

Reviews.

PRAYERS FOR SERVICES : A Manual for Leaders of Worship.
Compiled and edited by Morgan Phelps Noyes. (New
York and London : Charles Scribner's Sons.)

THIS collection of prayers is intended for the help of those who, "not content to go carelessly into the most sacred of offices, are willing to prepare mind as well as heart for leadership in public worship." In the main the prayers are selected from modern books, and "confined to those expressed in English sufficiently straightforward to make them usable to-day by those on whose lips the archaic language of some ancient prayers seems forced and unnatural." An application of the severe economy of the ancient prayers to many of those included here would have rid them of features which are not to be commended ; but the range of selection is wide, much of the material given is fruitful in suggestion if not perfect in form, and ministers who make it their aim to avoid monotony in idea and expression in public devotion will find here much to help them.

It is curious that though the editor draws upon some Scottish books, he appears not to have heard of the authorised manuals of the Church of Scotland.

A FREE CHURCH LITURGY, BASED ON THE WORDS OF HOLY SCRIPTURE, together with a simplified Latin Rite and Orthodox Liturgy. Compiled and arranged by J. P. Oakden, M.A., Ph.D. (J. M. Dent & Sons, Ltd. 2s net.)

THIS is an interesting experiment in the direction of bringing the Communion Service of the English Free Churches into line with catholic tradition, without sacrificing anything of evangelical principle. First, a service on the lines of the Latin Rite is given, purged of unacceptable doctrinal expressions and implications ; then another on the lines of the Eastern Rite. These, which are accompanied by

explanatory notes, are designed to supply the necessary historical background to make intelligible and helpful the Service which follows—a Rite framed on the great traditional lines, but expressed exclusively in the words of Holy Scripture.

The book deserves commendation, as pointing the way to a very necessary reformation, on sound lines, of the attenuated and impoverished form of observance in use in many Free Churches. It has little to teach us in Scotland, where our rite is in the best sense catholic and deeply evangelical, as well as of a substance richer than anything suggested here.

MEMORIALS UPON SEVERAL OCCASIONS. Prayers and Thanksgivings for Use in Public Worship. (London: A. R. Mowbray & Co., Ltd. Pp. 115. 6s net.)

THIS work contains a valuable collection of Occasional Prayers and is well worth the attention of all whose duty it is to lead the worship of the Church. Though meant for use in the Church of England it contains much which might with advantage be incorporated in the devotions of the Church of Scotland. Here and there are expressions with which some would be inclined to find fault, but, speaking generally, it forms an excellent addition to the materials available for use in public and private prayer, and may be taken as extending that "help and furniture" which the *Directory for Public Worship* suggests should be available for ministers. The book has already been approved for use in about a score of English Dioceses.

THE HISTORY AND LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENTS. By Professor A. Villien. English Translation by H. W. Edwards. (London: Burns, Oates, & Washbourne. Pp. X. and 374. 7s 6d net.)

THE aim of this work, as explained in the preface, is to make the meaning of the rites which the Church of Rome uses in administering the Sacraments better known, and so to arouse the understanding and devotion of the faithful as to lead to the better reception of them. The work is admirably suited for this purpose, and there are few belonging to the Roman obedience who would not profit by earnest study of the book. But its value is not confined to Roman Catholics.

All who wish to study the growth of the various rites and ceremonies which are in use in that Church will find here a manual which gives in compact form an immense amount of interesting information.

HISTORY OF THE CHURCH OF FOULIS EASTER. With Illustrations of the Mediaeval Paintings in the Original Colours. By Arthur B. Dalgetty, M.D., F.S.A. Scot. (Dundee : Harley & Cox. Pp. 121.)

THE Church of Foulis Easter has long been known to ecclesiologists and others interested in Scottish ecclesiastical history, and now a very full and exceptionally interesting account of its treasures has been compiled by Dr Dalgetty. Just about a hundred years ago the then minister of Foulis expressed the hope that some antiquary would rescue the Church from its "unmerited obscurity." This has now been done, and the writer deserves the praise of all who are interested in the Scottish Church for this addition to its literary and artistic treasures. The mediaeval paintings which remain in Scotland are few and far between, and the examples in Foulis Church are quite unique. The best known is that of the Crucifixion, which is thought to belong to the latter half of the 15th Century, but there are several others which are well worthy of note. Illustrations in colour of all these are given, and the historical and descriptive letterpress leaves little to be desired. Altogether a most excellent work.

