

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.

Aston, Margaret. *Lollards and Reformers: Images and Literacy in Late Medieval Religion*. Roncoveerte, W.V.: Hambleton Press, 1984. 405 pp. \$30.00.

Among topics treated by Aston are "Lollardy and Sediton, 1381-1431"; "Lollard Women Priests?"; "Devotional Literacy"; "Lollards and Images"; "Lollardy and the Reformation"; "John Wycliffe's Reformation Reputation"; and several others. The volume is a collection mainly of previously published articles, but does contain two new essays.

Aycock, Don M., and Goss, Leonard George. *Writing Religiously: A Guide to Writing Nonfiction Religious Books*. Milford, Mich.: Mott Media, Inc., 1984. xii + 258 pp. \$13.95.

This is a book which, in the words of its Foreword-writer Sherwood Eliot Wirt, "is loaded with practical suggestions and guidelines for writers, quotes scores of contemporary editors and publishers, and contains standard information that is difficult to come by" (p. x). Treatment includes such matters as how to get and preserve ideas, the mechanics of writing up the material, how to contact editors and what to send them, and some six other main topics. A chapter on "Markets: Where to Sell Your Books" contains a fairly comprehensive list of publishers of religious books, together with their addresses, helpful notations that describe the kinds of material each of these publishers will consider, and information on how to make the initial contact concerning a manuscript. Included in the volume is a selective annotated bibliography of some ninety "how-to" or other

tool-type publications helpful to the writer of religious books.

Bacchiocchi, Samuele. *Hal Lindsey's Prophetic Jigsaw Puzzle: Five Predictions That Failed!* Biblical Perspectives Series, 3. Berrien Springs, Mich.: Biblical Perspectives, 1985. 90 pp. Paperback, \$2.95.

The title and subtitle suggest the major thrust of this compact booklet. The treatment is more than just a review of "predictions that failed," however, for it addresses fundamental issues of the underlying dispensationalist hermeneutic utilized by Lindsey, whose various works on eschatology and biblical apocalyptic (perhaps most notably his *The Late Great Planet Earth*) have achieved phenomenal popularity. Lindsey was chosen for this analysis, says Bacchiocchi, "simply because he is the best popularizer" of the dispensationalist school of prophetic interpretation; and Bacchiocchi's purpose is not only "to show the fallacy of Lindsey's prophetic scenario," but also "to help believers understand the true nature and function of End-time prophecies" (pp. 10-11).

Brown, Earl Kent. *Women of Mr. Wesley's Methodism*. Studies in Women and Religion, 11. New York: Edwin Mellen Press, 1984. xvii + 262 pp. \$39.95.

Brown treats first the kinds of roles which women have played in Methodism, such as class leaders, school administrators, visitors, lay preachers, and co-ministers with their husbands. Then a further major part of his book concentrates on the careers and contributions of six women in the early to mid years of

Methodist history: Sarah Crosby; Darcy, Lady Maxwell; Mary Bosanquet Fletcher; Elizabeth Ritchie Mortimer; Hester Anne Roe Rogers; and Selina, Countess of Huntingdon. Though women's significant contributions to early Methodism have long been recognized, this publication is perhaps the first to provide a systematic and comprehensive treatment of their leadership roles.

Brown, Raymond E. *The Churches the Apostles Left Behind*. New York: Paulist Press, 1984. 156 pp. Paperback, \$4.95.

This volume—which puts into printed form the author's Sprunt Lectures at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia, in 1980—presents the thesis that the NT literature gives seven different answers or emphases regarding the survival of the apostolic church into the sub-apostolic era (which Brown dates to A.D. 67–100).

Carlisle, Thomas John. *Eve and After: Old Testament Women in Portrait*. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1984. 160 pp. Paperback, \$6.95.

