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Forty religious books, chosen by a committee of librarians as the most important books--for library purposes--in the field of religion, published in 1934-1935, were announced this morning at the Religious Books Round Table held as one of the sessions of the fifty-seventh annual conference of the American Library Association now in progress in Denver, Colorado.

The list was prepared by a committee headed by John F. Lyons, librarian of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Chicago, and including Frank G. Lewis, librarian of Crozer Theological Seminary, Chester, Pa.; Hollis W. Hering, librarian, Missionary Research Library, New York City; Mary E. Downey, director, Chautauqua (N.Y.) School for Librarians; and James T. Carlyon, librarian, Iliff School of Theology, Denver, Colorado.

The factors largely determining the choice of books were the needs of the average public library and the interests of the general reader, rather than the technical scholar. No book was chosen costing over three dollars and only five on the list cost that much. The limitation of price, according to the committee, eliminated several notable contributions of the year to religious literature, but library budget limitations were held to be a prime consideration.

An effort to keep due proportion in the subjects represented caused the omission of certain volumes of sermons and essays. Fosdick's "The Secret of Victorious Living" was unanimously supported by all the committee members. This is the first year that annotations have been supplied.

In presenting the list of recommended religious books, Mr. Lyons, the chairman, said the committee realized the impossibility of compiling a list which would meet the approval of everyone, but it hoped that the suggestions would assist in calling the attention of the general reader to the numerous, varied and interesting publications in the field of religion.

The forty important religious books of 1934-35 as selected by the A.L.A. Religious Books Committee, are as follows:

Andrews, C.F., Sadhu Sundar Singh. New York, Harper and Brothers, 1934. pp. 205. \$2.00

Deeply spiritual interpretation of an Indian Christian mystic.

Archer, John Clark, Faiths Men Live By. New York, Thomas Nelson and Sons, 1934. pp. 497. \$3.00

Valuable for those wanting a concise study of the "twelve living religions of the world."

Bennett, John C., Social Salvation. New York, Charles Scribner's Sons, 1935. pp. 222. \$2.00

A keen analysis of present-day social evils, constructively helpful in pointing out the problems and the opportunities of the institutions of religion in dealing with them.

Bergson, Henri Louis, Two Sources of Morality and Religion. New York, Henry Holt and Company, 1935. pp. 308. \$3.00

Carrying this famous thinker's distinction of intellect and intuition back to the interpretation of these kindred interests. In Bergson's inimitable style.

Brightman, Edgar S., Personality and Religion. New York, Abingdon Press. 1934. pp. 160. \$1.50

Lowell Institute Lectures, 1934. Bowne has no better interpreter than this teacher of personalism who is independent as well as sympathetic.

Brown-Serman, S. and Prichard, H.A., What Did Jesus Think. New York: Macmillan, 1935. pp. 287. \$2.50

The joint product of a professor in a theological seminary and the director of an important Episcopal church.

Brown, William Adams, The Church, Catholic and Protestant. New York: Charles Scribners Sons, 1935. pp. 421. \$2.75

An excellent presentation of essential differences.

Buck, Oscar MacMillan, Christianity Tested. New York, Abingdon Press. 1934. pp. 257. \$2.00

The challenge of non-Christian Asia as to what is the unique essence of Christianity.

- Buttrick, George A., Christian Fact and Modern Doubt. New York, Charles Scribners Sons, 1934. pp. 311. \$2.50
Homiletical and valuable both for clergy and for laity.
- Case, Shirley Jackson. Makers of Christianity from Jesus to Charlemagne. New York, Henry Holt and Company, 1934. pp.256. \$2.00
The author, who is dean of the Divinity school of the University of Chicago, personalizes the long story of the growing church.
- Clinchy, E.R., All In the Name of God. New York: John Day Company, 1934. pp.194. \$2.00
Clearly written record of the growth of goodwill among religious groups in America.
- Dibelius, Martin., From Tradition To Gospel. New York: Charles Scribners Sons, 1935. pp. 326. \$2.75
An English presentation of the newest phase of study in our sources for a knowledge of Jesus.
- Douglass, H.P., Church Unity Movements In the United States. New York: Institute of Social and Religious Research, 1934. pp.576. \$3.00
Summary of a survey including correspondence with 20,000 persons on the subject.
- Fleg, Edmond, Jesus: told by the Wandering Jew. New York: E.P. Dutton and Company 1935. pp.7+336. \$3.00
A French Jew's explanation of the Jewish attitude toward Jesus.
- Fleming, Daniel J., Ethical Issues Confronting World Christians. New York, International Missionary Council, 1935. \$2.00
A fascinating survey of the world application of attitudes and practices in present-day Christianity.
- Garrison, Winfred Ernest, Intolerance. New York, Round Table Press, 1934. pp.270 \$2.50
The author seeks to make the public acquainted with reasons for the several persecutions in Christian history.
- Fosdick, Harry Emerson, Secret of Victorious Living. New York: Harper and Brothers, 1934. pp. 246. \$1.50
Fosdick is always worth listening to.
- Goodspeed, Edgar J., The Story of the Old Testament. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1934. pp. 187. \$1.00
Makes the Old Testament easier by giving proper historical setting and clearing what is not understood.
- Jefferson, Charles E., Like a Trumpet. New York, Harper and Brothers, 1934. pp.125. \$1.00
One of the Harper's Monthly Pulpit series by the well-known pastor emeritus of the Broadway Tabernacle, New York City.
- Johnson, F. Ernest, The Church and Society. New York: Abingdon Press, 1935. pp.224. \$1.50
Synthesizes the individual and social elements in religion and discusses current trends in theological thought and emphasis.

