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**Review of "Thomas Coke: Apostle of Methodism" by John Vicker**

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The value of this work lies in the insight it gives of the complete conscientious-objector viewpoint. Seventh-day Adventists have objected to military service which might lead to the taking of life, but have cooperated with the government in those areas where life is saved. Dr. Kaufman urges that careful consideration be given to economic support of governmental financing of its war efforts.

M. E. LOEWEN

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## BOOK REVIEWS

We believe you will find the following volumes, published by the Pacific Press Publishing Association, an invaluable aid in your missionary work. Each volume has a retail price of 40c and is available through your Book and Bible House.

*Man the World Needs Most*, A. S. Maxwell. This is Elder Maxwell's 109th manuscript. The author points out that in these tumultuous times Christ is man's only hope. Without Him the future is dark indeed.

*Radio Church of God*, Harry W. Lowe. In this little volume of 144 pages Elder Lowe compares the teachings of Mr. Armstrong and his Radio Church of God with that of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. You will find this volume extremely helpful in working with those who have come under the influence of Armstrong's teachings.

*The Remnant Church*, Ellen G. White. This is an economy reprint in the STW series of a title that was allowed to go out of print a number of years ago. The 64 pages composing this volume give ample evidence from the pen of Ellen G. White that God is leading today the same people He has led for more than a century, and that He will continue to lead them to a glorious climax.

*Mind If I Smoke?* Harold Shryock, M.D. This is a complete revision in the STW series of Dr. Shryock's previous book. It is especially suitable for the doctors' rack program and should be used widely as an aid to those who desire to stop smoking.

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*Crusader for Freedom*, Gertrude Loewen, Southern Publishing Association, Nashville, Tennessee, 1969, 227 pages, \$5.95.

The biography of a man, Jean Nussbaum, committed to and challenged by a cause—that of perpetuating the principles of personal freedom and more specifically, religious freedom.

Throughout his seventy-nine years he constantly met and powerfully influenced the heads of state of a dozen different countries—always with an air of personal understanding and humility. His occupation as a medical doctor never interfered with his vocation as a crusader for freedom in the cause of his Master, and in many instances the “right arm of the message” was helpful in making contact in political circles.

The author has written the book in a style that inspires and challenges the reader to look for and be prepared to accept the opportunities for a wider service. This book is especially significant in that it poignantly shows the relationship between the medical ministry and the ministry as a whole.

DOROTHY HESSONG

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*Thomas Coke: Apostle of Methodism*, John Vickers, Abingdon Press, Nashville, Tennessee, 1969, 394 pages, \$14.50.

This is the first documented biography of Thomas Coke, the indefatigable and controversial “father of Methodist missions.” While writing an authoritative biography, John Vickers seeks to meet some of the accusations that have been directed to Coke, especially the charge that he was possessed of self-seeking ambition. That he sought office is clear enough, but whether he did this for self-seeking motives is questionable. He probably had the best of motives but was somewhat naive and lacked judgment in the way he expressed himself. He was disappointed when he was not acknowledged after Wesley's death as his legitimate successor. However, he remained a faithful worker within Methodism.

While not the best of administrators and a poor judge of character, he was a great promoter. Having made 18 voyages across the Atlantic, his influence was felt in England and America, and also extended to the Methodist missions in the West Indies, where he frequently visited while on his trips to America. His heart was always directed toward missions, and much of his life was spent in raising money through personal solicitation for his beloved missions. He even learned French in order to work in France, then actually spent some time there. He had involved interest in Africa and India and was on his way as a missionary to the latter country when he died aboard ship and was buried in the Indian Ocean.

As Wesley's right-hand man but not his official successor, he nevertheless filled a tremendous role in maintaining a bond between British and American Methodists by his actual presence, and in provoking his fellows to look to the entire world as the field. No man in his day had as far-reaching an influence.

Every Adventist worker will find much to inspire him in this biography of a great worker for God.

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