

## A Course of Reading on Christian Worship

THE time seems to be due for a revision of the article with the above title, contributed to the Annual of 1942/43 by Dr. W. D. Maxwell. There seem to be two good reasons for that—first, many members of the Society may not be aware of the existence of the article, and even if they are, may find it difficult to see it, and second, many useful books have appeared in the interval and should be known to liturgical students. In particular, the increasing interest in the subject in recent years has led to the publication of some special series, such as the Lutterworth series, “Ecumenical Studies in Worship” and the Faith Press series, “Studies in Christian Worship”. For convenience, the divisions as used by Dr. Maxwell have been retained. For reasons of space only a selection of works can be mentioned.

### The Theory of Worship.

All the books mentioned by Dr. Maxwell are still of value, the following being particularly useful—*The Ministry of Worship*, by O. B. Milligan; *Liturgy and Society*, by A. G. Hebert, and *Christian Worship*, by E. Underhill—the last two now available as paperbacks. An outstanding book which has aroused wide interest is *The Shape of the Liturgy*, by Gregory Dix. Some of the ideas here have not proved acceptable, but in many ways this is a valuable study. Among other recent notable books are *Comparative Liturgy*, by Anton Baumstark (translated by F. L. Cross, 1958); *The Public Worship of God*, by Henry Sloane Coffin (1950); *Public Worship*, by J. A. Jungmann (1957); *Introduction to the Liturgy*, by I. H. Dalmais (1961, also as paperback); *Life and Liturgy*, by Louis Bouyer (1956); and *The Spirit of the Liturgy*, by Romano Guardini (E. Tr. 1937). The most recent and extremely valuable study is *Worship: Its Theology and Practice*, by J. J. von Allmen (1965). As to Eastern rites, there is a good introduction by I. H. Dalmais, *The Eastern Liturgies* (Faith and Fact Books). Along with that could be read Nicholas Cabasilas, *A Commentary on the Divine Liturgy* (translated by Hussey and McNulty, 1960).

### The History of Worship.

W. D. Maxwell's *Outline of Christian Worship* is still the best introduction. For the early period, J. H. Srawley, *The*

*Early History of the Liturgy*, second edition, 1947, and J. A. Jungmann, *The Early Liturgy to the Time of Gregory the Great* (1960, now also a paperback) are best. A valuable collection of sources on Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist is in *Sacraments and Worship* (volume I of *Sources of Christian Theology*, edited by Paul F. Palmer, Longmans Green, 1957). A useful small publication is *The Western Liturgy Today*, by T. Klauser. A useful comparative study of the various rites, Eastern and Western, is in *Handbook to the Christian liturgy*, by James Norman (1944). The fullest history and exposition of the Roman Rite is J. A. Jungmann's *Missarum Sollemnia*, translated as *The Mass of the Roman Rite*, 2 vols. (U.S.A.). There is a one-volume translation published by Burns and Oates (1959). The cheapest translation from the original German is the French one in 3 volumes (Paris, Aubier). Another but smaller work is by A. A. King, *The Liturgy of the Roman Church*. But perhaps the handiest and most useful is *The Liturgy of the Roman Rite*, by Lechner-Eisenhofer, an English translation published by Nelson, 1953, which deals not only with the Mass, but also with such other subjects as the Christian Year, the 'Sacraments' and the Divine Office.

Finally in this section may be mentioned a series of volumes, *Worship and Theology in England*, by Horton Davies (Princeton/Oxford U.P.). The first two volumes of the series have still to appear; the others cover the period of the 17th century to the present day.

### **Scottish Worship.**

Among the more recent books is that of W. D. Maxwell, *The History of Worship in the Church of Scotland*, 1955. There has been a reprint of Maxwell's *John Knox's Genevan Service-Book*, under the title, *The Liturgical Portions of the Genevan Service Book*, by the Faith Press, 1965. Two detailed studies of great interest and value are *The Holy Communion in the Reformed Church of Scotland, 1560-1960* (Edinburgh, 1960), by George Burnet, and *The Making of the Scottish Prayer Book of 1637* (Edinburgh, 1954), by Professor Gordon Donaldson.

### **Anglican Worship.**

Proctor and Frere's *New History of the BCP*, and *Liturgy and Worship*, by Clarke and Harris, are still standard works. Dearmer's *The Parson's Handbook* has appeared in a new edition, prepared and revised by C. E. Pocknee (1965).

A very interesting study is by G. W. O. Addleshaw, *The Architectural Setting of Anglican Worship* (1956). Small but excellent introductions to the Book of Common Prayer are by D. E. W. Harrison, *The Book of Common Prayer*, and, by Colin Dunlop, *Anglican Public Worship*, both available as paperbacks.

### Church Architecture.

There has been much recent study on this subject. The volume edited by P. Hammond, *Towards a Church Architecture*, may be mentioned. Two books on Scottish Churches, *The Architecture of Scottish Post-Reformation Churches* (1957), by George Hay, and *The Scottish Parish Church* (1960), by Ian Lindsay, will be found full of interest and information. See also *A Handbook on the Principles of Church Building* by Esme Gordon, Church of Scotland Advisory Committee on Artistic Questions (1963). The book by G. W. O. Addleshaw, mentioned in the previous paragraph, should be noted here also, and with it, *The Modern Architectural Setting of the Liturgy*, by W. Lockett (paperback). Two books by J. G. Davies are *The Architectural Setting of Baptism* (1962), and *The Origin and Development of Early Christian Architecture* (1952). The Reports of the General Council for the Care of Churches might also be consulted.

### Church Music.

Any of the books written or edited by Dr. Erik Routley will be found valuable, interesting and inspiring. The work of J. Gelineau, whose psalm-music has found wide vogue, *Voices and Instruments in Christian Worship* (1964), though devoted to Roman Catholic circumstances, will be found quite valuable in its suggestions.

### Liturgical Texts.

This is still difficult. The bibliography of texts in Dr. Maxwell's *Outline* is still as good as anything.

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NOTE: Many subjects have also been considered in detail in past numbers of the Annual. Some consideration has been given to the possibility of indexing these, but meantime it should be said that the Editor has indexed the back numbers for his own information and he will be very glad to pass on information about what is available to and who may be concerned.