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**THE BASIS OF THE PREMILLEN-
NIAL FAITH.** By Charles C. Ryrie.
Loizeaux Bros. 160 pages. \$2.50.

In a very brief but lucid survey Dr. Ryrie shows that the premillennial interpretation of the Bible is founded upon historical theology, upon correct hermeneutical procedure, upon the provisions of the Abrahamic, Davidic and New Covenants, and upon a reasoned formulation of the doctrines of the church and of the last things. His presentation of this position is plain and is intended to be informative rather than controversial. He has dealt directly with the problems which his view involves and has taken a positive stand for his faith. Comparatively few contributions to the field of eschatology from the premillennial standpoint have appeared in the last ten years and this book is a welcome voice in the silence. (Reviewed by Dr. Merrill C. Tenney.)

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ceeds on the assumption of literal
inspiration, and gathers a corre-
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sents with a view to more orderly
arrangement in due course.

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This book is an apology of the Premillennial faith. No doubt this will be well received by those who lean toward the premillennial system. It could even become a monumental piece of work, for that group. For others who are prejudiced in the other direc-

tion, it will be just another treatise in a very debatable field.—Rev. J. Leland Hall, pastor, First Baptist Church Heber Springs, Arkansas.

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The Basis of the Premillennial Faith.
Charles C. Ryrie. Loizeaux Brothers.
157 pp. Index. \$2.50.

Here is a timely little book on the premillennial position, which appears at a very appropriate time. This is so for at least two reasons: (1) a number of Christian leaders who formerly held to the premillennial viewpoint have recently adopted the amillennial interpretation of prophecy; (2) the World Council of Churches meetings are to be held at Evanston in August, and the theme will be "Christ—the Hope of the World." Dr. Ryrie, who is a professor at Dallas Seminary, has produced a fine defense of the premillennial position—i.e., that Christ will return prior to the millennial kingdom, which He will usher in, and over which He will reign.

The book opens with a setting forth of the three existing positions in regard to prophecy: Pre-, Post-, and A-millennialism. From this, the author turns to the historical basis of the premillennial view to offset the charge that premillennialism is of modern origin. A search is made of the church fathers' writings, indicating that the early church was largely premillennial in attitude toward Christ's coming. Three chapters are devoted to a careful discussion of the relationship of premillennialism to the Abrahamic, Davidic, and New Covenants,

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necessarily be some technical discussion from which the lay-reader may not benefit (e.g., Hebrew and Greek words, theological terminology). However, the relatively small amount of this sort of thing makes the volume admirably suited to all Bible students who want a clear setting forth of the premillennial position. We strongly urge the reading of *The Basis of the Premillennial Faith* for a brief, but essentially thorough coverage of the theme.

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