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Book Review

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I, Paul. An Autobiography of the Prince Among Missionaries.
By Lester A. Wolf. Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis.
1948. 308 pages, 5½ × 8½. \$2.95.

This review should have appeared long ago. We trust, however, that the popular synodical papers informed our public sufficiently of the appearance of this interesting work, and we hope that our present review can serve as a reminder to those who, after seeing the announcement of its appearance, forgot to order it. *I, Paul*, is a vivid, fascinating account of the life and activities of the Apostle written in the first person. There is no doubt that this method considerably enhances the dramatic possibilities of the presentation. We are made eyewitnesses, as it were, of what is happening to the Apostle. Originally the chapters of this book were delivered as radio addresses over Station KFUE in St. Louis. They pleased the audiences that heard them to such an extent that the wish was voiced to see them made available in book form. Here they are, and we think ministers and teachers who buy the book will not be disappointed. The author is not trying to solve critical problems of scholarship as he presents this narrative. He simply tells the story of Paul as he was able to build it up with the materials furnished in Acts and in the Pauline Epistles. The tone is reverential, speculations are avoided, the heart of the Gospel is not overlooked. In the manner in which the great facts of Paul's life are depicted the work can well be a model to those that would like to try a new method of discussion.

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The Life and Epistles of St. Paul. By the Rev. W. J. Coneybeare, M. A., Late Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, and the Very Reverend J. S. Howson, D. D., Dean of Chester. New edition. W. B. Eerdmans' Publishing Company, Grand Rapids, Mich. 1949. 850 pages (plus an appendix of six pages giving maps), 6 × 9. \$5.00.

Whoever loves Biblical scholarship will rejoice to see this new reprint of the old standard work *The Life and Epistles of St. Paul* by two devout Englishmen, Coneybeare and Howson. W. B. Eerdmans' Publishing Company has put all of us in its debt by making this work available to our generation in a new edition. The jacket says that "This new, one-volume edition of the standard work on the Life and Epistles of St. Paul by the noted scholars W. J. Coneybeare and J. S. Howson contains in complete and unabridged form the entire contents of their work." While it is true that this work was produced many decades ago and that since it appeared many other, and some very penetrating, studies of the life of St. Paul have been written, this work will always have the status of a classic on account of the splendid scholarship which distinguished the two authors. The chapters, for instance, which dwell on geographical details will never lose their interest. We hope that the publishers will not be disappointed in placing this work before the public.

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Christian Science in the Light of the Bible. By George W. Wittmer. Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis. 1949. 5×7½, 58 pages. 35 cents.

This is a brief, but objective biography of Mrs. Eddy and a clear exposure of her false teaching. The author quotes Mrs. Eddy's *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* and other writings of her cult and shows conclusively that Christian Science denies the fundamental doctrines of the Christian religion. Though this Biblical refutation of Eddyism cannot be distributed in tract holders in the bus and railroad stations throughout the country, it should be given to everyone who may be troubled by Mrs. Eddy's delusions.

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Grossie — "The Woman Everyone Loved." The Life Story of Anna K. Maier, Mother of Dr. Walter A. Maier. By Elmer A. Kettner. William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, Grand Rapids, Mich. 1949. 119 pages, 5½×8. \$1.50.

This is a delightful book. Not only is it well written, but it treats a subject which deserves to be written about. In most interesting fashion there is here told the story of one of our Lutheran women, in whom there were combined true piety, God-fearing character, and a remarkable knowledge of the Scriptures, with an almost unbounded energy and determination to achieve with prayers and the help of God the objectives that had been fixed. The hardships that had to be faced by this good Christian mother are almost incredible. But, her faith never faltering, she overcame them all and will ever be remembered for the innumerable deeds of loving service which she performed. Everybody who admires and loves Dr. Walter A. Maier, the world-known Lutheran Hour speaker, will be eager to be introduced to his parents, and especially to his mother, who evidently was the Priscilla in her little circle. The book will be much enjoyed by our good Christian people generally, who will here find much edification and abundant stimulation for service in the vineyard of the Lord. The author of the book is her pastor, who had the privilege of ministering to her during the last ten years of her life. The incidents which he relates he obtained chiefly from Mrs. Maier herself. Here is good wholesome reading matter.

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Proceedings of the Second Convention of the Montana District of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, Assembled at Trinity Lutheran Church, Great Falls, Montana, October 12 to 15, 1948. 44 pages. A few copies are still available and may be ordered from the Rev. Paul M. Freiburger, District President, Billings, Mont., for ten cents each.

Contains the record of official business.

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