

Pelikan, Jaroslav, ed. *Interpreters of Luther: Essays in Honor of Wilhelm Pauck*. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1968. viii + 374 pp. \$ 8.25.

It is unusual and refreshing to find a *Festschrift* as unified as is this one. Its eleven main studies (Chapters 2 through 12) are devoted to interpretations of Luther from Luther himself to our own day: Karl Holl, "Martin Luther on Luther"; Charles S. Anderson, "Robert Barnes on Luther"; B. A. Gerrish, "John Calvin on Luther"; William A. Clebsch, "The Elizabethans on Luther"; George Huntston Williams, "Joseph Priestley on Luther"; Ernest D. Nielsen, "N. F. S. Grundtvig on Luther"; E. Theodore Bachmann, "Walther, Schaff, and Krauth on Luther"; Ernest B. Koenker, "Søren Kierkegaard on Luther"; Jaroslav Pelikan, "Adolf von Harnack on Luther"; Klaus Penzel, "Ernst Troeltsch on Luther"; and James Luther Adams, "Paul Tillich on Luther." The chapters are quite consistently well written, well documented, and informative. Frequently, new ground has been opened up, even with respect to Reformation-era viewpoints on Luther. Anderson's chapter on Barnes was particularly interesting to this reviewer; and Gerrish's chapter on Calvin surely opens an area which has been inadequately treated by English and American scholarship.

Holl's chapter represents a translation by H. C. Erik Midelfort from the author's "Luthers Urteile über sich selbst," *Gesammelte Aufsätze zur Kirchengeschichte*, I, *Luther* (Tübingen, 1921; 7th ed., 1948), pp. 381-419. It is a fitting introduction to "Interpreters of Luther," though one may wonder if it is not slightly overbalanced to the favorable side. In the notes to this chapter, the editor has wisely transposed references to Luther's works and correspondence so that they consistently refer to the Weimar edition. Holl's lengthy quotations have been omitted from the notes, perhaps wisely too, though the reader is left at times with a feeling of inadequate context for evaluation of Luther's remarks quoted in the text of the chapter.

The first chapter of this book provides a fitting tribute to Wilhelm Pauck by the editor; and Chapters 13 and 14 provide a biographical essay on Pauck and a bibliography of his published writings, both by Marion Hausner Pauck. The bibliography contains over 80 titles of books, articles, etc., by Pauck and two titles of works about him; but it is admittedly "selective and therefore incomplete," omitting numerous book reviews and review articles. Nevertheless, it is a valuable tool. The volume concludes with an "Index of Names" (pp. 369-374), erroneously referred to as "Indexes" on p. 367.

This volume is a "must" for all who are interested in Luther's meaning to his own time, to our time, and to the centuries between. It is a well-conceived and well-written tribute to a truly outstanding Reformation scholar of our day, who has himself contributed so much toward making present-day Luther study a fruitful and exciting field.