

Review

A NEW AND LIVING WAY. Church of Scotland Committee on Public Worship and Aids to Devotion ; London, Oxford University Press, 1967, 36 pp. 2s. 6d. net.

This small paper-back described as "A book for young church members" is intended as a guide to basic essentials for the newly admitted church member and is well laid out and attractive in design. Headings include, "Nine Fundamentals of the Christian Faith, The Chief Duties and Privileges of the Christian Life, Prayers for the Christian Year, Prayers for Holy Communion and four Graces for Meals."

The Book describes itself as "expressed in the traditional language of Holy Scripture, in the words of the ancient Creeds, and in modern terms."

The first two types of language are, on the whole predominant, and the book should be very useful to those who wish to encourage young members to understand and make use of the traditional phrases of the liturgy and it might well be used as a model by others who are not so convinced of its language but could still profit by comparing its phrases with much of the devotional verbosity which is currently available in print.

While we have something here that is valuable in itself and which has moved far from the forms and patterns of *Prayers for Family Worship*, prepared by the Committee in 1926, our welcome of it throws up the question as to whether its preparation can be regarded as the complete fulfilment of the Committee's obligation to the membership of the Church as presently known.

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