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By Sister Melania Grace, S.C.

Librarian, Seton Hill College, Greensburg, Pennsylvania

ALDEN, DOUGLAS WILLIAM, and others, eds.

French VII bibliography; critical and biographical references for the study of contemporary French literature. New York, Stechert-Hafner Publishing Co., 1955. 96p. (Modern language association of America. Publication No. 7) \$2.00 (49-3084 rev.)

Another in a series of bibliographies covering critical material in books and magazines on contemporary French writers. Particularly useful for readers interested in the French Catholic revival in letters. An index to cover the entire series will be published with no. 10. The title has undergone a slight change.

DANIELS, WALTER MACHRAY, ed.

The censorship of books. New York, Wilson, 1954. 202p. (The Reference shelf, v.26, no. 5) \$1.75. (W) 54-7531

A cross-sectional view of the current discussion on censorship, containing several references on the subject from the Catholic standpoint.

FITZGERALD, WILLIAM AMBROSE, comp.

Family book shelf; a graded and annotated list for home purchase and family reading. 2d ed. Paterson, N. J., Confraternity Publications, 1954. 40p. \$.25 55-29566

A useful list of books, annotated briefly. It is designed for home and school use, covering titles useful from pre-school age through the twelfth grade.

Guide to Catholic Literature, 1954; ed. by Walter Romig. Detroit, Romig, 1955. 222p. \$3.75. lithoprinted. (41-8156)

With this issue, the sub-title has been amended to read: "An annotated international author-title subject bibliography of books on the constitution, doctrine, discipline, liturgy, and history of the Catholic Church, together with the general literature of Catholic writers, published during the year January 1 to December 31, 1954".

HOPPER, VINCENT FOSTER and GREBANIER, BERNARD D.
Bibliography of European literature; companion to Essentials of European literature. Brooklyn, N. Y., Barron's Educational Series, 1954. 158p. \$2.95. 54-9960

Useful to Catholic readers on account of the many works of Augustine, Thomas Aquinas, Dante and Petrarch, listed in the first two chapters. Full imprint is given, and indication of various translations, but there are no annotations.

McCARTHY, THOMAS PATRICK, comp.

***Guide to the Catholic sisterhoods in the United States.* 3d ed., rev. and enl. Washington, Catholic University of America Press, 1955. 367p. \$2.75; pa., \$2.00**

A useful guide, describing 338 religious communities of the U. S. Gives a brief history of each community, the qualifications required for entrance, photographs of the habit worn, and other information. Has both an alphabetical and a geographical index.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

***Directory of Catholic facilities for exceptional children in the United States.* Washington, D. C., The Association, 1955. 102p. pa. \$1.00**

An up-to-date listing of the schools and institutions which care for children who are blind, hard-of-hearing, crippled, socially maladjusted or mentally retarded. Gives Catholic Braille libraries and transcribers, and a list of the publishers of large print books. Arrangement is geographic.

SHEED, FRANCIS JOSEPH.

***Reading for Catholic parents.* New York, Sheed and Ward, 1955. 32p. \$.50. 55-7481**

Brief lists of books for both parents and children, with practical hints on reading. Includes also short chapters on The necessity of reading, Reading for Catholic parents, The parent in education.

***Standard catalog for high school libraries, 1953-54.* With Catholic Supplement selected by a Committee of The Catholic Library Association (Helen L. Butler, chairman) under the auspices of Marywood College. New York, Wilson, 1954. Sold on the service basis.**

Standard catalog for high school libraries. 1955 Supplement, with The Catholic Supplement.

These two supplements contain slightly over three hundred titles suitable for the Catholic high school library, with ample annotations and full bibliographic information.

STRATMAN, CARL JOSEPH.

***Bibliography of medieval drama.* Berkeley, University of California Press, 1954. 423p. \$5.00 54-11496**

A comprehensive coverage of books, dissertations, periodical articles and reviews of medieval drama, with a history of the drama. The location of plays in various libraries is indicated. Arrangement is classified.

**CONTINUATION VOLUMES of titles listed in earlier editions of
THE CATHOLIC BOOKLIST:**

Catholic Press Directory, 1955/56. New York, The Association, 1955. \$3. (pa.)

National Catholic Almanac, 1955. Paterson, N. J., St. Anthony Guild Press, 1955. \$3. (pa. \$2.50)

Official Catholic Directory, 1955. New York, Kenedy, 1955. \$12.00 (pa. \$9.00)

B I O G R A P H Y

By Rev. Redmond A. Burke, C.S.V.

Director of Libraries, De Paul University, Chicago

COLLECTIVE

LEARY, JOHN P., ed.

I lift my lamp; Jesuits in America. Westminster, Md., Newman, 1955. 383p. \$4.75 54-12449

Thrilling accounts of sixteen Jesuits who actively participated in the forming of America. From the dauntless explorers of the Mississippi River and the then-dangerous wilds of Georgia and Florida, to chaplains in World War II who trekked into the jungles of the far Pacific, all gave eloquent testimony to their fighting Jesuit traditions and their valiant love of country.

WATKIN, EDWARD INGRAM

Neglected saints. New York, Sheed and Ward, 1955. 241p. \$3.50 55-7478

If one knows all about such saints and beati as Bl. Osanna of Mantua, mystic and stigmatic of the 15th century, and St. Hugh of Lincoln, 12th century bishop, this is not the book for him. But if one seeks to find among the vast Communion of Saints new opportunities for prayer, example, and assistance, then these biographies of eight holy men and women will offer some discoveries.

INDIVIDUAL

CATHERINE THOMAS OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE, MOTHER

My Beloved; the story of a Carmelite nun. New York, McGraw-Hill, 1955. 252p. \$3.50 (W) 55-6175

This detailing of the vocation to and the life within one of the most strictly cloistered orders of the Catholic Church should do much to dispel the misunderstanding surrounding those lively souls who devote their lives to shouting the praises of God in the silence of a cell. Especially valuable is the explanation of what attracted this pretty young girl to the contemplative life, and the satisfactions which kept her there.

CECILIA, SISTER

The deliverance of Sister Cecilia. As told to William Brinkley, New York, Farrar, Straus and Young, 1954. 360p. \$3.75 54-11973

Even those who saw the television presentation of the story will profit from this more intimate, personal narrative of a dauntless Czechoslovak nun who opposed the Communists as long as she could, hid from them for four months, and eventually escaped. The simple, direct, sometimes humorous style adds flavor to the gripping account of a perilous flight to freedom and peace.

GOES, BENITO DE, S.J.

Schoenberg, Wilfred, S.J. *Garlic for Pegasus.* Westminster, Md., Newman, 1955. 264p. \$3.50

Three hundred years after Marco Polo, a Portuguese Jesuit lay-brother was requested by his superiors to find the lost kingdom of Cathay. Disguised as an Armenian merchant, the resourceful ex-soldier "sought Cathay and found heaven." The reader finds a real cloak and dagger tale—with a moral!

HAMILTON, NANCY

Hamilton, Marguerite. *Red shoes for Nancy.* Philadelphia, Lippincott, 1955. 224p. \$2.95 55-10463

The story of a mother's enduring faith in God and unselfish devotion to her daughter, a victim of a rare congenital disease of the lymph and blood vessels. The hardships of the mother's struggles to earn money for the necessary operations and the help she received from well-known stage and screen personalities are related with suspense and piety, generously sprinkled with humor.

HOUSELANDER, FRANCES CARYLL

Rocking-horse Catholic. New York, Sheed and Ward, 1955.
148p. \$2.50 55-9445

The early years of a serious, gay, mystical personality known to most Catholic readers. Not a "cradle" Catholic, Caryll was baptized at the age of six. The story of her life in French and English convent schools, her spiritual growth, and her turbulent years of search for a firm faith provides a perceptive, objective, and interesting autobiography.

JOAN OF ARC, SAINT

Pernoud, Regine. *The retrial of Joan of Arc; the evidence at the trial for her rehabilitation, 1450-1456.* Translated by J. M. Cohen. New York, Harcourt, Brace, 1955. 264p. \$4.75
55-9382

The chief archivist of the Museum of French History gives us this account of the retrial which occurred more than twenty years after the death of the Maid of Orleans. The evidence of Joan's family, friends, and neighbors, the stories of soldiers whom she had led into battle, the accounts of noblemen and theologians who had misjudged her, the examination and cross-examination of nearly 1500 witnesses,—this is certainly no less dramatic in its impact than the original trial.

LAMENNAIS, HUGUES FELICITE ROBERT DE

Vidler, Alexander Roper. *Prophecy and papacy; a study of Lamennais, the church and the revolution.* New York, Scribner, 1954. 300p. (Cambridge university. Trinity College. Birkbeck lectures) \$3.75 54-9320

This study of church history as seen through the life and activities of the Abbe de Lamennais sets his thought against the background of the French Revolution and is in the context of the relations between the Vatican and the church in France during the critical decades of the early nineteenth century. Lamennais always stood on the frontiers where church and state, church and society meet and interact. Some consider him to be the founder of liberal Catholicism and perhaps of Christian socialism.

MARY I, QUEEN OF ENGLAND

Maynard, Theodore. *Bloody Mary.* Milwaukee, Bruce, 1955.
297p. \$4.95 (W) 55-7865

The author of *Queen Elizabeth* offers this fearless account of another Tudor queen, Henry's elder daughter, whose great desire was to see England Catholic again. Her unfortunate marriage to Philip II of Spain proved to be a blunder, responsible in large part for the opprobrium directed for centuries at her very name. Mary Tudor has long needed Maynard's sort of truth and sympathy to do justice to her memory.

NAGAI, PAUL TAKASHI

Schilliger, Josef. *The saint of the atom bomb.* Translated from the German by David Heimann. Westminster, Md., Newman, 1955. 144p. \$2.50 55-7051

When the hideous satanic fire works hissed down upon Nagasaki in 1945, anguished cries begged for the assistance of Dr. Paul Nagai, who, although wounded in the blast himself, worked tirelessly to bring succor to his stricken compatriots. The Pope personally cited Dr. Nagai for his efforts, and his grateful countrymen made him a national hero shortly before he died of the effects of the radiation to which he had heroically exposed himself in aiding others.

PIUS IX (GIOVANNI MARIA MASTAL FERRETTI), POPE

Thornton, Francis Beauchesne. *Cross upon cross.* New York, Benziger, 1955. 263p. \$3.75

Father Thornton has scrupulously examined the archives of the Sacred Congregation of Rites and visited scenes of his subject's early life. He gives us a gripping biography of the holy pope who was caught in the drama of the political upheavals responsible for the loss of the Papal States in the last century. Notable for its clear presentation of the historical and theological phases of the heroic life of the soon-to-be beatified pope.

STEIN, EDITH, (in religion SISTER TERESIA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS, O.C.D.)

Graef, Hilda Charlotte. *The scholar and the cross; the life and work of Edith Stein.* Westminster, Md., Newman, 1955. 234p. \$3.50 54-12447

In the gas chambers of Auschwitz late in 1942, a Carmelite nun was murdered by the Nazis. Edith Stein had been a brilliant philosopher and a convert to Catholicism. Miss Graef presents with characteristic depth and insight both the scholarly and the spiritual achievements of an amazing woman.

TALBOT, MATT

Purcell, Mary. *Matt Talbot and his times.* Westminster, Md., Newman, 1955. 278p. \$3.50 55-7054

American edition of a book already well-known in Ireland. Miss Purcell, who has already produced other lives of saints, turns her scholarly care to setting forth the main events in the life of the Dublin workman who spent so many years as a slave of drink before he became a servant of the Lord.

