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**NEW BOOKS IN BRIEF**

- \* "Against the Stream," by Karl Barth (S.C.M. Press, 16s).—The most influential Christian thinker in Europe has gathered together a number of his post-war writings. He makes clear the line he believes that the Church should take in regard to the State, and says much else that is very relevant to our condition today.
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- \* "Puritanism and Richard Baxter," by Hugh Martin (S.C.M. Press, 15s).—Dr. Martin retells the story of the 17th Century struggle between King and Parliament with a view to showing the real stature of the Puritans. He rebuts the charges often made that Puritanism was opposed to the arts and every kind of recreation. He paints an attractive picture of Richard Baxter, the great Nonconformist divine.