- Jones, E. Stanley, Christ's Alternative To Communism. New York: Abingdon Press, 1935, pp. 302. \$2.00
Written as a result of a prolonged visit to Russia, in the passionate conviction that Christianity is in a life-and-death struggle.
- Lewis, Edwin. A Christian Manifesto. New York: Abingdon Press, 1934. pp.245. \$2.00
Barthianism coming to America and presented with apostolic fervor and self-confidence.
- McGiffert, Arthur Cushman. Christianity as History and Faith. Charles Scribners Sons, 1934. pp. 322. \$2.50
By an author well endowed and at home in the field.
- Mackay, John A., That Other America. New York: Friendship Press, 1935. pp. 202. \$1.00
A missionary-study book for the coming season by one who through long study and travel has become an authority on Latin-American affairs.
- Mathews, Shailer, Christianity and Social Process. New York: Harper and Brothers 1934. pp.221. \$2.00
A socially minded scholar whose instincts are right and whose facility of expression is most unusual.
- Meland, Bernard Eugene, Modern Man's Worship. New York: Harper and Brothers, 1934. pp.317. \$2.50
A presentation of modern efforts toward the enrichment of Protestant worship in the different communions.
- Morton, H.V., In the Steps of the Master. New York: Dodd, Mead and Company, 1934 pp.448. \$3.00
By a journalist traveling through present-day Palestine.
- Page, Kirby, Living Triumphantly. New York: Farrar and Rinehart, 1934. pp.308. \$2.00
An inspirational conception of how to have companionship with God.
- Peck, William George, Christianity and the Modern Chaos. Milwaukee: Morehouse Publishing Company, 1934. pp.136. \$1.00
Christianity is the only solution for present conditions.
- Roberts, Richard, That Strange Man Upon His Cross. New York: Abingdon Press, 1934. pp.139. \$1.25
One of the best of modern preachers in perhaps his most popular style.
- Saunders, Kenneth, The Ideals of East and West. New York: Macmillan Company, 1934. pp.248. \$2.50
A brief anthology and a brilliant study of comparative ethics.
- Scott, Ernest Findlay, The New Testament Idea of Revelation. New York: Charles Scribners Sons, 1935. pp. 255. \$2.00
The author, who is a professor in Union Theological Seminary, writes of the way in which Jesus, Paul, and John thought of themselves as the media of the divine revelation.

- Simpson, James Young, The Garment Of the Living God. New York: Charles Scribners Sons, 1935. pp. 281. \$2.75
The Sprunt Lectures at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia, by the late successor of Henry Drummond, Edinburgh, gives a good interpretation in popular language.
- Torrey, Charles Cutler, The Four Gospels. New York: Harper and Brothers, 1934. pp-234. \$2.00
The translator, who is professor of Semitic languages in Yale University, assumes that "Jesus and His disciples spoke and wrote Aramaic."
- Van Kirk, Walter W., Religion Renounces War. Chicago: Willett Clark and Company, 1934. pp-268. \$2.00
Indicates what has been said about war by the various bodies of the Christian church in Europe and the United States.
- Wallace, H.A., Statesmanship and Religion. New York: Round Table Press, 1934. pp.54-139. \$2.00
Present day statesmanship should be a spiritual adventure.
- Wallis, Louis, God and the Social Process. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1935. pp. 353. \$2.00
A careful, scholarly, and readable statement of the social message.
- Weston, Sidney A. and Harlow, S. Ralph, Social and Religious Problems of Young People. New York: Abingdon Press, 1934. pp. 288. \$1.75
An excellent tool for leaders, with case studies and source material.
- Wicks, Robert Russell, The Reason For Living. New York: Charles Scribners Sons, 1934, pp.306. \$2.00
Outcome of ten years' work among college students in which the author shows "the faith we live by" and discusses "the problems this faith meets in daily life."
- Williams, Michael. The Catholic Church In Action. New York: Macmillan Company, 1934. pp. 358. \$2.50
A good statement of Catholic practice and belief for Protestants to read.