TARRY, ELLEN

The third door; the autobiography of an American Negro woman. New York, McKay, 1955. 304p. \$3.75 (W) 55-14466

With her red hair and white skin, Ellen Tarry could easily have "passed," but she chose to identify herself as a Negro and to accept all the difficulties

which this decision would entail. But no self-pity or patient heroics for this teacher and writer of children's stories; her reactions of resentment and fear prove very human. This autobiography gives Miss Tarry definite status as one of the more articulate of the promising newcomers among Catholic Negro writers.

THOMAS A BECKET, SAINT, ABP. OF CANTERBURY

Duggan, Alfred Leo. *My life for my sheep.* New York, Coward-McCann, 1955. 341p. \$5.00 (W) 55-10305

The exciting story of Thomas a Beckett, one of the great figures of English church history, is told by a noted writer on the Middle Ages. Beckett's rise from a humble, unknown background to become one of the most powerful figures in England, when Henry II made him Chancellor, is told in a very readable, fictionalized style.

TOUSSAINT, PIERRE

Sheehan, Arthur, and Sheehan, Elizabeth Odell. *Pierre Toussaint, a citizen of old New York.* New York, Kenedy, 1955. 257p. \$3.50 55-6638

Born a slave in Haiti, this Negro hairdresser died over eighty years later, a free man, a pioneer in the cause of inter-racial justice, and a contributor to nearly every charitable need of New York in the post-Revolutionary era. His zeal for the glory of God, related in this sentimental, almost fictionalized biography, will provide inspiration to readers, who will be fascinated also by incidental stories of the great names of early days in the United States.

VIANNEY, JEAN BAPTIST MARIE, SAINT

Trochu, Francis. *The Cure d'Ars.* Translated by Ronald Matthews. Westminster, Md., Newman, 1955. 193p. \$3.50 55-8663

Msgr. Trochu has prepared a shorter version of his definitive biography which appeared in 1927 and which was translated into thirteen languages. Especially noteworthy for today's readers are the author's precise psychological interpretations of the human side of the holy priest and his factual, unsentimental accounts of the saint's miracles of healing and supernatural intuition.

WESTON, WILLIAM, S.J.

An autobiography from the Jesuit underground. Translated from the Latin by Philip Caraman. New York, Farrar, Straus and Cudahy, 1955. 259p. \$4.00 55-8754

The experiences of a Jesuit missionary to his native England at a time when by act of Parliament, to be a Roman Catholic priest was treason. The true significance of his life in the underground and in prison is further emphasized by biographical material and notes provided by the translator

E D U C A T I O N

By John J. Walsh, Ph.D.

Acting Chairman, Department of Education

The Graduate School, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, Mass.

ARNOLD, MAGDA B., and GASSON, JOHN A., S.J., eds.

The human person; an approach to an integral theory of personality. In collaboration with Charles A. Curran and others. New York, Ronald Press, 1954. 593p. \$5.75 54-6960

An important contribution in the area of psychology and education, this volume formulates an integrated theory of personality based on a Christian conception of human nature. Eclectic in origin, the theory lends itself to experimental verification.

BROWN, KENNETH IRVING

Not minds alone; some frontiers of Christian education. New York, Harper, 1954. 206p. \$3.00 53-11839

A plea for the restoration of ethical and religious values in American collegiate education, and for conscious attention to the objective of developing spiritual maturity in students.

FITZGERALD, JAMES AUGUSTINE, and FITZGERALD, PATRICIA G.

Methods and curricula in elementary education. Milwaukee, Bruce., 1955. 591p. \$5.50 54-11667

This comprehensive text stresses an understanding of the elementary school child as a major factor in the development of appropriate curricula, and in the selection of learning experiences designed to promote important types of outcomes.

GANSS, GEORGE EDWARD, S.J.

Saint Ignatius' idea of a Jesuit university; a study in the history of Catholic education; including part IV of the Constitutions of the Society of Jesus; translated from the Spanish of St. Ignatius Loyola with introduction and notes. Milwaukee, Marquette University Press, 1954. 368p. \$5.50 54-12965

An examination of the educational ideas of Ignatius derived from his own writings, rather than the *Ratio Studiorum*. These sources reveal his stress on moral as well as intellectual development, and his acceptance of social, patriotic, and democratic aims in educational programs for the laity.

KIRK, RUSSELL AMOS

Academic freedom; an essay in definition. Chicago, Regnery, 1955. 210p. \$3.75 55-6452

Several contemporary episodes and pronouncements are considered and evaluated in the light of academic freedom conceptualized as a natural right, and distinguished from license.

F I C T I O N

By Rev. Harold C. Gardiner, S.J.

Literary Editor of *America*

AVERY, IRA

The five fathers of Pepi. Indianapolis, Bobbs-Merrill, 1955. 215p. \$3.00 55-10893

Five batchelors in a little Italian town conspire to care for the waif Pepi. Young Giorgio is the chief 'father,' but he gets help from the other schemers. The main problems are what to do if a rich American tourist should offer to adopt the little boy, and how to keep Pepi from interfering with the romance between Giorgio and Maria. The solution is somewhat obvious, but the tone, gay, warm, and most human, makes this delightful reading.

BARON, ALEXANDER (originally ALEC BERNSTEIN)

The golden princess. New York, Washburn, 1955. 378p. \$3.95 (W) 54-13396

One of several recent books on the subject of Mexican history in the times of the Conquistadores. Avoiding most of the exaggerated fables of the cruelty of the Spaniards, it nevertheless does not gloss over excesses. Compares well with *A Crossbowman's Story*, listed below.

BASSO, HAMILTON

The view from Pompey's Head. Garden City, N. Y., Doubleday, 1954. 409p. \$3.95 (W) 54-10767

A young native of Pompey's Head returns after fifteen years in New York, to solve a literary-legal puzzle. He has a chance to study the thinking of the natives on such matters as interracial justice, social prestige, etc. The picture is drawn with great skill, and though no great problems are solved it is pleasant and thoughtful reading.

BORDEAUX, HENRI

The lost sheep. Translated by Frances Frenaye. New York, Macmillan, 1955. 130p. \$2.95 55-13587

A husband is at first inclined to take back his unfaithful but now repentant wife only as a servant who will care for the children. How his heart is changed makes the story. There is a great deal of insight into the workings of the human heart in this unpretentious novel.

DAKERS, ELAINE (KIDNER) (JANE LANE, pseud.)

Thunder on St. Paul's day. Westminster, Md., Newman, 1954. 256p. \$3.00 54-12448

A stirring and authentic picture of England at the time when Titus Oates 'discovered' the Popish plot to overthrow the government. The odious character of Oates is brought out in contrast with a charming young English boy who testifies at the trials. Miss Lane is the author also of a biography of Titus Oates.

DE WOHL, LOUIS

The spear. Philadelphia, Lippincott, 1955. 383p. \$3.95 (W) 55-6296

What happened to the spear which opened the side of Christ on the Cross? More important, what happened to the centurion who wielded it? This is Mr. De Wohl's theme. The story is shot through with coincidences, but is admirable in that it does not play down the dogmatic facts and implications of the subject.

DOLAN, MARY

Hannibal of Carthage. New York, Macmillan, 1955. 308p. \$3.75 (W) 55-14619

This fine first novel recaptures the times and describes the military action with accuracy and insight. It has the added virtue of presenting history as though it were actually unrolling before the reader. The grimness of paganism is evident, and this book would provide a good introduction to the period treated by Miss White in *The Four Rivers of Paradise*.

GIRONELLA, JOSE MARIA

The cypresses believe in God. Translated from the Spanish by Harriet de Onis. New York, Knopf, 1955. 2v. \$10.00 (W) 54-7195

Undoubtedly the most impressive fictional achievement of the year, this is a magnificent panorama of Spain during the Civil War. Panoramic, but unified by its focus on the life of a family, which comes to life astonishingly in these pages. Not a political tract, but it gives deeper insight into the causes of the war than do most works on the history of the times.

GROSECLOSE, ELGIN EARLE

The Carmelite. New York, Macmillan, 1955. 289p. \$3.75
(W) 55-14640

Pictures with good color and accurate history an unusual setting,—the mission of the Carmelites to Persia in the twelfth century. The main characters are a fiery princess and the leader of the friars. A budding romance is handled with restraint. The portrayal of the customs of the times is perhaps the best factor in a good story.

HOBART, ALICE TISDALE (NOURSE)

Venture into darkness. New York, Longmans, Green, 1955.
367p. \$3.95 (W) 55-7205

A young American returns to China to discover the fate of a man who had taken his place in an American bank there, and whom he feels he had condemned to certain death. During his search for his substitute, he runs into communism in action. The scenes showing how the old culture of the country is being ruthlessly changed are well done, especially those which depict underground activities.

MILLAR, GEORGE REID

A crossbowman's story of the first exploration of the Amazon.
New York, Knopf, 1955. 345p. \$4.00 (W) 55-5611

Compare this with *The golden princess*. Here is another story that respects the facts of history as it recounts the fate of a sixteenth century Spanish expedition. The reader is plunged into the midst of the sweat and toil and danger of the adventure, and all is told in a style that captures the flavor of Spanish thinking without at the same time sounding cutely antique.

O'CONNOR, RICHARD

Guns of Chickamauga. Garden City, N. Y., Doubleday, 1955.
288p. \$3.95 55-9238

A better than average tale of the Civil War. Spying, romance, and military action are featured, but the sense of historic authenticity comes through. The book is another proof of the vitality of this period of our history when treated by a craftsman.

OLDENBOURG, ZOE

The cornerstone. Translated by Edward Hyams. New York,
Pantheon, 1955. 482p. \$4.50 (W) 55-5062

Another magnificent reconstruction of the Middle Ages, worthy to be compared with the Prescott masterpiece. Follows mainly the fate of three members of a French family in the thirteenth century. Probably the best passages are those depicting the old father as he makes a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, where he had fought as a youth and where one of his sons had

died. The turmoil, the crudeness, the still-latent superstition of the times are admirable mingled with the profound and simple faith. A book for thoughtful perusing.

PRESCOTT, HILDA FRANCES MARGARET

The unhurrying chase. New York, Macmillan, 1955. 287p.
\$3.50 55-1792

A young French knight of the twelfth century loses his patrimony and almost his soul, but finds redemption through suffering. There is a great deal of brutality in the pages, but faith and love, too, and it all adds up to a good picture of Middle Ages. An earlier work than the author's magnificent novel, *The Man on a Donkey*.

ROY, GABRIELLE (MRS. MARCEL CARBOTTE)

The cashier. New York, Harcourt, Brace, 1955. 251p.
\$3.50 (W) 54-6397

The story of an ordinary little man who suffers from many chronic ills and is afraid to give himself to joy. But he is honest with himself and comes just before death to peace if not to happiness. The somewhat depressing theme is leavened with the author's compassion and a realization of the role of suffering in life.

SCHULBERG, BUDD WILSON

Waterfront. New York, Random House, 1955. 320p. \$3.95
(W) 55-5804

An extension of the film, *On the Waterfront*, and treating the same theme,—the slow awakening of a young dockworker to the fact that injustice must be cured by action. A tense, dramatic story, as timely as the horrible abuses it aims to lay bare. Definitely for the mature, the language being rough and vulgar at times. The priest character is admirably handled.

WAUGH, EVELYN

Officers and gentlemen. Boston, Little, Brown, 1955. 339p.
\$3.75 (W) 55-9382

This sequel to *Men at Arms* carries on the adventures of Guy Crouchback, who embarked on his rather limited military service in the war because he was convinced that it was a crusade. He is almost disillusioned by the red tape and muddling-through he experiences, but there is still an unquenchable pride in him—and in Waugh, too—for the dogged bravery of the English fighting man. The brilliant satire ought not to blind one to this realization.