A book of poems (for the most part, in free verse) highlighting many of the lesser-known women of the OT as well as those that are generally well-known, such as Eve, Sarah, Ruth, and Esther. (The author, a retired Presbyterian minister, has produced a number of earlier volumes of religious poetry, as well as having had more than a thousand poems published in periodicals.)

Clines, D. J. A. *Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther*. The New Century Bible Commentary. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1984. xx + 342 pp. Paperback, \$7.95.

Fairly brief introductory discussions for each of the three OT books treated in this

volume deal with major historical and interpretational matters, each such discussion being followed by the verse-by-verse commentary for the respective book. The chronology of Ezra and Nehemiah, the parallel lists in Ezra 2 and Neh 7, archaeological information pertaining to Nehemiah's construction of the walls of Jerusalem, and the occurrence of Persian loan-words are among special matters treated in the preliminary discussions and/or verse-by-verse comments.

Congar, Yves. *Thomas d'Aquin: Sa vision de théologie et de l'Église*. London, Eng.: Variorum Reprints, 1984. ii + 334 pp. £26.00.

This volume provides, in a convenient reprint form, thirteen of Congar's essays (eleven in French and one each in English and Latin) which originally appeared during the preceding two to three decades. Although Aquinas's ecclesiological views (never systematized in any treatise by Aquinas himself) form a major thrust of this collection of essays, other topics are treated, as well—usually with an attempt to place Aquinas in dialogue with current theological issues and concerns in Roman Catholicism. (This book on Thomas Aquinas is the third volume of reprinted articles by Congar that has been issued by Variorum Reprints; the first two are devoted more exclusively to ecclesiology.)

Craigie, Peter C. *Psalms 1–50*. Word Biblical Commentary, vol. 19. Waco, Texas: Word Books, 1983. 378 pp. \$19.95.

One of three volumes on the Psalms in this commentary series (the other two are by other authors). Utilizes the usual helpful format of the series, giving for each psalm a bibliography, the author's translation and notes, description and

outline of the psalm, comments on the text, and some theological observations or explanations.

Gäbler, Ulrich. *Huldrych Zwingli. Eine Einführung in sein Leben und sein Werk*. München: Verlag C. H. Beck, 1983. 163 pp. DM 34/DM 22.

A succinct summary of recent Zwingli research, providing a somewhat elaborate update to Gäbler's outstanding Zwingli bibliography published in Zurich in 1975. Since this new publication follows the pattern of relating the issues to Zwingli's own writings, the volume becomes also a useful reference tool and introduction to those primary source materials. (Gäbler is a renowned Zwingli scholar, who served for fifteen years at the University of Zurich before taking up his present position as Professor in the Theology Faculty of the Free University of Amsterdam. His article on "Huldrych Zwingli and His City of Zurich," which highlights certain current issues and discoveries in Zwingli research, appears in the present issue of *AUSS*, beginning on p. 143, above.)

Hartbauer, Roy Elden. *Take the Words Right Outta My Heart*. Berrien Springs, Mich.: Published by the author (704 Bluff View Drive, Berrien Springs, MI 49103), 1984. iv + 82 pp. Paperback, \$6.00.

R. E. Hartbauer, Director of the Andrews University Speech and Hearing Clinic, has taught "Voice and Diction" to seminarians, and has now put into compact "textbook" form (and in popular style) essentials for effective oral communication by pastors and other church leaders. This text "has been prepared for both the seasoned pastor and the minister-in-training," and the "philosophies, principles, theories, concepts and procedures" enunciated "are appropriate

for laity as well" (p. iv). There are ten chapters, covering "Intellectual and Emotional Use of the Voice," "Respiration," "Articulation (Diction)," "Reading Aloud," "Prayer," "Conducting the Church Board Meeting" (for which proper use of the voice is also pointed out as being important), plus several other topics; and the volume concludes with a short (two-page), helpful bibliography.

Martin, Ernest L. *The Original Bible Restored*. Pasadena, Calif., and Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Eng.: Foundation for Biblical Research, 1984. [iv] + 328 pp. + insert chart. Paperback.

