

RECENT LITURGICAL LITERATURE

The Divine Service has now been published (Oxford University Press, 1973, 60 pages, 25p). This important and useful book is issued by the Committee on Public Worship and Aids to Devotion of the Church of Scotland. It contains three Orders for Holy Communion. The first is a revision of the main service in the *Book of Common Order, 1940*, 'theologically and liturgically more significant', and corresponds to the language of the A.V. The language of the second form corresponds to that of R.S.V., and that of the third to that of N.E.B. The book contains also a lectionary – a table of Scripture Lessons for two years; and also the Sunday Collects. The lectionary and the Collects are those of the Joint Liturgical Group.

It may be noted that another edition of *New Every Morning* (B.B.C. Publications, paperback, 50p; hardback, £1.00) has appeared. The general arrangement remains the same as before, but many prayers have been rephrased towards the use of what is known as 'contemporary idiom', and many prayers are new. Many readers, both clergy and laity, will find this a useful help, whether in private or public devotions.

It may be of interest to many students of liturgy to know that a number of important older liturgical volumes with basic texts have been reprinted at Farnborough in recent years. These are expensive, but it is good to know that the following are again available: *The Leofric Missal*, with introduction and notes by F. H. Warren (reprint of the 1883 edition), 1968, £2.00; *The Use of Sarum*, edited by W. H. Frere (reprint of 1898-1901 edition), 1969, £8.00; *Missale ad Usum . . . Sarum* by F. H. Dickinson (reprint of the Burntisland edition, 1861-1883), 1969, £3.00; *Breviarium ad usum . . . Sarum*, edited by F. Procter and C. Wordsworth (reprint of Cambridge edition, 1879-96), 3 vols., 1970, £30.00; *Processionale ad usum . . . Sarum*, edited by W. G. Henderson (reprint of Leeds edition of 1882), 1969, £2.00; *Antiphonale Sarisburiense*, edited by W. H. Frere (reprint of 1901-25 edition), 6 vols., 1966, £2.00; *Graduale Sarisburiense*, edited by W. H. Frere (reprint of 1894 edition), 1966, £2.00; *Anglo-French Sequelae*, edited by Anselm Hughes from the papers of H. M. Bannister (reprint of the 1934 edition), 1966, £1.20.

Volume 3 of the Alba Patristic Library (*The Paschal Mystery*, edited by A. Hamman and Thomas Halton, Society of St. Paul, Staten Island, New York, 230 pages, £2.40) should be noted. It is a very useful compilation, having an introduction in two parts – a historical survey and a section on doctrine. The main part of the volume consists of English translations, first from the Greek Church,

including part of the Paschal Homily of Melito of Sardis, and quotations from Origen, Chrysostom, Gregory Palamas, and others, and also from the Latin Church, sections from Jerome, Augustine, Peter Chrysologus, Leo the Great and Gregory the Great, and others. There are brief notes on each of the authors quoted. A short bibliography indicates sources for further reading and an index concludes the work.

The Alcuin Club Collections volume for 1972 (No. 54) deals with a very important subject which has perhaps been too much neglected in the past – *The Liturgy of Comprehension, 1969* (Mayhew McCrimmon, Southend-on Sea, 1973, 287 pages, £4.00). The full text of the proposed liturgy is printed here, together with many valuable notes. There is an excellent introduction giving full details of the protracted discussion in an attempt to reconcile Dissenters to the Established Church. In the end the whole procedure was abortive. The present volume is a most valuable reminder of an interesting discussion.

A word about the Alcuin Club may be of interest. The subscription is now £2 per annum, and members receive copies of all the Club's publications. The cost of printing has risen greatly, and the whole future of the Club is at stake. But it has been arranged for the same publishers to deal with the volume for 1973. This will be of the greatest importance. The title will be *Martin Bucer and the Book of Common Prayer*. It will contain the original text and an English translation of Bucer's *Censura*, with an introduction. This will be important for the relationship between the Books of 1549 and of 1552. It has also been announced that the Collections volumes for 1974 and 1975 have been accepted. The former is a study of the Ministry to the Sick in the Church of England by Dr. Charles Gusmer, and the other is a study of the place of the Epiclesis in the Eucharistic Canon by D. W. H. McKenna. This prospect should encourage many new members to join.

The Report for the Club for 1972–3 has been issued. This contains a paper of great value by Bishop William Wand, on Anglican Eucharistic Theology in the Twentieth Century. Unfortunately there is no indication of where or how this valuable paper is generally available.

A reprint of *Fragmentary Illustrations of the History of the Book of Common Prayer*, edited by William Jacobson and issued by John Murray in 1874, was issued by Gregg International Publishers Ltd., Farnborough, Hants, in 1969 (at a cost of £2.00, 109 pages). The first part contains the text of Bishop Sanderson's Common Prayer Book with a brief introduction. Some details concerning Bishop Wren and his troubles under the Commonwealth precede the printing of the manuscript notes of the two bishops. The notes will be found to be of great interest.

Notice should be taken of the recent Swarthmore Lecture by George H. Gorman – *The Amazing Face of Quaker Worship* (London, Friends House Service Committee, 50p). The main concern here is, as might be imagined, with the place and the value of silence in worship, that is to say, in Quaker worship, which is 'spontaneous and flexible in its freedom from credal structure and liturgy'.

Finally we may draw attention to the series of Grove Booklets on Ministry and Worship, issued monthly by Grove Books, Bromcote, Notts., at a cost of 20p each, normally with 24 pages, though some are larger. This is a series sponsored and written by Evangelical Anglicans. There are now over twenty numbers. A note of some titles may indicate their relevance. No. 9 was *Pattern of Sunday Worship* by Colin Buchanan, who also wrote the valuable *Recent Liturgical Revision in the Church of England* (No. 14); *The Language of Series 3* by David L. Frost (No. 12); *Evangelicals and the Ordination of Women* (No. 17); *Community, Prayer and the Individual* (No. 18).

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