

Book Reviews

Shalom: Essays in Honor of Dr. Charles H. Shaw. Edited by Eugene J. Mayhew. Farmington Hills, MI: William Tyndale College Press, 1983. 231 pp. Paper, \$11.95.

Charles H. Shaw, a veteran missionary and scholar, is honored in this collection of articles dealing with a wide variety of biblical, theological, and historical subjects. Dallas Seminary and William Tyndale College enjoy a long and wholesome relationship, and many of the authors of these articles are Dallas Seminary graduates. After serving with distinction on the mission field in the Middle East, Shaw then devoted 28 years of his life to Christian higher education at Detroit Bible College (now William Tyndale College). His keen intellectual abilities are evidenced by his many advanced earned degrees, including the S.T.D. degree from Biblical Seminary in Jerusalem, and his long association with leading scholars such as W. F. Albright.

The high level of scholarship and research manifested in these articles merits wide reading. The major divisions include articles on Old and New Testament theology, systematic theology, philosophy, church history, and Bible translation. Dallas Seminary faculty member Norman Geisler writes on "Creation, Evolution, and Freedom in America," with a strong and balanced analysis of secular humanism. William A. BeVier (Th.D., Dallas Seminary, a former administrator at William Tyndale College and currently professor at Northwestern College, Minneapolis) presents a highly informative account of the life of C. I. Scofield. Especially helpful in the light of current hermeneutical discussions is Henry Holloman's careful and thoroughly documented chapter "The Cultural Factor in Biblical Interpretation." The book deserves a wide reading by Bible students and Christian workers.

F. R. Howe

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Forgiveness and Atonement. By H. D. McDonald. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1984. 137 pp. Paper, \$5.95.

This book provides a thorough discussion of the subject of God's forgiveness of sins and sinners. After establishing the necessity and possibility of forgiveness the author presents the relationship of divine forgiveness to such things as grace, justification, guilt, and atonement. The work is easy to read though there are many long sentences which sometimes are distractive.

A clear definition of forgiveness would have been helpful. The author seems to have assumed his readers know the meaning of the term. Uninformed readers may have the tendency to think Karl Barth, Emil Brunner, John Baillie, and others belong in the same theological camp with John Owen, James Denny, J. I. Packer, Lewis Sperry Chafer, and others. Conservative and nonco...

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