The author's thesis in this volume is that the English Bible should be put into a rather drastically revised arrangement which accords with what he considers the original order in the ancient manuscripts. He argues that the apostles Peter and John organized the canon, which in his insert chart he arranges as 22 OT books and 22 NT books on each side of a central section containing the four Gospels and the book of Acts.

Maxwell, C. Mervyn. *God Cares, Vol. 2: The Message of Revelation for You and Your Family*. Boise, Idaho: Pacific Press Publishing Association, 1985. 573 pp. Paperback, \$14.95.

C. M. Maxwell, whose first volume in this two-volume series provides an in-depth treatment of the OT apocalyptic book of Daniel, has now provided a monumental study of the NT Apocalypse. The present publication is not only the most recent, but also undoubtedly the most thoroughly researched and competent, commentary available on the book of Revelation from the historicist perspective. Sections of the biblical text (given in two-column format and in small bold type) are followed by extensive comments (in one-column format

and printed with larger type). The comments are supplemented with numerous diagrams and charts relating to Revelation's literary structure and patterns and to other relevant matters. Also, many illustrations (including color sketches and photographs) appear throughout the volume. Some 250 titles are listed in a "Selected Bibliography," and comprehensive topical and Scriptural indexes conclude the volume. The phrase "For You and Your Family" in the book's title is significant, for the author has provided a wealth of scholarly information in a popular style geared to accomplish his goal of making clear that Jesus "lives for children and families" and that indeed "God cares" (p. vi).

Morris, Richard. *The Church in British Archaeology*. Council for British Archaeology Research Report, 47. London, Eng.: Council for British Archaeology, 1983. (Distributor in U.S.A.: Humanities Press, Inc., Atlantic Highlands, N.J.) viii + 124 pp. \$35.75.

A brief work which explains in laymen's language the scope and methods used in British "church archaeology" and surveys the major finds in this field during the main historical periods from Roman times to the Reformation era.

Paris, Peter J. *The Social Teaching of the Black Churches*. Philadelphia, Pa.: Fortress Press, 1985. 176 pp. Paperback, \$8.95.

Peter J. Paris, Professor of Ethics and Society at Vanderbilt Divinity School (Nashville, Tenn.), and a member of the Executive Committee of the Society for the Study of Black Religion, sets forth fundamental values of the Independent Black Church Movement. A basic principle of this movement he designates as "the black Christian tradition." In analyzing this principle in relationship to

contemporary society, Paris critically examines the dilemmas, ambiguities, and deficiencies emerging in the social and political spheres, and concludes with a discussion of both the nature and distortions of power.

VanElderen, Bastiaan. *The First and Second Epistles to Timothy and the Epistle to Titus*. New International Commentary on the New Testament. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1984. 256 pp. \$14.95.

A long-awaited commentary on the Pastoral Epistles that follows the general format and style of the NICNT series.

Westermann, Claus. *Genesis 1-11: A Commentary*. Translated by John J. Scullion. Minneapolis, Minn.: Augsburg Publishing House, 1984. xii + 636 pp. \$29.95.

An English translation of the first volume of the 2d edition of Westermann's monumental three-volume commentary on Genesis in the "Biblischer Kommentar. Altes Testament" series.

Wohlfarth, Hansdieter. *Johann Sebastian Bach*. Philadelphia, Pa.: Fortress Press, 1985. 128 pp. \$14.95.

Appearing in the three-hundredth anniversary of Johann Sebastian Bach's birth, this biography is a fitting tribute to this great composer, whose numerous cantatas (some 200 are extant) provided a five-year cycle for the Christian year, and whose Christmas oratorio and passion music are well known and widely performed today. Wohlfarth's treatment reaches beyond simply a biographical sketch, taking note, as well, e.g., of the great composer's depth of spiritual devotion. The volume is enriched by inclusion of over forty pages of photographs, including many photographs in color.