BOOK NOTICES

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Inclusion in this section does not preclude the subsequent review of a book. Where two prices are given, separated by a slash, the second is for the paperback edition.

Branson, Mark Lau. The Reader's Guide to the Best Evangelical Books. San Francisco: Harper & Row, 1982. 207 pp. Paperback, \$5.95.

Presents evangelical literature in an annotated booklist, covering some fifty key categories of Christian life and thought. Also contains lists of favorite books, selected by church leaders.

Crotty, Robert, and Ryan, John Barry.

Commentaries on the Ritual Readings.

New York: Pueblo Publishing Company,
1982. 283 pp. Paperback, \$12.95.

Introduces different scriptural readings for a number of sacramental Roman Catholic rites, where earlier the liturgy had been fixed or even had lacked biblical readings.

Foster, Charles R. Teaching in the Community of Faith. Nashville, Tenn.: Abingdon, 1982. 160 pp. Paperback, \$6.95.

Suggests that religious teachers are not as much "instructional technicians" as they are mediators between God and his people. The members of the community of faith should live childlike, i.e., "openhanded, claiming our dependence upon God."

Hartbauer, Roy E., ed. *Pastoral Care of the Handicapped*. Berrien Springs, Mich.: Andrews University Press, 1983. xiv + 183 pp. Paperback, \$9.95.

Practical guide to the special ministry of the physically impaired. Discusses the pastor's role in single and group counseling, ministering to the family of the handicapped, etc. Includes special chapters on counseling amputees and paralytics, persons with hearing or visual impairment, communicative disorders, and on helping the family of the institutionalized, parents with an impaired child, etc.

Harvey, A. E. Jesus and the Constraints of History. Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1982. 184 pp. \$23.00.

Using comparative materials, the author discusses the trustworthiness of the gospel accounts, arguing in favor of their accuracy. Concludes that the unique authority and power of Jesus can be presented as forcefully today as ever in the past.

Hayes, John H., and Holladay, Carl R. Biblical Exegesis: A Beginner's Handbook. Atlanta, Georgia: John Knox Press, 1982. Paperback, \$6.95.

Written especially for the beginning student working with exegesis of the OT and NT. Treats the methods of textual, historical, grammatical, literary, form, tradition, and redaction criticism.

Ishida, Tomoo, ed. Studies in the Period of David and Solomon, and Other Essays. Papers Read at the International Symposium for Biblical Studies, Tokyo, 5-7 December, 1979. Winona Lake, Ind.: Eisenbrauns, 1982. xvi + 409 pp. \$35.00.

These papers from the first international meeting for OT studies held in Japan highlight topics on the literature, theology, foreign affairs, sociology, and architecture during Israel's most prosperous time. Furthermore, two chapters are devoted to "Ebla and the Old Testament" and "Medicine in the Land and Times of the Old Testament." Contains several indexes on biblical and extrabiblical texts, words and terms, proper nouns, etc.

Keller, Rosemary Skinner; Queen, Louise L.; and Thomas, Hilah F. (eds.). Women in New Worlds: Historical Perspectives on the Wesleyan Tradition. Selected Papers Presented at the Women in New Worlds Conference Held in Cincinnati, Ohio, Feb. 1-3, 1980. Vol. 2. Nashville, Tenn.: Abingdon, 1982. 445 pp. Paperback, \$13.95.

Twenty papers explore the contributions of women to the Wesleyan tradition and to life in general. Some of the topics covered are: women's role in the church, clergy wives, social reform, foreign missions, etc.

MacIntyre, Alasdair. After Virtue: A Study in Moral Theory. Notre Dame, Ind.: University of Notre Dame Press, 1981. ix + 252 pp. Paperback, \$7.95.

"Brings together themes from Aristotle, from Marx and from religious thought in an extraordinarily original and provocative way."

Ozment, Steven, ed. Reformation Europe: A Guide to Research. St. Louis, Mo.: Center for Reformation Research, 1982. 390 pp. \$18.50.

Sixteen essays ranging "from the eve of the Reformation to the confessional struggles of the late Reformation," each answering three main questions: (1) the present status of research in the respective field, (2) future research, and (3) places where the strategic research collections and/or research centers in the particular fields are to be found.

Pals, Daniel L. The Victorian "Lives" of Jesus. Trinity University Monograph Series in Religion. Vol. 7. San Antonio, Texas: Trinity University Press, 1982. viii + 223 pp. \$20.00.

Research in the Quest of the Historical Jesus is usually thought of in connection with German scholarship, especially Albert Schweitzer. Yet during those years, Britain led its own, and in many ways different, quest. This work treats biblical studies and scholarship in Victorian Britain, and especially authors like Hanna, Farrar, Geikie, Edersheim, etc.

Word Biblical Commentary. Waco, Texas: Word Books Publisher. Vol. 44: Colossians, Philemon. By Peter T. O'Brien. 1982. 328 pp. \$18.95. Vol. 45: 1 and 2 Thessalonians. By F. F. Bruce. 1982. 228 pp. \$18.95.

"Distinctive with this series is that it is based on the biblical languages, yet it seeks to make the technical and scholarly approach to a theological understanding of scripture understandable" for students, ministers, professional scholars, and teachers. Each section consists of bibliography, translation, notes, form/structure/setting, comment, and explanation.