

RECENT LITURGICAL LITERATURE

The latest volume in the Alcuin Club Collections is No. 53, *The Anglican Ordinal*, by Paul E. Bradshaw (London, S.P.C.K., 1971, 230 pages, £3.25). The sub-title clarifies its subject – ‘Its History and Development from the Reformation to the Present Day’. The history therefore begins with the English Reformation, noting the various influences which led to the issue of the Ordinal in the *Book of Common Prayer*. There are notes on the medieval ordination rites, and an examination of the work of Cranmer and his doctrine of Order. The influence of Bucer and other continental reformers is referred to, and also the attitude of the Puritans both in the earliest days of the Reformation and at the time of the Savoy Conference, as well as the Roman Catholic attitude. Attention is given to various attempts at revision of the Ordinal and also to some ‘unification rites’, in particular the rites of the Church of South India and of the Church of North India and Pakistan. The Anglican-Methodist and some other proposals are examined. There is an extensive bibliography. This book may be regarded as of special importance in view of the present-day interest in and discussion of unity and unification.

Next we refer to some books concerned with Holy Communion. First we note *The Service of Holy Communion and its Revision*, edited by R. T. Beckwith and J. E. Tiller (Abingdon, The Marcham Manor Press, 1972, 128 pages, £1.50). This is the third Latimer Monograph, issued by an Evangelical Anglican group. It opens with an excellent and detailed introduction and devotes twenty-two pages to a draft service. It is critical of the work of the Liturgical Commission. The Orders issued by that Commission should themselves be examined, perhaps in particular *An Order for Holy Communion. Alternative Services. Series 3* (London, S.P.C.K., 64 pages, 25 p.). The Appendix here has a Table of Lessons and Psalms for Sundays and Saints’ Days. The lessons use R.S.V. There are some additional Collects. The text uses ‘you’ instead of ‘thou’ and there is a general modernization. This has been welcomed in some quarters, but severely criticized in others. The *Alternative Services. Second Series* was issued in 1965. This book had Orders for Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, various Intercessions and Thanksgivings, a Thanksgiving for use after Childbirth, an Order for the Burial of the Dead, as well as a Draft Order for Holy Communion. This has been widely used. An Order for Holy Communion from the Second Series is widely used in the Scottish Episcopal Church and its text is available in pamphlet form. We should also mention here a new Roman Catholic form in the *Ordo Missae cum*

Populo, issued for congregational use by the Catholic Truth Society at a cost of 6 p. The same Society issued in 1970 a revised edition of *A Simple Prayer Book* at the price of 5 p. This contains, in addition to many prayers, an English translation of the *Ordo Missae cum Populo*. Another Roman Catholic publication which could be mentioned at this point is *The Rite of Baptism for Children*, issued by the Society of St. Paul in 1970 at 20 p. The rite is given in English and there are an introduction and a commentary by Edward Yarnold, S.J.

A recent and valuable book on Holy Communion is *Thinking about the Eucharist* (S.C.M. Press, 1972, 95 p.). There is an introduction by the Bishop of Durham, and there are eight essays by members of the Archbishops' Commission on Christian Doctrine. The philosophical background, the questions of symbolism, of the Eucharistical Presence and other important problems connected with the Sacrament are discussed in a very helpful way.

A new book which should be read and deeply pondered by all members of the clergy is *Paths in Spirituality* by John Macquarrie (London, S.C.M. Press, 1972, 134 pages, £1.80 net). Though the title does not directly suggest liturgical study, there is much here of the greatest possible value to all ministers and preachers. Some chapters, such as those on 'Subjectivity and Objectivity in Theology and Worship', 'Eucharistic Theology and Liturgical Renewal', and 'Eucharistic Presence', are clearly of worship-interest but all the chapters have some reference to the subject, and nothing should be missed. This is one of the most valuable and interesting of recent contributions to liturgical theology.

Another eucharistic study, though this is more historical, is *The Lord's Supper in Early English Dissent*, by Stephen Mayor (Epworth Press, 1972, £3.00). This will be of special interest to readers who wish to know more about this early period. The headings of six chapters are, 'Elizabethan Puritanism', 'The Separatists' (especially Browne and Barrow), 'The Early Seventeenth Century' (dealing particularly with John Robinson and John Smyth), 'The Westminster Assembly and After', 'John Owen' and 'Richard Baxter'. The author declares that these English Dissenters did not abandon sacramental worship and suggest that, like Calvin, who had a strong influence on their ideas, they would have preferred a weekly celebration of the Eucharist. This is a useful contribution to the study of a period which might easily be undervalued.

A small paper-back issued by the St. Andrew Press, Edinburgh, is *Four Centuries of Scottish Worship* by J. M. Ross (1972, 60 pages, 35 p.). This interesting production follows an original scheme. The plan is to describe a service of worship as seen in the average parish church – a fictitious parish named 'Kilmarkie' is used – in the years 1560, 1660, 1760, 1860 and 1960. Chapter 6 describes 'Baptisms,

Marriages, Funerals', and chapter 7 is a prophecy of what *may* happen in 2060. At some points the prospects are alarming! Plans of church buildings are provided for the various years; there are many useful notes at the end of the book; and a succinct bibliography will be found useful. The book is interestingly written and forms a good introduction to more elaborate works.

At this point it should be noted that Part II of the English translation of *L'église en Prière* has not yet at the time of writing, appeared, but it should not be missed when it is published. Another new volume announced by the S.C.M. Press for issue in June 1972, *A Dictionary of Liturgy and Worship*, edited by Professor J. G. Davies, should prove to be of great value.

Finally we may note some books connected with Church Music. An outstanding volume recently published is *The Music of the English Church*, by Kenneth G. Long (London, Hodder & Stoughton, 1972, £7.00). This is a most useful and important publication. It is a splendid book of reference, but it is also a very readable work, dealing as it does with the musical growth and development in relation to the history of the English Church. The book may seem to be expensive, but when its size and content are considered, the price will seem reasonable and the book itself very valuable indeed.

Attention may be drawn to the series 'Studies in Church Music', edited by Dr. Erik Routley and published by Herbert Jenkins, London. Titles so far available are *Church Music in the Nineteenth Century*, by Arthur Hutchings (1967, £1.25); *Music and the Reformation in England, 1549-1660*, by Peter le Huray (1967, £3.15); *Twentieth Century Church Music*, by Dr. Routley (1967, £1.50); *The Musical Wesleys*, by Dr. Routley (1968, £2.50); *English Church Music, 1650-1750*, by Christopher Dearnley (1970, £4.50); *The Choral Revival in the English Church, 1839-1872*, by Bernarr Rainbow (1970, £3.25).

Two other interesting publications are *Choral Music of the World*, by Percy M. Young (London, New York and Toronto, Abelard-Schuman, 1969, £1.25). This contains eleven chapters, including 'The Splendour of Rome', 'Martin Luther and Music', 'Oratorio' and 'Some New Trends'. There is a glossary of foreign words, also a list of some Recordings with the Record numbers, and an index.

Finally, *The Anthem in England and America*, by E. A. Wienandt and R. H. Young (New York, the Free Press, and London, Collier-Macmillan Ltd, £6.00) This is a very comprehensive book, and it quotes many musical examples. There is an extensive and useful bibliography.

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