WHITE, HELEN CONSTANCE

The four rivers of paradise. New York, Macmillan, 1955.
246p. \$3.50 (W) 55-14609

High seriousness of purpose marks Miss White's study of Rome in the fifth century, describing the impact of Christianity on the aristocracy. The story is rather slow-moving, but the atmosphere of skepticism and doubt contrasting with the fresh breath that the Gospel brought is well done. History interpreted through fiction and not glamorized by it.

FINE ARTS

By Sister Jane Catherine, O.S.U.

Department of Fine Arts, Mary Manse College, Toledo, Ohio

BERENSON, BERNARD

Piero della Francesca, or the ineloquent in art. New York, Macmillan, 1954. 44p., 48pl. \$3.00

Using as a springboard the famous frescoes of Piero della Francesca, a well known critic develops the thesis that the most satisfactory creations in painting or sculpture are those which express "character, essence, rather than momentary feeling or purpose."

CEZANNE, PAUL

Watercolours; selected and with an introduction by Georg Schmidt. Translated by Glyn T. Hughes. New York, Macmillan, 1954. 29p., 32 col. pl. \$5.00 55-1418

Fine reproductions of the watercolors of Cezanne, with a lucid analysis of his methods of painting and a penetrating evaluation of his importance in the history of modern art.

Encyclopedia of painting; painters and painting of the world from prehistoric times to the present day. Bernard S. Myers, editor; contributing associates, Milton W. Brown and others, New York, Crown Publishing Company, 1955. 511p. 784 i^l 216 col. il. \$10.95 (W) 54-12064

Among the most valuable features of this book are the clear, concise definitions of technical terms and various movements related to painting. Numerous, well-chosen illustrations are integrated with the text, making it an excellent source book for students and librarians.

GONZALEZ, XAVIER

Notes about painting. Cleveland, World Publishing Company, 1955. 77p. illus. pa., \$5.00 55-5911

An informal and personal discussion of the art of picture-making by a well known American artist.

HACKEL, ALEXEI A.

The icon. Translated by Sergei Hackel. New York, Joseph Elstein, 1955. 32p., 16 col. pl. (Herder art series, larger v., 1) \$2.75

A reverend and enlightening essay on the method of painting, the interpretation, and the use of icons in the Eastern Church. The accompanying color plates alone would be a choice addition to any art library.

HERRMANN, HILDE

Life of Mary. Translated from the German by R. M. Bethell. New York, Joseph Elstein, 1955. 10p., 25pl. (Herder art series 10E) \$1.25

Small in size, this book is an artistic gem. Our Lady lives again through the eyes of the painters, sculptors, and illuminators of the Middle Ages. A brief commentary explains the plates.

The year of Our Lord. Translated from the German by T. Sommer. New York, Joseph Elstein, 1955. 14p., 25pl. (Herder art series 34E) \$1.25

The liturgical sequence of the Church year is beautifully stated and illustrated by an unusually fine choice of works of medieval artists. Some of the plates are in color.

HEYDENREICH, LUDWIG HEINRICH

Leonardo da Vinci. Authorized translation from the German. New York, Macmillan, 1955. 2v. (v1, text, 210p.; v2, 176pl.) \$20.00

Based on sound research, this excellent monograph has been written by a great scholar to show the historical importance of Leonardo da Vinci. Leonardo, the man, is portrayed as a unique combination of artistic and scientific imagination, exemplifying in his work a magnificent unity built on the harmony by which God directs the universe. Photographic reproductions of his celebrated paintings, architectural renderings, and anatomical and botanical designs supplement the carefully documented commentary and notes.

HUGHES, ANSELM, O.S.B., ed.

Early medieval music up to 1300. New York, Oxford University Press, 1954. 434p. (New Oxford history of music, v2) \$8.75

Chronologically the second volume, but the first to be published of a projected set of eleven volumes, planned to cover the complete field of music in relation to other cultural activities. This scholarly offering is enhanced in general interest by the listing of phonograph records, *History of Music in Sound*, which parallels the text.

LUTZLER, HEINRICH

Christmas. Translated from the German by R. M. Bethell. New York, Joseph Elstein, 1955. 14p., 25pl. (Herder art series 2E) \$1.25

A great feast of the Church is interpreted by artists of many times and places. The introduction includes a brief comment on each plate.

RICKERT, MARGARET JOSEPHINE

Painting in Britain; the Middle Ages. Baltimore, Penguin, 1954. 253p., il., 192pl. (Pelican history of art) \$8.50 A55-2091

A scholarly appraisal of British painting from 500 to 1500 as revealed in existing panel and wall paintings, illuminated manuscripts, stained glass, and embroidery. The readable text and half-tone illustrations synchronize the religious and artistic heritage of a prolific period. A glossary and extensive bibliography add to the value of the book.

SCHNEIDER, REINHOLD

St. Francis. Translated from the German by R. M. Bethell. New York, Joseph Elstein, 1955. 18p., 25pl. (Herder art series 35E) \$1.25

The short introduction and comments on the plates representing work of various artists make a happy blending of beauty and hagiography.

SCHREYER, LOTHAR

Angels. Translated from the German by R. M. Bethell. New York, Joseph Elstein, 1955. 15p., 25pl. (Herder art series 28E) \$1.25

An informative essay with comments on the symbolism used by artists in their representations of angels in sculpture, painting, stained glass, and illumination.

STONE, LAWRENCE

Sculpture in Britain; the Middle Ages. Baltimore, Penguin, 1955. 297p, 192pl. (Pelican history of art) \$8.50

Companion volume to Dr. Rickert's work, this covers the period from the seventh century to the dissolution of the monasteries. A definite contribution to a little-appreciated period of English art history. The half-tone illustrations and the bibliography arranged in historical sequence will be invaluable to the Catholic historian and sculptor.

WINZEN, DAMASUS, O.S.B.

Symbols of Christ; The Old Testament, The New Testament. New York, Kenedy, 1955. 103p. illus. \$2.50 55-9738

A scriptural and liturgical study of symbols representing Christ in the Bible, with a simple, direct statement of the true meaning of the term symbol, and the proper relation symbolism should convey in Church art.

HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION

By Very Rev. Msgr. Harry C. Koenig

Pastor, Sacred Heart Church

Chicago, Illinois

BAER, KURT

Painting and sculpture at Mission Santa Barbara. Washington, Academy of American Franciscan History, 1955. 244p. (Monograph series, v3) \$5.00 55-13610

This is a guide to and study of the paintings and sculptures at Mission Santa Barbara. Much of this art was designed to teach religion to the Indians. For all those interested in the California missions and in religious art this richly illustrated volume will be a treasury.

CARTWRIGHT, JOHN KEATING

The Catholic shrines of Europe. New York, McGraw-Hill, 1955. 212p. \$6.00. 54-11259.

There are very few who can visit the Catholic shrines of Europe for it means extensive traveling through Ireland, England, France, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Switzerland, Austria, Germany, Belgium and Holland. But Monsignor Cartwright will tell you the story of these shrines and you can enjoy dramatic photographs of them in this impressive book.

COONAN, THOMAS L.

The Irish Catholic confederacy and the Puritan revolution. New York, Columbia University Press, 1954. 402p. \$6.00 54-13429

After the 1641 Catholic Rebellion the Irish Catholic Confederacy arose as a system of government dedicated to the idea that King, Lords and Commons of Ireland were the only power competent to legislate for Ireland. It was this principle which the American Revolution and the Commonwealth of Nations later adopted.

DUCKETT, ELEANOR SHIPLEY

Saint Dunstan of Canterbury; a study of monastic reform in the tenth century. New York, Norton, 1955. 249p. \$4.00. 55-14175

Around St. Dunstan have clustered many legends. This carefully written book attempts to separate fact from fiction and to present St. Dunstan as he appeared to his contemporaries. It is a real contribution to our knowledge of tenth century England and of the monastic reform which characterized that age.

EARLY, ELEANOR

Washington holiday. New York, Prentice-Hall, 1955. 305p. \$3.95. (W) 54-5670.

Washington is a Mecca for tourists. This is a gay, amusing guide book that conveys an incredible amount of information about the Capitol, the Library of Congress, the Supreme Court building, the various art galleries and museums, the numerous monuments, Mt. Vernon and the multitude of people who inhabit official Washington.

FOSTER, PAUL

Two cities; a study of the church-state conflict. Westminster, Md., Newman, 1955. 110p. \$1.25.

Church and state are two perfect societies which have the same people for subjects. In theory there should be no conflict between these two societies because they have different purposes. But it is most difficult to apply this theory, as the author illustrates from historical events of many centuries.

GARDNER, ERLE STANLEY

Neighborhood frontiers. New York, Morrow, 1954. 272p. \$5.00 (W) 54-11006.

This most unusual travel book takes you to the desert of the Southwest, to the Puget Sound area, to Yucatan, to the Yaqui River and Barranca country of Mexico. In each of these picturesque spots the author meets bizarre personalities and relates their fascinating experiences. Copiously illustrated.

HIGHAM, JOHN

Strangers in the land; patterns of American Nativism, 1860-1925. New Brunswick, N. J., Rutgers University Press, 1955. 431p. \$6.00. 55-8601.

This book began as an investigation into the causes behind our discriminatory immigration laws and ended in a study of the whole nativist movement which feared and despised the immigrant. Among these immigrants were many Catholics. This account clearly and dispassionately portrays the ugly picture of prejudice. Strongly recommended.

HORGAN, PAUL

Great river; the Rio Grande in North American history. New York, Rinehart, 1954. 2 vols. \$10.00 (W) 54-9867.

The Rio Grande is nearly two thousand miles long; it is a river empire that stretches over ten centuries and embraces three cultures; it is an historical experience that the author has told with grace and literary distinction in two volumes which every American Catholic should read and own.

HUDDLESTON, SISLEY

France: the tragic years, 1939-1947; an eye-witness account of war, occupation, and liberation. New York, Devin-Adair, 1955. 360p. \$5.00. 54-10820.

Huddleston lived in France throughout the tragic years of the Second World War and the liberation of France. His book is an attack on General de Gaulle, a plea for the rehabilitation of Marshal Petain and the policies he favored. It casts much light on the present condition of France.

HURLIMANN, MARTIN

Rome; 100 pictures in photogravure with full accompanying texts. New York, Studio, 1955. 144p. \$5.00 55-14349

The camera of Martin Hurlimann has found one hundred wonders in Rome to preserve in superb photographs. These are the attractions, ecclesiastical and historical, which every tourist has wanted to see but has never seen so well as in this collection. The accompanying explanations are as accurate as they are illuminating.

Spain. New York, Studio, 1955. 224p. \$10.00 55-14245

This book has a charm which words cannot describe. Like an artistic masterpiece, it must be seen to be appreciated. It contains 237 magnificent photographs, expertly reproduced, of every spot worth visiting in Spain, together with an enlightening introduction and explanatory notes for the pictures. It is well worth the investment.

KNOWLES, DAVID, O.S.B.

The historian and character. New York, Cambridge University Press, 1955. 21p. \$0.50.

This brief essay by Dom Knowles raises the interesting question whether the character of an historical figure is the province of a biographer rather than of an historian. His is a brilliant response fortified by many striking examples.

LUETHY, HERBERT

France against herself. A perceptive study of France's past, her politics, and her unending crises. Translated by Eric Mosbacher. New York, Praeger, 1955. 476p. \$6.50 (W) 55-7999

Americans are puzzled by the frequent changes in French governments, by the weakness of her foreign policy, by the corruptions exposed in her administrative system. The Swiss author of this provocative book tries to discover the fundamental causes of this instability. He is severe with France, but his strictures bear examination.

