi פers

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The Living Christ. By Will H. Houghton, D. D. The Bible Institute Colportage Association, Chicago, III. 123 pages, $5 \times 71 / 2$. Price, 75 cts.; paper binding, 20 cts. May be ordered through Concordia Publishing House, 3558 S. Jefferson Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
This book was written by the president of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago. By way of example we quote such statements as these: The word $\sin$ is missing in the vocabulary of the age in which we live. The newspaper has much to say about crime. Society is talking about indiscretions. Scholars speak of the ignorance of men. The new theology talks of selfishness. But the Bible calls most of these things sin." (P.34) "That is the theme of the Epistle to the Romans - the righteousness of God, which is Jesus Christ, set over to the account of every sinner who will turn to God, taking his place as a sinner and confessing Jesus Christ as his Savior. To all who are trying to be religious, to all who are hoping to make themselves good enough to be accepted by God, to all who are trying to 'turn over a new leaf,' this epistle says: 'But to him that worketh not, but believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is reckoned for righteousness. Even as David also pronounceth blessing upon the man unto whom God reckoneth righteousness apart from works, saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven and whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not reckon $\sin$,' Rom. 4,5-8 (R.V.)." "There is one serious lack in all work for Christ today. We have the technique of evangelism. We have methods galore. We have organizations. We are able to set up preparatory prayer-meetings. We have every variety of plan from visitation to mass-meeting. But there is one place of failure - we lack passion for souls. Our hearts are cold, hence our work is powerless. . . . May God save the churches from a professional ministry! When the minister or evangelist is merely getting a living, and when with sleepy soul he pretends to have an interest in men around him, dearth and death will be on his trail." (P.118.) We cannot agree with every statement made by the author, but we believe that the book will make stimulating reading, especially because of its stressing the fact of $\sin$ and grace. The title of the book is that of the first chapter. Other chapters treat of such subjects as "The Disease of Sin," "How Christ Saves Sinners," "Rightcousness Required and Supplied," "The Need of Evangelism."

J. H. C. Fritz

Taking Fold of God. By Samuel M. Zwemer, D.D. Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Mich. 188 pages. Price: Cloth, $\$ 150$; paper, $\$ 1.00$.
Dr. Zwemer was pioneer missionary among the Moslems in Arabia from 1891 to 1912 and then was stationed at Cairo, Egypt, from 1913 to 1929. He is now editor of the "Moslem World" and professor of the history of religion and Christian missions at Princeton Theological Seminary. This book is really an answer to an article appearing in the "Christian Century" (1935) under the sarcastic title: "Why Not Use a Prayer-wheel?" and making light of Christian prayer, public or private. Dr. Zwemer, in twelve chapters, discusses the antiquity and universality of prayer; its nature; place and posture in prayer; power; hindrances to prayer; prayer and missions; some Old Testament prayers; prayers of Paul; the Lord's Prayer; the prayers of our Lord. Pastors will find material in this book for sermons on prayer. W.G.Porack
Moody, Winner of Souls. By A. Chester Mann. Introduction by Farry A. Ironside, Litt. D., pastor, Moody Memorial Church, Chicago, Ill. Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Mich. 135 pages, $51 / 2 \times 8$. Price, $\$ 1.00$. Order through Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo.
This is a new contribution to the biographical literature on the revivalist Dwight L. Moody, whose memory the coming centennial will revive not only in our own country, but also in England. The book is divided into two parts, one setting forth most interestingly the personal life of the great lay preacher and the other his abiding achievements, e. g., the Moody Memorial Church, the Gospel Songs, the Northfield Schools, the Northfield Conferences, the Moody Bible Institute, the Moody Colportage Association, the Moody missionaries: Grenfell of Labrador, Dan Crawford of Luaza, Africa, D. E. Hoste of the China Inland Mission. The instructive volume is a study in triumphs in which God's matchless grace is seen. Strictly speaking, it is not a biography, -for the writer does not wish to crowd from the market the works on Moody already in existence and use, - but rather a series of remarkable pen pictures on this great preacher and his phenomenal success in his long ministry. We are sure that no one who secures the book will be disappointed. In fact, we are quite sure that every reader will be encouraged by Moody's example and zeal to work a little harder and more cheerfully for the victorious Christ.
J. T. Mueleer

