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to His Father for the unity of His disciples. Ministers are to pray for their fellow ministers, and thus a golden chain of unity will be forged.

There is dynamics in our ministry that comes from unity with our brethren. The very fact that we have a clean record with those we work with, and with the God of heaven, will be of inestimable influence in our ministry. The fact that we are a pattern of unity will greatly influence people to listen more earnestly to what we are preaching. If a Christian worker is not at peace with his fellow workers and this report is circulated abroad, the ministry of that worker will be adversely affected.

Christian unity among ministers will be of more and more importance as we approach the end of time. Situations will arise with which men who are not united cannot deal effectively. There should be awakened in the heart of every minister a consciousness of the power and influence of Christian unity as a requisite to the success of all our organizational projects. First we should espouse to ourselves the great fundamental principles of Christian unity, and then we should set about to teach those principles to the church of God, both by precept and example.

A chain is no stronger than its weakest link. The Christian unity of the church of God is in some degree only as strong as each believer's loyalty. Let us make the unity of our church strong.

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## SOME BOOKS I CAN RECOMMEND

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*The Triumph of Grace in the Theology of Karl Barth*, by G. C. Berkouwer, W. B. Eerdmans, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1956, 414 pages, \$4.95.

The author of this book is perhaps the leading conservative Protestant theologian in Europe today. He discusses sympathetically yet critically the theology of one of the world's most important religious thinkers. Barth himself has recommended the book as a fair critique of his own thought. The fact that Barth has championed a number of doctrines also

held by Adventists—the second coming of Christ, the authority of the Bible, the baptism of adults only—but all from a somewhat different point of view, makes his thinking particularly significant for Adventists.

*The Christology of the New Testament*, Oscar Cullmann, Westminster Press, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1959, 342 pages, \$6.50.

This book, written by one of the most significant Biblical theologians of our day, discusses in the best tradition of modern scholarship the teaching of the New Testament regarding Jesus Christ. Cullmann builds his study around the various titles given Christ in the New Testament—prophet, servant of God, high priest, Messiah, Son of Man, et cetera.

*Gospel Parallels; A Synopsis of the First Three Gospels*, Thomas Nelson and Sons, New York, 1957, 191 pages, \$3.00.

This is one of the best harmonies of the Gospels in print today. Though it covers only the first three Gospels, it includes also many references to Old Testament parallels and to passages from the early Christian apocryphal literature that are similar to our canonical Gospel material. A textual apparatus is also offered. The text is that of the R.S.V. Such a harmony is a must for a thorough study of the Gospels.

*The Fourth Gospel*, Edwyn C. Hoskyns, Alec R. Allenson, 3d ed. Revised, Naperville, Illinois, 1956, 604 pages, \$10.00.

Written by a leading British New Testament scholar a generation ago, this commentary on the Gospel of John remains one of the most perceptive available. Hoskyns is concerned not only with interpreting the immediate sense of a passage but also attempts with real insight to get behind John's words into symbolic meanings that reveal a deeper perspective in his Gospel than is often realized.

*History of New Testament Times*, R. H. Pfeiffer, Harper and Brothers, New York, 1949, 561 pages, \$5.00.

Written by a professor at Harvard University, this book is a study of the history, literature, and religion of the Jews during the period in which Jesus lived. The book also includes an introduction to the Old Testament Apocrypha.

*New Testament Introduction*, A. Wikenhauser, Herder and Herder, New York, 1958, 579 pages, \$7.80.

The author of this book is a Roman Catholic professor in the University of Freiburg in Germany. He is thoroughly conversant with modern critical scholarship in regard to the authorship and literary formulation of the New Testament writings. At the same time, as a Catholic, he speaks from a conservative point of view on these problems. Keeping these facts in mind, the student will find a wealth of valuable material along with mature judgment on matters dealing with the history and origin of the New Testament writings.