McCALEB, WALTER FLAVIUS

The Spanish missions of Texas; with an essay on St. Frances (by) Aurora McCaleb Pitkin. San Antonio, Naylor, 1954. 121p. \$2.75 54-12958

Original archives have been employed by McCaleb to sketch the early history of Texas to the end of the eighteenth century. It is a stirring story of heroic efforts of the pioneer Franciscan missionaries whose zeal was frustrated by the indolence of the Indians and the greed of the Spaniards.

MAYNARD, THEODORE

Saint Benedict and his monks. New York, Kenedy, 1954. 241p. \$3.00 54-10205

This is not so much a life of St. Benedict, though the essential biographical facts are given, as it is a friendly introduction to Benedictinism. It considers the rule; vows; structure of the Order; early Benedictine history; Benedictine life and spirituality; Benedictine influence today. May this book enjoy wide reading!

MORISON, SAMUEL ELIOT

Christopher Columbus, mariner. Boston, Little, Brown, 1955. 224p. \$3.75 (W) 55-8096

Christopher Columbus deserves to be better known; and this book is a popular introduction to one of the great mariners of all times. Admiral Morison admires Columbus and his extraordinary achievements; and he communicates his enthusiasm in this account which is as fascinating as it is factual.

MORTON, HENRY CANOVA VOLLAM

A stranger in Spain. New York, Dodd, Mead, 1955. 376p.
\$5.00 (W) 55-6934

What a privilege and a pleasure it is to visit Spain with H. V. Morton! He is sympathetic to this unique country, to its people and to their customs. His knowledge is intimate and extensive; and he imparts it most informally. This is the travel book of the year.

MOURRET, FERNAND, S.S.

A history of the Catholic Church. Vol. 7. *Period of the French revolution.* Translated by the Rev. Newton Thompson. St. Louis, Herder, 1955. 618p. \$9.75 (31-507)

At long last volume seven of Mourret's monumental "History of the Catholic Church" appears in English translation. It covers the years 1775-1823 and includes the decline of the Ancient Regime, the French Revolution and the religious restoration. Every Catholic library should make this set available for ready reference.

O'SHEA, DENIS

Jerusalem, the golden. Milwaukee, Bruce, 1954. 145p.
\$3.75 54-10177

If you cannot journey to the Holy Land and visit the shrines which commemorate Christ's life, you can accompany Canon O'Shea as he makes his pilgrimage in this book. The chapters are based on the mysteries of the rosary; and they reveal the author's keen eye, ready wit and facile pen.

RICCIOTTI, GIUSEPPE

The history of Israel. Translated by Clement della Penta, O.P., and Richard T. A. Murphy, O.P. Milwaukee, Bruce, 1955. 2 vols. \$15.00 54-8619

This is an excellent history of God's dealings with the Chosen People. All the resources and discoveries of history, archeology, philology are employed to cast additional light on the biblical narrative. It is scholarly yet not so profound that the inquiring layman cannot profit greatly from reading it. Fine illustrations and maps accompany the text.

RODMAN, SELDEN

Haiti: the black republic! the complete story and guide. New York, Devin-Adair, 1954. 168p. \$5.00 (W) 54-10816

Haiti is a picturesque Caribbean land virtually unknown to most Americans. Sensational books have been published about its voodoo customs, but Haiti is much more than voodoo. This lavishly illustrated volume considers the country as a whole, its history, people, geography, religion and artistic achievements.

ROMULO, CARLOS PENA

***Crusade in Asia: Philippine victory.* New York, John Day, 1955.
309p. \$4.00 (W) 55-7318**

Those who still wonder how China turned communist will be surprised to learn that the Philippines nearly fell into the same trap. It was President Magsayay who saved his country from the Huks. This important story is ably told by Romulo; it is a lesson in democratic action for all Asia.

RYAN, ALFRED PATRICK

***Islands apart: the story of Ireland from St. Patrick to De Valera.*
New York, Morrow, 1954. 256p. \$4.00 54-11114**

An Englishman of Irish ancestry belonging to the Anglican Church attempts a popular history of Ireland from St. Patrick to De Valera. He succeeds in clarifying the issues that make partition a burning reality. Animosity between English and Irish are the results of the historical conflicts which this book convincingly presents.

RYAN, PAUL E.

***History of the Diocese of Covington, Kentucky.* Diocese of
Covington, Ky., 1954. 1054p.**

The Diocese of Covington, covering the eastern part of Kentucky, celebrated its centenary in 1953. To commemorate this event Father Ryan wrote this exemplary diocesan history which rescued the historical documents from oblivion, sketched the careers of the diocese's six bishops, described the evolution of its parishes and charitable and educational institutions.

SHEPHERD, GORDON

***Russia's Danubian empire.* New York, Praeger, 1954. 262p.
\$4.50 54-12398**

Russia's Danubian empire embraces Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria. How these nations were subverted, how communist rule has been consolidated, how unreliable communists have been purged are subjects which the author treats. He also describes the struggle of the communists with the churches, peasants and workers. A very informative book.

SWETTENHAM, JOHN ALEXANDER

***The tragedy of the Baltic States; a report compiled from official
documents and eye witnesses' reports.* New York, Praeger, 1954.
216p. \$3.50 54-12062**

Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia gained their independence in 1917 when Czarist Russia collapsed. In 1940 these three countries were seized by Communist Russia, in 1941 by Nazi Germany, in 1944 by Communist Russia again. Theirs is truly a tragic history; and Swettenham exhorts the free world to receive their displaced persons willingly.

TREADGOLD, DONALD WARREN

Lenin and his rivals: the struggle for Russia's future, 1898-1906.
New York, Praeger, 1955. 291p. \$5.00 54-13231.

Conditions of the Russian masses in the late nineteenth century were pitiable. This aroused the sympathy of the intelligentsia, which was divided regarding the necessary reforms. In this book we can watch the various parties at work which will later be engaged in the 1917 Revolution. It is necessary background material for the rise of Bolshevism.

WADE, MASON

The French Canadians, 1760-1945. New York, Macmillan, 1955.
1136p. \$7.50 54-1403

The American author of this extensive study uses constitutional and political history, economics and sociology "to explain why the French Canadians live, think, act, and react differently from English-speaking North Americans." American Catholics will find this book invaluable for understanding the cultural development of their French Canadian brethren.

WHITAKER, ARTHUR PRESTON

The United States and Argentina. Cambridge, Harvard University Press, 1954. 272p. \$4.75 (W) 55-5541

Americans should learn more about the geography, culture and history of Argentina—often called the United States of South America. Whitaker's small book is an encyclopedia on Argentina with special emphasis on recent events under Peron. The author is fair to the Catholic Church but underestimates her importance in Argentinian life.

WINDELL, GEORGE GORDON

The Catholics and German unity, 1866-1871. Minneapolis, University of Minnesota Press, 1954. 312p. \$5.00 54-13011

Between 1866 when Prussia defeated Austria and the establishment of the Second Reich in 1871 Bismarck was the dominant figure in Germany. It has long been thought that Catholics little influenced Bismarck; but this view is now corrected in this distinguished, scholarly study.

L I T E R A T U R E

(Excluding Fiction)

By Dom Bernard Theall, O.S.B.

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America, Washington, D. C.*

BROWNSON, ORESTES AUGUSTUS

The Brownson reader. Edited with an introduction by Alvan S. Ryan. New York, Kenedy, 1955. 370p. \$4.50 55-9971

Excerpts from a 19th century Catholic writer in whom there is now a revival of interest. Arranged under such broad headings as Society and Politics, Literature and Literary Men, Philosophy and Religion, Christianity and Civilization.

Christian humanism in letters. West Hartford, Conn., St. Joseph's College, 1955. 67p. (The McAuley Lectures) pa. \$1.00

This initial volume in a new lecture series offers three contributions: Professor Howard R. Patch on 'The individual and the type in medieval literature,' Father Walter Ong, S.J., on 'Renaissance humanism and the American Catholic mind,' and Professor H. Marshall McLuhan on 'Christian humanism and modern letters.'

GARRITY, DEVIN A., ed.

44 Irish short stories; an anthology of Irish short fiction from Yeats to Frank O'Connor. New York, Devin-Adair, 1955. 500p. \$5.00 (W) 54-10817

Thirty-three writers are represented, and the literary level of the volume is exceptionally high. Only twenty-one of the stories have been previously published in the United States.

GRIFFITHS, BEDE, O.S.B.

The golden string. New York, Kenedy, 1955. 168p. \$3.50 55-5191

Autobiography of an English Benedictine monk, an account, in the main, of his religious progress from Protestantism to agnosticism to Catholicism. It merits notice here because of the beauty of the prose, and because of the way in which Father Griffiths emphasizes the role of books and reading in the development of his religious thought.

JOINVILLE, JEAN, *sire de*

The life of St. Louis. Translated by Rene Hague from the text by Natalis de Wailly. New York, Sheed and Ward, 1955. 306p. (Makers of Christendom series) \$3.75 55-10924

Of the four volumes thus far published in this series, Joinville's life of the saintly crusader king is the one most deserving of a place in literature as well as in church history.

KERR, WALTER

How not to write a play. New York, Simon and Schuster, 1955. 244p. \$3.50 (W) 55-7756

The title is misleading, for the book is addressed not only to playwrights but to all who are interested in the modern theater, which Mr. Kerr takes to be seriously at fault. He gives his reasons clearly and compellingly in what adds up to a first-rate treatise on drama history, theory, and form.

LA DRIERE, JAMES CRAIG

Directions in contemporary criticism and literary scholarship. Milwaukee, Bruce, 1955. 114p. (Gabriel Richard lecture) \$2.75

Originally delivered as the first of a new lecture series at Marquette University, this considerably expanded text is a survey of modern critical doctrines and their application, by one of the foremost American authorities in literary criticism.

LOGAN, JOHN

Cycle for Mother Cabrini. New York, Grove Press, 1955. 51p. \$3.50; pa., \$1.00 55-8628

Besides the long title-poem centering about the life and work of St. Frances Cabrini, there are nine shorter poems, the whole representing the first publication in book form of the work of a young American now teaching at Notre Dame. Most of the poems have appeared in American literary or critical magazines.

MEYNELL, ALICE CHRISTIANA (THOMPSON)

The poems, 1847-1923; centenary edition. Westminster, Md., Newman, 1955. 192p. \$1.75 55-4215

Edited by Mrs. Meynell's son, Sir Francis Meynell, this beautiful volume presents the work of one of the best of the nineteenth century's minor poets, who, although she is primarily thought of as writing on religious themes, has produced secular lyrics, too, of great beauty.

SITWELL, Dame EDITH

***Collected poems.* New York, Vanguard, 1954. 442p. \$6.50
(W) 54-11518**

Deserving of a place on this list not only because Dame Edith has recently been converted to Catholicism but because, in such poems as 'Still Falls the Rain,' 'The Canticle of the Rose,' and others like them, she has long been striking a true Christian note.

SPIRIT (periodical)

***Sealed unto the day; selected poems from Spirit, a magazine of poetry, 1949-1954.* Edited by John Gilland Brunini. New York, Catholic Poetry Society of America, 1955. 155p. \$3.00**

Fourth quinquennial anthology of poetry from the most important medium for the presentation of modern Catholic verse.

MISSION LITERATURE

By Rev. John J. Considine, M.M.

Director of Maryknoll Publications

BREYNAT, GABRIEL JOSEPH ELIE, abp.

