For release Tuesday afternoon, June 25.

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:

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."

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.

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

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

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

An excellent presentation of essential differences.

Buck, Oscar, *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.
Homiletical and valuable both for clergy and for laity.

The author, who is dean of the Divinity school of the University of Chicago, personalizes the long story of the growing church.

Clearly written record of the growth of goodwill among religious groups in America.

An English presentation of the newest phase of study in our sources for a knowledge of Jesus.

Summary of a survey including correspondence with 20,000 persons on the subject.

A French Jew's explanation of the Jewish attitude toward Jesus.

A fascinating survey of the world application of attitudes and practices in present-day Christianity.

The author seeks to make the public acquainted with reasons for the several persecutions in Christian history.

Fosdick is always worth listening to.

Makes the Old Testament easier by giving proper historical setting and clearing what is not understood.

One of the Harper's Monthly Pulpit series by the well-known pastor emeritus of the Broadway Tabernacle, New York City.

Synthesizes the individual and social elements in religion and discusses current trends in theological thought and emphasis.
Written as a result of a prolonged visit to Russia, in the passionate conviction that Christianity is in a life-and-death struggle.

Barthianism coming to America and presented with apostolic fervor and self-confidence.

By an author well endowed and at home in the field.

A missionary-study book for the coming season by one who through long study and travel has become an authority on Latin-American affairs.

A socially minded scholar whose instincts are right and whose facility of expression is most unusual.

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.

An inspirational conception of how to have companionship with God.

Christianity is the only solution for present conditions.

One of the best of modern preachers in perhaps his most popular style.

A brief anthology and a brilliant study of comparative ethics.

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.

The Sprunt Lectures at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia, by the late successor of Henry Drummond, Edinburgh, gives a good interpretation in popular language.


The translator, who is professor of Semitic languages in Yale University, assumes that "Jesus and His disciples spoke and wrote Aramaic."


Indicates what has been said about war by the various bodies of the Christian church in Europe and the United States.


Present day statesmanship should be a spiritual adventure.


A careful, scholarly, and readable statement of the social message.


An excellent tool for leaders, with case studies and source material.


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."


A good statement of Catholic practice and belief for Protestants to read.