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THE PREACHING OF THE GOSPEL (La
proclamation de l' Evangile). By Karl
Barth, translated by B. E. Hooke. Phila-
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This small book was first published in French in 1961 on the basis of notes taken by students when Karl Barth was a very young teacher. It operates with a theology of preaching that is basically affirmation of Scripture, stressing the use of the Biblical text, the careful writing out and presenting of an exact shape of utterance, and the bringing together for the hearer of the exposition of Biblical truth and application to his need. Although Barth saw the material before it was published and felt that nothing needed retraction, the fact remains that the massive accent on the Word of God, apparent in *Kirchliche Dogmatik*, Vol. I/1, as revised in 1944 and subsequently, is not the impulse in the small book, which is essentially a brief on the importance and technique of preaching to a Biblical text.

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