***Bishop of the winds; fifty years in the arctic regions.* Translated from the French by Alan Gordon Smith. New York, Kenedy, 1955. 276p. \$3.75 55-6517**

Bishop Breynat recalls a half century of active missionary work among the natives of the Canadian Northwest wilderness. Interesting accounts of the language and customs of the Arctic people.

CRONIN, VINCENT

***Wise man from the West.* New York, Dutton, 1955. 300p.
\$4.50 55-8331**

A skillfully written, historical biography of Matthew Ricci, the Italian Jesuit who opened the empire of China to Christianity. Cronin's brilliant picture of sixteenth century China is based on Ricci's writings and other contemporary documents. It is an excellent life history of this famous missionary, scientist and scholar.

CROSBIE, PHILIP, S.S.C.

***Pencilling prisoner.* Melbourne, Australia, Hawthorne Press, 1954. 195p. \$2.00**

An Australian Columban describes his ghastly experiences at the hands of the Korean Communists. A graphic, first-hand account of the horrors of

Red concentration camps told with journalistic exactness and Christlike understanding.

DAWSON, CHRISTOPHER HENRY, ed.

Mongol mission; narratives and letters of the Franciscan missionaries in Mongolia and China in the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries. Translated by a nun of Stanbrook Abbey. New York, Sheed and Ward, 1955. (Makers of Christendom ser.) 246p. \$4.00 55-10925

Two main sections record the travels of two Franciscan Friars in the uncharted territories of Mongolia and China. A lucid picture of an Asiatic civilization, and the influence of Christianity in this Mongol world. Dawson's introduction provides the necessary historical background.

DEL REY, Sister MARIA

In and out of the Andes; mission trails from Yucatan to Chili. New York, Scribner, 1955. 281p. \$3.95 (W) 54-11016

A journalistic and entertaining account of missionary travels south of the Rio Grande. Scenes and people, journeys and conditions up and down South and Central America are vividly described in this engaging book.

DEMPSEY, JAMES

Mission on the Nile. London, Burns, Oates and Washbourne, 1955. 256p. 18s.

Entertaining account of a Mill Hill Father's mission in the Upper Sudan. Contains a wealth of valuable information about the history, language, way of life, government and religious beliefs of the little-known Shilluk people.

JESUITS. LETTERS FROM MISSIONS (NORTH AMERICA)

Jesuit relations and allied documents; travels and explorations of the Jesuit missionaries in North America, 1610-1791. With an introduction by Ruben Gold Thwaites; selected and ed. by Edna Kenton. New York, Vanguard, 1954. liv, 527p. \$6.00 54-11519

Selected from the 73 volume set edited by Ruben Gold Thwaites, these are reports from the Jesuit missionaries of the 17th and 18th centuries who suffered amazing tortures to bring Christ to the New World.

KENT, MARK LEO, M.M. and MARY JUST, Sister

Glory of Christ; a pageant of 200 missionary lives from apostolic times to the present age. Milwaukee, Bruce, 1955. 285p. \$3.75 55-7863

A much-needed contribution to missionary literature, this book portrays a pageant of two hundred of the world's outstanding missionaries. Their con-

suming dedication and heroism are caught in brief individual sketches of their lives.

LANE, RAYMOND A., M.M., bp.

Ambassador in chains; the life of Patrick James Byrne (1888-1950) apostolic delegate to the Republic of Korea. New York, Kenedy, 1955. 249p. \$3.50 55-6639

The story of a gentle and humorous Bishop who died heroically at the hands of the Korean Reds in 1950 following a tragic death march. Told by a lifetime friend and fellow Maryknoller.

LAURES, JOHN, S.J.

Catholic church in Japan; a short history. Rutland, Vt., Tuttle, 1954. 252p. \$2.50

Extensive historical research is woven into this scholarly but fast-reading history of the Roman Catholic missions in Japan, from the arrival of Francis Xavier at Kagoshima in 1549 to the present.

McCLOSKEY, MICHAEL B., O.F.M.

The formative years of the Missionary college of Santa Cruz of Queretaro, 1683-1733. Washington, D. C., Academy of American Franciscan History, 1955. 128p. (Monograph ser. v2) \$4.00

A well written, fully documented presentation of mission activity in New Spain in the late seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries. Describes the establishment and growth of Queretaro college, and points up its contribution to the spread of the mission.

PALOU, FRANCISCO

Life of Fray Junipero Serra. Translated and annotated by Maynard J. Geiger. Washington, D. C., Academy of American Franciscan History, 1955. 547p. (Publications: documentary ser. v3) \$8.50 55-14634

Fr. Geiger's excellent translation of Palou's basic life of Junipero Serra corrects mistakes made in an earlier translation, and provides 200 pages of scholarly but lively commentary and bibliography on Fray Serra and the California missions.

ROYER, FANCHON

St. Francis Solanus, apostle to America. Paterson, N. J., St. Anthony Guild, 1955. 207p. \$2.50 55-14671

This biography of the great Franciscan missionary to Peru points up the tremendous work accomplished by heroic missionaries in sixteenth century Spanish America. A careful and accurate historical record of the period.

WILKEN, ROBERT LEO

Anselm Weber, O.F.M., missionary to the Navaho, 1898-1921.
Milwaukee, Bruce, 1955 . 255p. \$4.50 55-1235

The life of a twentieth century apostle to the Navaho Indians of the American Southwest. Presents an analysis of the Franciscan missionary approach to the largest tribe of pagan Indians in the United States.

PHILOSOPHY

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BAUMGARTEN, ALEXANDER GOTTLIEB

Reflections on poetry; his Meditationes philosophicae de nonnullis ad poema pertinentibus. Translated with the original text, an introduction and notes by Karl Aschenbrenner and William B. Holther. Berkeley, University of California Press, 1954. 130p. \$3.50 54-6475

This work, originally published in 1735 by the thinker who coined the term 'aesthetics,' is interesting both for its poetic theory and as an example of the scholastic method of the disciples of Leibnitz and Christian Wolff. The theory itself is precise and of value even today, although it fails to distinguish adequately between poetics and rhetoric.

BRACELAND, FRANCIS JAMES, ed.

Faith, reason and modern psychiatry; sources for a synthesis.
New York, Knopf, 1955. 310p. \$6.00 55-9335

A series of essays by internationally known doctors, theologians, and psychologists, with introduction and continuity by the editor. The essays, which vary from the abstruse to the practical, offer great promise as material from which a final synthesis may emerge.

CAHIERS LAENNEC (Periodical)

New problems in medical ethics. Edited in English by Peter Flood, O.S.B. Translated from the French by Malachy Gerard Carroll. Westminster, Md., Newman. 1st series, 1953, 259p. 53-3032; 2d series, 1954, 303 p. \$4.50 per vol.

Scholarly reviews of some of the most troublesome current problems of physical and mental medicine, with useful practical suggestions, by distinguished theologians and doctors. Of great aid to persons in the fields of education, counseling, and medicine.

CONDRIY, WILLIAM MORETON

Thoreau. New York, Philosophical Library, 1954. 114p.
\$3.50 54-11703

Brief and attractive sketch of the life of the New England naturalist and anti-authoritarian. It will serve as a pleasant introduction to the writings of a man who was not a technical philosopher, but whose influence not only persists in America but has reached the Orient.

CRONAN, EDWARD PAUL

The dignity of the human person. New York, Philosophical Library, 1955. 207p. \$3.00 55-14491

A Thomistic treatment of the nature and destiny of man as he is the image of God even in the natural order. The book presupposes that the reader has some philosophical background.

DOOLAN, AEGIDIUS, O.P.

Order and law. Westminster, Md., Newman, 1954. 199p.
\$3.50 54-9947

A well written exposition of the doctrine of St. Thomas on law and the virtue of justice. The author's Irish charm and his use of contemporary scenes to illustrate old truths should recommend the book to Catholics of good college background.

FLECKENSTEIN, NORBERT J.

A critique of John Dewey's theory of the nature and the knowledge of reality in the light of the principles of Thomism. Washington, Catholic University of America Press, 1954. 193p.
(Catholic University of America philosophical studies, v157)
\$2.25 A54-5212

This clearly worked out doctoral thesis shows how Dewey's philosophy and educational theory is rooted in a view of knowledge which over-simplifies the data of experience. It shows how, on the other hand, a Thomistic account of knowledge and of its foundations in reality is more comprehensive and closer to empirical fact.

FRITZ, KURT VON

The theory of the mixed constitution in antiquity; a critical analysis of Polybius' political ideas. New York, Columbia University Press, 1954. 490p. \$7.50 54-10329

A valuable work of scholarship that will be welcomed by political philosophers. The argument is that a mixed constitution which does not rest on respect for law by the diverse classes who share the mixed government is an empty mechanism.

GILSON, ETIENNE

History of Christian philosophy in the Middle Ages. New York, Random House, 1955. 829p. \$7.50 54-7802

Very valuable for the completeness of its survey and its excellent bibliographical notes. Understandably, it is colored by the distinguished author's tendency to read philosophical history as a confirmation of his version of Thomism according to which St. Thomas, although representing himself as an Aristotelian, is, in fact, not so, but a revolutionary thinker misunderstood by previous commentators.

GRABOWSKI, STANISLAUS JUSTIN

The all-present God; a study in St. Augustine. St. Louis, Herder, 1954. 327p. \$4.50 53-9108

This study of St. Augustine is very thorough, and is particularly useful on the relations of theology and philosophy. St. Thomas' insistence on the universality of the divine causality in being, knowledge, and love is better understood in the light of St. Augustine's emphasis on this great truth.

HADAMARD, JACQUES SALOMON

Essay on the psychology of invention in the mathematical field. New York, Dover Publications, 1954. 145p. \$2.50; pa., \$1.25 54-4731

Reprint of a fascinating effort by a noted mathematician to understand the process of scientific discovery in the light of normal and abnormal psychology.

HILDEBRAND, DIETRICH VON, and JOURDAIN, ALICE M.

True morality and its counterfeits. New York, McKay, 1955. 179p. \$3.00 55-14890

An attack on the ethical doctrines of 'Sin Mysticism' and 'Circumstantial Ethics' condemned by the present pope. Several prominent Catholic literary figures can be reasonably accused of propagating these distortions of Catholic moral doctrine. The book is recommended for all those who are puzzled by Catholic authors who seem to take an ambiguous position on moral issues.

HARRIS, ERROL EUSTACE

Nature, mind, and modern science. New York, Macmillan, 1954. 456p. \$5.50 54-11503

Traces the genesis and historical setting of the critical problem with an insight and style welcome to every serious student interested in modern science and its philosophy.

JOHN OF SALISBURY, bp.

The metalogicon of John of Salisbury; a twelfth-century defense of the verbal and logical arts of the trivium. Translated with an introduction and notes by Daniel D. McGarry. Berkeley, University of California Press, 1955. 305p. \$5.00 55-6886

A very lively and highly instructive classic in the fields of education and logic. John of Salisbury relates his own efforts to acquire a sound education, pictures the educational attitudes of his day, and provides a summary of grammar and logic as then taught. Beautifully edited and printed.

KLUBERTANZ, GEORGE PETER, S.J.

An introduction to the philosophy of being. New York, Appleton-Century-Crofts, 1955. 300p. \$3.00 55-7164

The manner of presentation is suited to beginners, each chapter including a list of definitions, a summary of the argument, suggested readings from modern sources, and passages from St. Thomas in English. These do not include the crucial passages in which St. Thomas explains the subject of metaphysics, the scope and order of its parts, and the relations of this science to the other sciences, particularly to natural philosophy.

KOREN, HENRY J.

