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"Credo," by Karl Barth, published by Hodder and Stoughton at 9/6, and may be purchased from the Assembly Bookroom, Margaret Street, Sydney.

The translator claims that this is much simpler than the previous volumes of the author, and that, as the "Church's greatest living thinker," Barth has "brought the Church back to the Word of God." In this work the Apostles' Creed is taken member by member and treated in the most conservative manner one could conceive. The Bible is taken as the revelation from God in the absolutely final sense, and must not be subjected to any kind of historical criticism or explanation. There must be no attempt to get behind the writers to find out why they spoke or wrote as they did. The Scriptures are infallible and Barth seems to interpret them with a strict literalism which is not often found in men of his scholarship. He claims that exegesis must be norm for dogma, but his treatment of this subject reveals a personal independence which savours of an advanced liberalism.

Speaking of the "Fathers" and their witness he says: "I accept what interprets this to me; I reject what contradicts it." The work indicates the action of a brilliant mind; and for those who want a thoroughly conservative treatment of the great creed there is nothing finer that we know. At the end there is an appendix in which a number of interesting answers were given by him to questions asked at the close of the lectures which the book contains. These have to do with the philosophical, historical and ecclesiastical aspects of the creed in its bearings on religious life.—V.C.B.