THE BREVIARY : ITS HISTORY AND CONTENTS. By Dom Baudot, O.S.B. Translated by the Benedictines of Stanbrook. (London and Edinburgh: Sands & Company. Pp. 160. 3s 6d net.)

THE Breviary of the Roman Church is not in any way well known to many outside her communion, and even within her bounds there are multitudes whose acquaintance with it is of the slenderest. In this little work—a volume of the (Roman) Catholic Library of Religious Knowledge—we are given an account, first, of the history of the Breviary, and are shown how little by little the present form of devotion was reached. Part II. deals with the contents of the Breviary, and the reader is enlightened as to the manner in which the materials have been arranged. The different

hours of the Divine Office are explained in detail, and the various cycles of the *Temporale* are duly considered. This work will be found useful to all who wish to take up the study of liturgiology.

DISCIPLESHIP AND CHRISTIAN WORSHIP. A STUDY IN THE MISSION OF CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH. By Edward C. Rich, M.A., Prebendary of St Paul's. (London: A. R. Mowbray & Co. Pp. xiv. and 136. 5s net.)

It is a little unfortunate that the original title of this work, "The Worship of the Church," had to be abandoned, for it indicated much more clearly than the present one the nature of the book. Prebendary Rich writes with knowledge and enthusiasm, and his work merits the attention of all who are interested in the worship of the sanctuary. While all will not agree with his views, even those who dissent most strongly will find much of value in his pages. We trust this work will have a wide circulation.

THE NATION AND THE NATION'S WORSHIP. By the Bishop of Norwich. (London: Eyre & Spottiswoode, Ltd. Pp. 38. 1s net.)

THIS is the charge delivered by Bishop Pollock to the clergy and churchwardens of his diocese in the autumn of last year. The Bishop is of opinion that in England at the present time there is too great a tendency among the clergy to depart from the way marked out by the Book of Common Prayer. He appears to be willing to allow liberty in certain directions while opposing it in others, and it is somewhat difficult for an outsider to see why adherence to the rubrics should be demanded of one section and not of all.

THE STORY OF THE PRAYER BOOK. By Percy Dearmer, D.D. (London: Humphrey Milford. Oxford University Press. Pp. 269. 5s net.)

DR DEARMER is well known as an authority on the Anglican Prayer Book, and in this work he tells its story in a way that leaves little to be desired. Originally published as *Everyman's History of the Prayer Book* about twenty years ago, the work has been in great part re-written and a very

considerable amount of new material added. Dr Dearmer does not restrict himself to the Church of England Prayer Book, but has much to say of the forms in use in other branches of the Anglican Communion. The illustrations are particularly good, and the whole book makes first class reading.

THE GOSPEL SACRAMENTS. By J. K. Mozley, D.D., Canon of St Paul's. (London: Hodder & Stoughton, Ltd. Pp. 124. 3s 6d net.)

THIS little work is expanded from three lectures given by Canon Mozley in Westminster Abbey. He aims at giving a plain exposition of the two New Testament Sacraments, from the standpoint of the Catechism of the Church of England. The book is well written, and quite free from technicalities; and, while it bears on every page evidence of the learning of its author, the non-theological student will have little difficulty in mastering its contents. The clear thought, solid teaching, and profound analysis combine to make this a most valuable treatise.

AN ANTHOLOGY OF PRAYERS. Compiled for use in School and Home. By A. S. T. Fisher, M.A., late Abbot Scholar, Christ Church, Oxford. (London: Longmans, Green & Co. Pp. viii. and 145. 3s 6d net.)

THIS little book of prayers compiled by the Chaplain of Bryanston School, Dorset, will be welcomed by many. The compiler has cast his net widely, and we have here prayers by persons so different as Pericles and George Bernard Shaw. The prayers are well arranged, and will be found suitable for varied needs and occasions.