Introduction to the science of metaphysics. St. Louis, Herder, 1955. 291p. \$4.50 55-10922

A textbook written in a clear style and presenting sound Thomastic doctrine. Like other current manuals, however, it neglects the order of the science as St. Thomas so carefully expounds it in his Aristotelian commentary. This neglect cuts short the very careful and systematic introduction to the science which St. Thomas believed to be necessary.

NADRA, JOHN BENEDICT JOSEPH, O.P.

The virtue of observance according to St. Thomas Aquinas. Washington, D. C., Thomist Press, 1955. 82p. \$1.00

An especially timely study dealing with the virtue of respect for one's betters. Teachers of ethics can use its principles for a number of instructive cases. The author states the traditional doctrine in a detailed and competent manner.

ROOS, HEINRICH, S.J.

Soren Kierkegaard and Catholicism. Translated from the Danish by Richard M. Brackett, S.J. Westminster, Md., Newman, 1954. 62p. pa., \$1.25 54-7545

Succeeds better in proving that Kierkegaard was anti-Protestant than that he was pro-Catholic; no small difference. Useful, however, in surveying the evidence on the question.

RUSK, ROBERT ROBERTSON

***The doctrine of the great educators.* 2d ed. rev. and enl. New York, St. Martin's Press, 1954. 311p. \$2.75 54-13098**

The educational theories of Plato, Quintilian, Elyot, Loyola, Comenius, Milton, Locke, Rousseau, Pestalozzi, Herbart, Froebel, Montessori, and Dewey. The descriptions are on the whole sympathetic and clear, and considerably more useful than those found in the standard histories of education. The chapter on St. Ignatius Loyola is especially well done and sympathetic, although the author is apparently not a Catholic.

SANCHEZ REULET, ANIBAL, ed.

***Contemporary Latin-American philosophy; a selection with an introduction and notes.* Translated from the Spanish and Portuguese by Willard R. Trask. Albuquerque, University of New Mexico Press, 1954. 285p. \$5.00 54-6518**

A critical anthology of selections from twelve philosophers of the past fifty years, with a general bibliography of Latin-American thought. Includes positivism, phenomenology, and neo-Thomism by authors professional and self-taught. Useful for reference purposes, although of course many views of the authors included leave much to be desired.

SCHIFFER, WALTER

***The legal community of mankind; a critical analysis of the modern concept of world organization.* New York, Columbia University Press, 1954. 367p. \$5.50 54-9256**

The League of Nations and the United Nations were based on the assumption that moral progress was leading all nations to see the evident fact that their interests are identical. The author holds that the interests of the nations are not identical, and that only the authority of a world state can bring peace.

SPALDING, KENNETH JAY

***The philosophy of Shakespeare.* New York, Philosophical Library, 1953. 191p. \$3.75 53-7902**

This beautiful book is a catena of passages from all the works of Shakespeare, chronologically arranged to show that Shakespeare step by step developed a total view of man, his relations to nature, his social and spiritual development, and the role of evil in this development. Excellent supplementary reading for a course in ethics.

**STALLKNECHT, NEWTON PHELPS, and BRUMBAUGH,
ROBERT SHERRICK**

The compass of philosophy; an essay in intellectual orientation.
New York, Longmans, Green, 1954. 258p. \$3.25 55-5178

A lucid exposition of the main themes and the historical recurrence of four philosophies, typified by Democritus, Plato, Aristotle, and Bergson. Helpful in reducing the history of philosophy to manageable compass.

THOMAS AQUINAS, Saint

Truth. Translated from the definitive Leonine text. Vol. 3
(questions 21-29) translated by Robert W. Schmidt, S.J. Chi-
cago, Regnery, 1954. 530p. \$7.50 52-12511

Last volume of the magnificent translation of one of St. Thomas' most profound treatises. It completes the set with indices of sources and of subjects for all three volumes. A fundamental requirement for any library of philosophy.

On the truth of the Catholic faith, Summa contra gentiles; Book 1, God. Translated with an introduction and notes by Anton J. Pegis. Garden City, N. Y., Doubleday, 1955. 317p.
(Image books) pa., 85c (55-9753)

The publishers are to be congratulated on this undertaking. Well printed, were arranged, this pocket book edition presents a new and accurate translation preceded by a clear introduction and analysis of the whole work, demonstrating its unity and purpose.

THOMAS OF BRADWARDINE

Tractatus de proportionibus; its significance for the development of mathematical physics. Edited and translated by H. Lemar Crosby, Jr. Madison, University of Wisconsin Press, 1955.
203p. \$3.50

It is beginning to be realized that mathematical physics did not end with Archimedes and recommence with Galileo but was a continuous and active tradition through the Middle Ages. The present work affords a very important proof of this fact by showing the patient efforts of scholastic thinkers to develop a consistent theory of mechanics.

VEATCH, HENRY BABCOCK

Realism and nominalism revisited. Milwaukee, Marquette University Press, 1954. 75p. (Marquette University. Aristotelian society. The Aquinas lecture, 1954) \$2.00 54-13152

The problems of nominalism and realism in modern logic arose from the introduction of the mathematical conceptions of function and argument into logical analysis. When the distinction between real and rational beings has

been overlooked, logical analysis seems to regard only a world of names to which nothing determinate corresponds in reality.

RELIGION

By Rev. James R. Gillis, O.P.

Professor of Theology

St. Rose Priory, Dubuque, Iowa

BOUYER, LOUIS

The meaning of the monastic life. Translated by Kathleen Pond. New York, Kenedy, 1955. 209p. \$4.00 55-9394

An excellent treatise on the spiritual life, explicitly for monks but with a real message for all Catholics,—that any secret hope or desire for "Christianity without tears" is both a snare and a delusion.

BREIG, JOSEPH ANTHONY

Life with my Mary. Milwaukee, Bruce, 1955. 202p. \$3.00 55-10559

The best of Breig. Detailing twenty-five years of married life with its sorrow, laughter, and above all, faith. But still more about Joe than Mary.

Under my hat. New York, McMullen, 1954. 189p. \$2.50 54-12241

A collection of sketches, some hilarious, some heart-breaking, all shot through with deep and abiding faith.

The bridge; a yearbook of Judaeo-Christian studies. Edited by John M. Oesterreicher. New York, Pantheon, 1955. 349p. \$3.95 (55-10281)

This collection of articles and book-reviews constitutes the first yearbook of the Institute of Judaeo-Christian Studies. The series promises examination of every phase of the Jewish-Christian relationship.

BUCKLER, HENRY REGINALD, O.P.

The perfection of man by charity. St. Louis, Herder, 1954. 235p. \$3.50 54-14435

New edition of a spiritual classic of the nineteenth century, previously published with the title, *Spiritual Perfection Through Charity*. A careful and

exact exposition of the nature of perfection and the means to attain it.

CARRE, A. M., O.P.

***Hope or despair.* New York, Kenedy, 1955. 119p. \$3.50**

A highly readable study of the virtue of hope and the vice of despair. The author has a real flair for presenting divine truth to the Catholic public, as he demonstrated in a previous work on marriage, *Companions for Eternity*.

***Chastity; being the English version of La chastite, in Problemes de la religieuse d'aujourd'hui.* Translated by Lancelot C. Shepard. Westminster, Md., Newman, 1955. 267p. (Religious life) \$4.00 55-7045**

In the fifth volume of the Religious Life Series the vow and virtue of chastity are treated from diverse aspects and by experts. Like its predecessors in the series, this book should prove a boon to women bound to God in the religious state.

COMBES, ANDRE

***Saint Therese and her mission; the basic principles of Theresian spirituality.* Translated by Alastair Guinan. New York, Kenedy, 1955. 244p. \$3.50 55-9611**

Abbe Combes is perhaps the foremost authority on the spiritual doctrine of the Little Flower. This clear and exact study presents St. Therese, her doctrine, and her mission in a light definitely at odds with many popular conceptions.

DONOHUE, JOHN, S.J.

***Christian maturity.* New York, Kenedy, 1955. 214p. \$3.50 55-6519**

An interesting analysis of the subjective aspect of religion and its role in character development. For modern minds, churched or unchurched.

FARRELL, WALTER, O.P., and HUGHES, DOMINIC, O.P.

***Swift victory; essays on the gifts of the Holy Spirit.* New York, Sheed and Ward, 1955. 211p. \$3.25 55-9444**

The role of the gifts of the Holy Ghost in the Christian life has long been uncharted territory for the layman. This book provides a map, intelligible and convincing.

FRAIGNEUX, MAURICE

Christianity is revolutionary. Translated from the French by Emma Craufurd. Westminster, Md., Newman, 1955. 164p. \$2.75 55-7044

A blueprint for Christian renovation of society, constructed by a clear and thorough analysis of the impact of the Old Testament prophets, and of the Catholic Church's historical renewals through her prophets, St. Paul, St. Augustine, St. Dominic, St. Ignatius, and St. Teresa of Avila.

FROSSARD, ANDRE

The salt of the earth. Translated by Marjorie Villiers. New York, Kenedy, 1955. 160p. \$2.95 55-7852

An introduction to the religious life and some of the better known religious orders. Excellent in its practical presentation of the daily life of the monks.

GILLET, MARTIN STANISLAUS, *abp.*

The mission of St. Catherine. Translated by Sister M. Thomas Lopez, O.P. St. Louis, Herder, 1955. 222p. (Cross and crown series of spirituality) \$3.95 55-6451

A deeply sympathetic study of St. Catherine's interior life and extensive apostolate, showing particularly its single source, her intense union with God.

GROSSOUW, WILLEM KAREL MARIA

Revelation and redemption; a sketch of the theology of St. John. Translated and ed. from the Dutch by Martin W. Schoenberg, O.S.C. Westminster, Md., Newman, 1955. 133p. \$2.25 55-8010

An introduction to the theology of St. John as found in his Gospel and Epistles. Technicalities have been deliberately avoided in order to remove obstacles for lay readers.

GUARDINI, ROMANO

The rosary of Our Lady. Translated by H. Von Schuecking. New York, Kenedy, 1955. 94p. \$2.50 55-6637

A delightfully simple and enlightening treatment of the rosary devotion, which is also an invitation to reap its spiritual rewards.

GUITTON, JEAN

The problem of Jesus; a free-thinker's diary. Abridged English edition, translated by A. Gordon Smith. New York, Kenedy, 1955. 239p. \$3.75 55-6211

The book's subtitle accurately describes M. Guitton's latest work to appear in English. The reader is in for a real treat as he follows the progress of

this hypothetical rationalist from negation and doubt to increasing assurance and eventual certitude.

HOLLINGS, MICHAEL

Hey, you! a call to prayer. Westminster, Md., Newman, 1954.
127p. \$2.00 55-8641

The aim of this book is not so much to enlighten the reader as to move him to embrace God's will,—which is, of course, his sanctification. It has a splendid appeal to lay Catholics.

HOUSELANDER, FRANCES CARYLL

The way of the cross. New York, Sheed and Ward, 1955.
173p. \$2.75 55-7479

An appropriate conclusion to the author's life as a writer, this latest book makes the fourteen stations of the Way of the Cross a subject of loving meditation and an invitation not only to imitate but also to identify ourselves with Christ crucified.

JOURNET, CHARLES

The primacy of Peter, from the Protestant and from the Catholic point of view. Translated from the French by John Chapin. Westminster, Md., Newman, 1954. 144p. \$2.75 54-12533

Professor Oscar Cullman presented the Protestant position on the apostolic succession in his book, *Peter, Disciple, Apostle, Martyr*. This is the Catholic answer, skillfully composed by an eminent theologian.