Pastoral Problems. By W. B. Riley, A. M., D. D. 192 pages, $51 / 4 \times 73 / 4$. Fleming H. Revell Co., London and New York. Price, \$1.50.
Dr. W. B. Riley, the well-known preacher and evangelist, is president of the Northwestern Evangelical Seminary, Minneapolis, Minn., founded October 2, 1935, with an enrolment of 45 students the first year. The book was written for the purpose of serving as a text-book for the author's class and with the hope that others might profit from its study. After an opening chapter on "The Problem of Appointment" the author offers two chapters on preaching, two on church services, one each on administering the church ordinances (Baptism and Lord's Supper), wed-
ding service, funeral service, church business, church troubles, music, pastoral visitation, finances, church organizations, special soul-winning services, and the mission problem. He writes from the viewpoint of a conservative Baptist. On the method of immersion he offers three "don'ts": "1. Don't slap people into the water, sloshing it by the vigorous and sudden dip. 2. Don't so baptize as to strangle and excite a cough. 3. Don't permit conditions that will make possible the clinging of the candidate to the administrator or any foolish performance on the candidate's part." (P.72.) These "don'ts" are followed by seven "positive and practical intimations." On "the proposed support of the Church by various sales" Dr. Riley has the following to say: "Such sales effect an antichristian influence, they dry up the fountains of benevolence, and they leave the Church of God on a little better financial basis than that of the beggar." (Page 152.) - While not offering the wealth of material found in Dr. Walther's and Dean Fritz's Pastoral Theology, there are many practical suggestions, and it is interesting and instructive to learn how other men cope with these questions.

Th. Laetsch
Psjchiatry and Mental Health. By John Rathbone Oliver, M. D., Ph. D. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. 330 pages, $51 / 2 \times 8$. Price, $\$ 2.75$. Order through Concordia Publishing House, 3558 S. Jefferson Ave., St.Louis, Mo.
This book is intended to acquaint the pastor with certain types of behavior in mental and sexual cases that will come under his observation in the course of his ministry. Such knowledge the pastor needs in order that he can properly diagnose certain cases and that he may be able to apply the Word of God as the particular needs of his spiritual patient demands. A pastor ought also to be acquainted with the nomenclature of mental ailments and sexual perversions, such as paranoia, paresis, lues, psychoneurosis, phobia, inhibition, obsession, autoerotism, homoerotism, heteroerotism, masochism, sadism, etc. While we may not be able to approve of every statement made in this book, it contains so much that a pastor ought to know that we heartily recommend it to our pastors for a careful study. The book is valuable also because its points to the fact that, after all, the best psychiatrist is the Christian pastor who well knows his Bible and who has a passion for souls, in other words, the real Seelsorger.
J. H. C. Fritz

Synodical Handbook of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States. Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo. 171 pages, $41 / 4 \times 6$. Price: Cloth, 75 cts.; paper, 50 cts. Prices are net, postpaid.
This is an old acquaintance in a new garb. Two changes have been made, neither an essential one. One change affects the contents. The Handbook has been brought up to date, containing all the changes in, and additions to, the regulations and provisions of Synod which were adopted by Synod since the 1924 edition of the Handbook. The other change affects the arrangement of the book. It is divided into four sections: A. The Synodical Constitution; B. The By-laws of the Constitu-
tion.
C. Regulations for Officers, Boards, and Cominittees: I. Administration; II. Education; III. Missions; IV. Finances; V. Publication; VI. Publicity; VII. Intersynodical Matters. In the last section; D, we find documents of Synod, the articles of incorporation or charters of Synod, and various organizations in Synod. This rearrangement ought to appeal at once to the user of the book, since it will considerably facilitate reference to the various provisions. The titles on pages 137 and 139 should be transposed, so that the title "Part Six," etc., appears on page 137, the title "Part Seven," etc., on page 139.

We must confess we like our old friend in his new make-up. All our pastors and laymen ought to be interested in this new edition of the Handbook, ought to read, reread, study it, so as to familiarize themselves with the rules and regulations of our Synod. Many a delay, many a disappointment, many a confusion, would be avoided if all were acquainted with the contents of this little book.

Th. Latersch
Civil Government. By H. B. Fehner, M. A. Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo. 110 pages, $5 \times 71 / 4$. Price, 15 cts.
If the popularity of a book is any gage of its worth and usefulness, then this booklet has proved its value to the teachers of our Synod. It offers the main facts pertaining to the government of state and nation. P. E. Kretzamann

## BOOKS RECEIVED

From the Cokesbury Press, Nashville, Tenn.:-
Kill or Cure? By Muriel Lester. 135 pages, $5 \times 71 / 2$. Price, $\$ 1.00$.
From the Macmillan Company, New York:-
On Growing Old Gracefully. By Charles Courtenay, M. A. 235 pages, $51 / 4 \times 8$. Price, $\$ 2.00$.
From the Warner Press, Anderson, Ind.: -
The Quest Begins. By Forrest Cleburne Weir. 167 pages, $51 / 2 \times 8$. Price, $\$ 1.00$.
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