

NEW TESTAMENT

A new book by Gustaf Aulén, the grand old man of twentieth century theology, is an event. In his late nineties he is still producing some of his finest work and in **JESUS IN CONTEMPORARY HISTORICAL RESEARCH** (SPCK £8.50) he sets out to answer the question, "What is historically trustworthy in any account of the life of Jesus?" He reviews the work of scholars who have broken new ground in the last decade and presents his own conclusions. During his long career he has had personal contact with all the major twentieth century theologians and thus his work has a unique balance and perspective. The book is clear, forward-looking and stimulating in every respect.

JESUS THROUGH MANY EYES by Stephen Neill (Lutterworth £4.24) presents the student and the specialist with a comprehensive NT theology as well as providing a worthy introduction for the layman. Neill covers every book in the New Testament, basing his work on critical principles without presupposing much prior knowledge on the part of the reader, while at the same time encouraging him to make his own discoveries in larger worlds.

LOVE IN PRACTICE: The Gospel in Solentiname by Ernesto Cardenal (Search Press £4.95). To be published in March, this book presents a totally new view of Jesus through the Gospels retold by peasants in a Nicaraguan commune.

THE RESURRECTION NARRATIVES - A new approach by Norman Perrin (SCM £1.95). The author discusses the narratives in the first three gospels and the questions raised about the motivations and convictions of the evangelists themselves. Questions that must be understood and thought about to see what they are really trying to say.



Gustaf Aulén

JESUS OF NAZARETH by William Barclay. This is the book of the ATV series of six programmes, to be released for worldwide showing in March '77. The text is written by William Barclay using his own translation of the NT but with much material specially written for the book. There are many superb colour illustrations taken during the filming. The TV film was directed by Franco Zeffirelli and starred many famous actors. Using the best historical research, here is a book that not only tells the life of Jesus but shows it too. (Collins £4.95). February.

THE SUPERNATURAL IN THE NEW TESTAMENT by Bruce Kaye (Lutterworth £1.95). A new addition to the Interpreting the Bible series, this book is ideally suited to group discussion as well as private study. Nineteen passages that refer to the supernatural or miraculous are analysed and the way ahead shown for those who wish to come to grips with other examples.

READING THE NEW TESTAMENT TODAY by Brian Beck (Lutterworth Press £2.95) answers the question "Why do we have to study the NT and not simply read it?" in a manner which is very helpful for young Christians and students.

THE MEN, THE MEANING, THE MESSAGE OF THE BOOKS by William Barclay (St Andrew Press £1.25). In twenty-two short paragraphs William Barclay presents in his own powerful style a comprehensive view of the whole New Testament.

A JEWISH UNDERSTANDING OF THE NEW TESTAMENT by Samuel Sandmel (SPCK £4.75). An important book for students of the NT by America's leading Jewish scholar and writer on early Christian doctrine and the development of the Church. He presents to Judaism exactly what Christianity is by a book-by-book survey of NT writings. At the same time he deepens the non-Jewish understanding of NT Christianity. To be published in March.

THEOLOGY

ON BEING A CHRISTIAN by Hans Kung (Collins £7.95). Why should one be a Christian? Is there something more to being a Christian, and what does it mean to be a Christian now? Hans Kung, one of today's greatest theologians, looks at these questions and out of a lifetime of study and of experience suggests the answers. He looks carefully at the evidence of the Bible, at the challenge of modern humanisms and of the world religions, at the questions concerning death, at the local and universal church, at the individual's own personal decisions, and at the liberation that Christianity brings, including the freedom to serve. The result is a vital and important statement about what it means to be a Christian. Written for both the scholar and the educated layman it will be one of the most discussed religious books of the decade.

INTRODUCTION TO THEOLOGY by Theodore W Jennings (SPCK £3.95). The book begins with a discussion of the relationship between imag-

ination and reflection. It reviews a wide variety of images in order to acquaint the reader with some characteristics of both image and symbol and it continues with a consideration of the 'religious imagination' as producing a set of images, symbols, narratives and rituals which are intended to represent, communicate, and orientate human existence in the light of the presence of the sacred. It asks quite firmly what theology is and how theologians set about dealing with the theological method to show how their problems are related to humanistic tasks. A superbly organized book for students at graduate and undergraduate level. April.

RUDOLF BULTMANN'S THEOLOGY: A critical interpretation by Robert C Roberts (SPCK £4.95). Without a doubt Robert C Roberts asserts, part of the reason for Bultmann's overwhelming influence is the underlying consistency of his work. There is an extraordinary systematic unity in Bultmann's theological and philosophical writings. With that in view, Roberts seeks, in this penetrating new study, to explore that thought as a whole. The metaphysical terrain on which the structure of Bultmann's theology is built is the division of reality into "world" and "existence." "Gracefully playful and deadly critical, Roberts hits the nail on the head. The result is the most penetrating study of Bultmann that I have read." - Paul Holmer, Professor of Theology, Yale Divinity School. March.

WHAT IS THEOLOGY? by Maurice Wiles (OUP boards £2.50, paperback £1.10). What is Christian theology? Is it, as some might claim, based on faith in such a way that it has no proper place alongside other academic disciplines? Or is it, as others might complain, about certain forms of it, so open an enquiry that it is liable to undermine the living reality of faith? The status of theology is what lies behind this book. It is not an outline of Christian theology or a handbook of Christian belief - but an account of the issues involved in its study. Professor Maurice Wiles is Regius Professor of Divinity at Oxford.

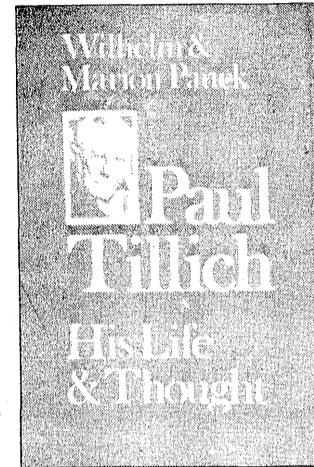
CHARISM AND SACRAMENT: A Theology of Christian Conversion by Donald C Gelpi SJ (SPCK £3.95). In this book Professor Gelpi aims to synthesize the traditional sacramental worship of the church with the existing phenomena of the charismatic movement. He attempts to give depth and theological respectability to a movement which is far more closely linked in the public mind with emotionalism and mass hysteria, by placing the gifts of the spirit firmly in the context of Christian conversion experience. The church is feeling frustrated by the charismatic movement because so few of its members know how to deal with it in terms of theological and sacramental respectability; and this book provides the information. To be published 10 February.

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