JURGENSMEIER, FRIEDRICH

The Mystical Body of Christ as the basic principle of spiritual life. Translated by Harriet G. Strauss. New York, Sheed and Ward, 1955. 379p. \$5.00 54-11146

This new edition of a work translated by H. Gardner in 1939 utilizes the doctrinal clarifications of recent papal pronouncements. The principal thesis remains the same,—that the doctrine of the Mystical Body is the fundamental principle of Christian asceticism.

KELLER, JAMES, M.M.

Make each day count; a Christopher thought for every day of the year. Garden City, N. Y., Garden City Books, 1955. 366p.
\$2.95 55-9987

This book of Christopher thoughts sticks closely to the pattern of its predecessors,—from anecdote to religious truth, with a dash of patriotism.

KNOX, RONALD ARBUTHNOT

A retreat for lay people. New York, Sheed and Ward, 1955.
258p. \$3.00 55-7477

These twenty-four meditations are a sample of the fare which Msgr. Knox has given his retreatants during the past fifteen years. Though loosely hinged together, they clearly show the hand of the master. Readers won't have to envy the lucky retreatants so much, now that this book is in their hands.

LUIS DE GRANADA, O.P.

The summa of the Christian life; selected texts from his writings.
Translated and adapted by Jordan Aumann, O.P. Vol. II. St. Louis, Herder, 1955. 428p. \$4.95

This second volume of a spiritual classic is even better than the first. A guide for the formation of the perfect Christian, it presents the material of the second part of the Summa Theologiae with uncommon appeal.

McCORRY, VINCENT P., S.J.

More blessed than kings. Westminster, Md., Newman, 1954.
242p. \$3.00 54-12082

In his usual colorful fashion, Father McCorry has strung together fifteen sketches of such minor characters mentioned in the Gospels as the shepherds, Zebedee, and Mrs. Zebedee. Each gives him an opportunity to speak out on some phase of Catholic life.

MADDEN, RICHARD C., O.C.D.

Men in sandals. Milwaukee, Bruce, 1954. 154p. \$2.50
54-12550

All about life in a Carmelite monastery, with candid description and enough sparkling humor to make it shine. It should realize the author's avowed purpose of increasing vocations.

MARIE-EUGENE DE L'ENFANT JESUS, O.C.D.

I am a daughter of the church; a practical synthesis of Carmelite spirituality. Translated by Sister M. Verda Clare, C.S.C. Chicago, Fides, 1955. 667p. \$6.75 55-2980

The companion volume to *I Want to see God* merits the same high praise as its predecessor. Following the Theresian pattern, this volume begins with the Fourth Mansion. Spiritual theology, clear, non-controversial, and extremely attractive.

MASURE, EUGENE

Parish priest. Translated by Angeline Bouchard. Chicago, Fides, 1955. 255p. \$3.95 55-11502

The avowed intention of the author is to create enthusiasm in candidates for the diocesan priesthood and to enlighten and inspire priests themselves. He succeeds admirably. The section on priestly spirituality manifests deep learning and deeper appreciation.

MERTON, THOMAS

No man is an island. New York, Harcourt, Brace, 1955. 264p. \$3.95 (W) 55-7420

A study in Christian solidarity in the Mystical Body of Christ. Against this background solitude, humility, self-denial, action, contemplation, and the sacraments are fitted together in a picture of Christian wholeness, which is holiness.

MONTCHEUIL, YVES DE, S.J.

Aspects of the church. Translated by Albert J. LaMothe, Jr. Chicago, Fides, 1955. 197p. \$3.75 55-11503

Exhibiting his usual skill in presenting Catholic truth in an attractive and practical manner, Father de Montcheuil gives the reader a fresh perspective on what the Church is, and states most emphatically what membership involves.

MURPHY, JOHN L.

In the image of Christ. Milwaukee, Bruce, 1954. 169p. \$3.00 54-9868

A logical sequel to the author's successful *The Living Christ*, this work applies the principles of the Mystical Body to such pressing modern problems as the need of apostolate, progress of the liturgy, and social justice.

ST. JOHN, HENRY, O.P.

Essays in Christian unity, 1928-1954. Westminster, Md., Newman, 1954. 144p. \$3.00 55-7041

The author, a convert, has had a long-standing interest in the ecumenical movement. This is a collection of his articles on the subject, published in *Blackfriars* over a period of twenty-five years.

SELLMAIR, JOSEF

The priest in the world. Translated by Brian Battershaw. Westminster, Md., Newman, 1954. 238p. \$3.25 55-7042

It takes more than one book to answer the question, "What is a priest?", but Father Sellmair has made some long strides in the right direction. The anti-clericalism he depicts, however, has a definitely European tone.

SHAMON, ALBERT J.

Treasure untold; reflections on 'the Apostles' creed. Westminster, Md., Newman, 1955. 222p. \$3.50 55-7049

A simple yet imaginative exposition of the truths enunciated in the Creed. The use of anecdote to supplement theological explanation gives the book excellent balance and attractiveness.

SHEEN, FULTON JOHN, bp.

God love you. Garden City, N. Y., Garden City Books, 1955. 188p. \$2.00 55-14788

A collection of excerpts from his many books, compiled by the author himself. Familiar subjects: love, hate, frustration, passion, virtue, wisdom, and peace.

SPEYR, ADRIENNE VON

The handmaid of the Lord. Translated by Alexander Dru. New York, McKay, 1955. 186p. \$3.00 55-14892

A series of meditations on the Blessed Virgin Mary by the author of *The Word*. Delicate as fine lace and strong as an army in battle array.

TRESE, LEO JOHN

Tenders of the flock. New York, Sheed and Ward, 1955. 190p. \$2.50 55-7480

Father Trese's third book on the life of the priest, and his best. His own profound respect for the priesthood and his love of priests is evident on every page. The reader, cleric or lay, will feel the impact of its spirit.

VOILLAUME, RENE

Seeds of the desert; the legacy of Charles de Foucauld. Translated by Willard Hill. Chicago, Fides, 1955. 368p. \$4.50 55-14675

The author is the Prior General of the "Little Brothers of Jesus" and the man who brought Father de Foucauld's spiritual ideal to actual realization. Every phase of this entrancing movement is treated with clarity and authority.

WILKIN, VINCENT, S.J.

The image of God in sex. New York, Sheed and Ward, 1955. 88p. \$1.75 55-14070

A simple yet profound exposition of sex in its true, complete and utterly beautiful context,—God, Christ, the Mystical Body, the sacraments of matrimony and baptism, and the churching of women.

SOCIAL SCIENCES

(Excluding History)

By Rev. John F. Cronin, S.S.

*Assistant Director, Department of Social Action**National Catholic Welfare Conference*

GENERAL SOCIAL PROBLEMS

MEYER, BERNARD F.***Lend me your hands.* Chicago, Fides, 1955. 236p. \$3.50
55-7393**

The work of the lay apostolate explained in an easy and inspirational fashion. An effort is made to encourage all Catholics to consider themselves apostles.

MICHONNEAU, GEORGE, and MEURICE, R.***Catholic action and the parish.* Translated by Edmond Bonin.
Westminster, Md., Newman, 1955. 115p. \$2.25 55-8652**

The place of the parish in Catholic life, with special reference to Catholic Action.

**PAKENHAM, ELIZABETH (HARMAN) PAKENHAM, baroness,
ed.*****Catholic approaches to modern dilemmas and eternal truths.*
New York, Farrar, Straus and Cudahy, 1955. 240p. \$3.50
55-8461**

Ten essays on important problems of the day, written by some of the outstanding thinkers of the Church.

PIUS XII, pope***The mind of Pius XII.* Edited by Robert C. Pollock. New
York, Crown, 1955. 234p. \$3.50 55-7235**

Topically arranged excerpts from the writings of the present Holy Father. Good selections, but sources are difficult to trace because of the method of editing.

WARD, BARBARA (MRS. ROBERT GILLMAN ALLEN JACKSON)

Faith and freedom. New York, Norton, 1954. 308p. \$3.75
(W) 54-4459

Freedom, as developed through the centuries is the main theme of this book. The author concentrates upon the Western world as the finest embodiment of human liberty.

SOCIOLOGY

Alcoholics anonymous; the story of how many thousands of men and women have recovered from alcoholism. New and rev. ed. New York, Alcoholics Anonymous Publishing Co., 1955. 575p. \$4.50 55-14751

A revision of the earlier work of the same title, giving insight into the philosophy and functioning of the AA. Contains many enlightening case histories.

BYRNES, THOMAS E.

All my darlings. New York, Crowell, 1955. 217p. \$3.00
(W) 55-11377

Sprightly stories of life in a family that is trying to live according to Catholic principles.

CONWAY, JAMES D.

What they ask about marriage. Chicago, Fides, 1955. 322p. \$4.00 55-7774

Questions asked by students at a state university led Msgr. Conway to write this useful volume. He deals with the whole range of problems connected with marriage, including preparation for this state and reasons why some couples fail.

DOYLE, CHARLES HUGO

Blame no one but yourself! marriage counsels to teen-agers and to all those contemplating wedlock. Tarrytown, N. Y., Nugent Press, 1955. 269p. \$3.00

Advice on the qualities to seek in a prospective marriage partner, and the pitfalls to avoid.

FICHTER, JOSEPH HENRY

Social relations in the urban parish. University of Chicago Press, 1954. 263p. \$5.50 54-11207

Parish groupings as seen by a sociologist. A useful study of the facets of Catholic life as affected by environment.

FOLEY, ALBERT SIDNEY

God's men of color; the colored Catholic priests of the United States, 1854-1954. New York, Farrar, Straus and Cudahy, 1955. 322p. \$4.50 55-6683

The work of colored Catholic priests in the United States during the past century.

FORD, JOHN CUTHBERT

Man takes a drink; facts and principles about alcohol. New York, Kenedy, 1955. 120p. \$2.50 55-6439

The facts and the moral principles about alcoholism, as compiled by a brilliant Jesuit scholar. Inspiring but not "preachy."

GAGERN, FRIEDRICH ERNST, *freiherr von*

The meaning of life and marriage. Translated from the German by Meyrick Booth. Westminster, Md., Newman, 1954. 252p. \$3.25 54-11781

Although the author has a somewhat Freudian approach to his problem, he shows flashes of great insight into the psychology of marriage. (This volume includes the previously published titles: Difficulties in life and Difficulties in marriage.)

HERBERG, WILL

Protestant, Catholic, Jew; an essay in American religious sociology. Garden City, N. Y., Doubleday, 1955. 320p. \$4.00 (W) 55-7661

Religious sociology often affords valuable insight into underlying trends in the various church groups. This book is unusually worthwhile, explaining the course of religious profession in American history.

KANE, JOHN JOSEPH

Protestant-Catholic conflicts in America. Chicago, Regnery, 1955. 244p. \$3.50 55-10870

While Catholic influence in the United States is not yet growing to an important degree, non-Catholic resistance, based on the illusion of such growth, is increasing. The book suggests methods for lessening tensions.

KEENAN, ALAN, and RYAN, JOHN

Marriage; a medical and sacramental study. New York, Sheed and Ward, 1955. 337p. \$4.50 55-7486

Father Keenan collaborates with Dr. Ryan in an effort to link the medical and the pastoral points of view in regard to marriage.

LE FORT, GERTRUD *freiin von*
The eternal woman, The woman in time, Timeless woman. 3
 essays Translated by Marie Cecilia Buehrle. Milwaukee,
 Bruce, 1954. 110p. \$3.50 54-12591

A study of woman and her purpose in civilization, as seen from the aspect of religion. Especially good on the vocation of the single woman.

MIHANOVICH, CLEMENT SIMON, and others
A guide to Catholic marriage. Milwaukee, Bruce, 1955. 320p.
 \$4.50 55-6960

Well known Catholic sociologists offer a guide to married persons and those contemplating marriage. A practical and sound treatment.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC WELFARE CONFERENCE. FAMILY LIFE BUREAU
The mother, the heart of the home. Edited by Edgar J. Schmiedeler. St. Meinrad, Ind., Grail, 1955. 216p. pa., \$2.00

Proceedings of the twenty-second annual convention of the National Catholic Conference on Family Life. Papers on various topics related to marriage and the home.

Sobriety and beyond, by John Doe, pseud. Indianapolis, SMT Publishing Co., 1955. 376p. \$5.00

Father John Doe, a reformed alcoholic, discusses the problem of alcoholism in terms of the approach used by Alcoholics Anonymous. Very useful for anyone, whether Catholic or not, who is struggling with this problem.

TIMASHEFF, NICHOLAS SERGEYEVITCH
Sociological theory: its nature and growth. Garden City, N. Y., Doubleday, 1955. 328p. \$4.50 55-5999

An historical study showing how sociological theory developed in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, with full treatment of the major schools of thought.

POLITICS AND ECONOMICS

BRADY, JOSEPH HUGH
Confusion twice confounded. The first amendment and the Supreme Court; an historical study. South Orange, N. J., Seton Hall University Press, 1955. 192p. \$3.00 54-10610

Argues against the Supreme Court decision in the Everson and McCollum cases, as they involve the first amendment. Holds that court interpretation does violence to the intention of the Founding Fathers.

EHLER, SIDNEY Z., and MORRALL, JOHN B., eds. and trs.
Church and state through the centuries; a collection of historic documents and commentaries. Westminster, Md., Newman, 1954. 625p. \$6.75 54-12446

A collection of historic documents dealing with this vital subject, with explanatory commentaries.

LIPPMANN, WALTER

Essays in the public philosophy. Boston, Little, Brown, 1955. 189p. \$3.50 (W) 55-6533

The tradition of natural law is considered essential for the proper working of a democracy. Unless people adhere to standards, they cannot hold firm principles when confronting the difficult issues of our times.

MARITAIN, JACQUES

The social and political philosophy of Maritain; selected readings by Joseph W. Evans and Leo R. Ward. New York, Scribner, 1955. 348p. \$5.00 55-7199

A compilation of the writings of Jacques Maritain in the field of social and political philosophy. Many important modern problems are covered in these selections.

O'NEILL, JAMES MILTON

Catholics in controversy. New York, McMullen, 1954. 227p. \$3.00 54-7092

Catholic opinion in a free society and the controversial questions surrounding Catholic beliefs, especially relations between Church and state, religious education, and censorship.

RAYMOND, ALLEN

Waterfront priest. New York, Holt, 1955. 269p. \$3.50 54-10528

The well known story of Father Corridan and the New York waterfront, given with insight and perspective.

SIMON, BORIS

Abbe Pierre and the ragpickers of Emmaus. Translated from the French by Lucie Noel. New York, Kenedy, 1955. 250p. \$3.75 55-5041

More than the biography of a dedicated priest; a profound social study of poverty in France and of one technique used to remedy conditions.

TAYLOR, TELFORD

Grand inquest; the story of congressional investigations. New York, Simon and Schuster, 1955. 358p. \$4.50 (W) 54-9803

Congressional investigations have a long and honored history. Here is the legal and historical background of this important Congressional function.

Tolerance and the Catholic: a symposium. Translated by George Lamb. New York, Sheed and Ward, 1955. 199p. \$3.50 55-7485

Religious liberty in a pluralist society as seen by leading French and Belgian theologians. Emphasizes theological aspects, but gives adequate consideration to the political problems involved.

WARD, ARTHUR DUDLEY

The American economy; attitudes and opinions. New York, Harper, 1955. 199p. \$3.50 54-9001

The concluding work in the six-volume study on religion and economic life prepared under the auspices of the National Council of Churches. Deals with reactions to a public-opinion survey on attitudes toward social issues.

COMMUNISM

BAUER, RAYMOND AUGUSTINE, and WASIOLEK, EDWARD
Nine Soviet portraits. Cambridge, The Technology Press of Massachusetts Institute of Technology; New York, Wiley, 1955. 190p. \$3.95 55-14307

Conclusions from mass interviews with Russian refugees. Valuable as a corrective to stereotypes often given in our press.

CWIKLINSKI, JAN

The captain leaves his ship; the story of the captain of the S.S. Batory, as told to Hawthorne Daniel. Garden City, N. Y., Doubleday, 1955. 313p. \$4.00 (W) 55-5262

Autobiography of a Polish sea captain who fought the Russians in the First World War and was interned in Holland for the duration of the Second. He returned to Poland to command the Batory, became disillusioned, and took sanctuary in England.

DODD, BELLA (VISONO)

School of darkness. New York, Kenedy, 1954. 264p. \$4.00 54-10204

One of the better autobiographies of former communists. Distinguished by an attitude of compassion toward those who joined the movement in good faith.

GUSSONI, LINO, and BRUNELLO, ARISTEDE

The silent church. New York, Veritas, 1954. 391p. \$5.00

Facts and documents concerning persecution of religion behind the Iron Curtain.

KULSKI, WLADYSLAW WSZEBOR

The Soviet regime; communism in practice. Syracuse University Press, 1954. 807p. \$8.00 54-9918

This monumental study can serve as a one-volume encyclopedia of communist practice in the Soviet Union. It does not cover such changes as followed the death of Stalin, but it remains a uniquely valuable work.

MID-EUROPEAN LAW PROJECT

Church and state behind the iron curtain; Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, Romania; with an introduction on the Soviet Union; prepared under the general editorship of Vladimir Gsovski. New York, Praeger, 1955. 311p. \$5.00 55-8105

Documents dealing largely with Eastern European satellites, showing legal measures taken to restrict the free activity of all church groups.

NEMEC, LUDVIK

Church and state in Czechoslovakia; historically, juridically, and theologically documented. New York, Vantage Press, 1955. 577p. \$5.00 54-7406

The story of persecution of religion, with adequate background material and documentation.

PASLEY, VIRGINIA (SCHMITZ)

21 stayed; the story of the American GI's who chose Communist China; who they were and why they stayed. New York, Farrar, Straus and Cudahy, 1955. 248p. \$3.50 (W) 55-8757

Four of the Americans who chose to remain with the Chinese communists had Catholic backgrounds. Personal problems seem to explain why these Americans rejected their native land.

STOUFFER, SAMUEL ANDREW

Communism, conformity, and civil liberties; a cross-section of the nation speaks its mind. Garden City, N. Y., Doubleday, 1955. 278p. \$4.00 (W) 55-7160

Results of an extensive survey of American public opinion regarding communism and civil liberties. Reveals that opposition to communism is often uninformed and emotional.

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SECTION**

By Clara J. Kircher

Principal Children's Librarian, The Public Library, Newark, N. J.

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AUCLAIR, MARCELLE (MME. JEAN PREVOST)
The little friends of Jesus. Chicago, Regnery, 1954. 93p.
illus. \$2.00 54-4688

The lessons that Jesus taught while on earth applied to the lives of young children. A translation from the French.

**AULAIRE, INGRI (MORTENSON) d', and AULAIRE, EDGAR
PARIN d'**
Columbus. Garden City, N. Y., Doubleday, 1955. 56p.
illus. \$3.00 (W) 55-9011

Story of the man who discovered a New World because he acted on his conviction that the Lord had chosen him to sail west to find the riches of the East and to carry the Christian faith to the heathen.

BANIGAN, SHARON, comp. and il.
Hear our grace (Catholic edition). Garden City, N. Y., Garden
City Books, 1955. 60p. illus. \$1.25

Graces and prayers of thanksgiving. In addition to the traditional graces before and after meals, contains verses by Father Lord and others. Pretty illustrations.

BEEBE, CATHERINE (HERMAN)
Saint Christopher for boys and girls. Milwaukee, Bruce, 1955.
54p. illus. \$2.00 55-7859

Story of Offero who searched for the most powerful person on earth so that he might serve him and call him Master. And of how he found Him and was given the name of Christ Bearer.

PALAZZO, TONY
Noah's ark. Garden City, N. Y., Garden City Books, 1955.
80p. illus. \$2.50 (W) 55-9717

Story of the great storm which would have destroyed all life upon earth except for God's warning to Noah to build an ark large enough to hold some of each of all the living creatures of the earth.

DALGLIESH, ALICE

The Columbus story. New York, Scribner, 1955. 28p. illus.
\$2.75 (W) 55-14976

About Christopher Columbus who, with "Watch well for land" as his motto, sailed over the Sea of Darkness and discovered a new world. Beautiful illustrations by Leo Politi.

JULIANA, Sister M.

Listen to God: a first book for little Catholics. St. Paul, Catechetical Guild Educational Society, 1954. 30p. illus.
\$.25

How God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses so that everybody would know how to be good and happy.

STROMWELL, MARY W.

My guardian angel: a first book for little Catholics. St. Paul, Catechetical Guild Educational Society, 1954. 32p. illus.
\$.25

The story of the Guardian Angels that God has given us to keep us from harm and to lead us to Him.

AGES EIGHT TO ELEVEN**BEEBE, CATHERINE (HERMAN)**

Saint John Bosco and the children's saint, Dominic Savio. New York, Farrar, Straus and Cudahy, 1955. 191p. illus. (Vision Books)
\$1.95 55-9793

Life story of the priest who rescued the homeless boys of Turin and brought them to God by love and understanding—and of Dominic Savio, his best loved pupil.

CURTAYNE, ALICE (MRS. STEPHEN RYNNE)

Twenty tales of Irish saints. New York, Sheed and Ward, 1955. 178p. illus. \$2.75 55-9458

Legends of twenty of Ireland's saints that show that they were gay as well as holy.

DERLETH, AUGUST WILLIAM

Father Marquette and the Great Rivers. New York, Farrar, Straus and Cudahy, 1955. 188p. illus. (Vision Books)
\$1.95 55-9791

How Pere Marquette braved the dangers of the New World and brought the Word of God to the Indians of New France.

EDWARDS, MRS. CECILE PEPIN

Champlain, father of New France. New York, Abingdon, 1955.
128p. illus. \$1.50 55-14814

Champlain never forgot the words of Father Savant: "Beyond the stormy Atlantic there is a vast new world waiting to be explored." And although he never found the Northwest Passage to China and suffered repeated setbacks in making New France come true he knew others would continue the work he had begun.

HARRIS, MARY

The wolf. N. Y., Sheed and Ward, 1955. 105p. illus.
\$2.25 55-10501

Grandmother tells Christina of the mysterious wolf who, long ago in her childhood, came to the rescue of her snowbound family on the feastday of St. John Bosco. A new and attractive edition of a story previously available only in an English edition.

HUBBARD, MARGARET ANN

A crown for Carly. New York, Macmillan, 1955. 207p.
illus. \$2.75 (W) 55-14748

Carly wants to be a nun just like her cousin, Sister Isabel, until Father Vincent explains to her that there is more than one crown and one way to Heaven.

NEVINS, ALBERT J.

St. Francis of the seven seas. New York, Farrar, Straus and
Cudahy, 1955. 184p. illus. (Vision Books) \$1.95
55-9794

Interesting and inspiring life of Francis Xavier who, after a care-free youth, joined forces with Ignatius of Loyola and sailed the seven seas to bring Christianity to the peoples of the Far East.

OURSLEER, FULTON

Stories from the life of Jesus, adapted by April Oursler Arm-
strong from *The greatest story ever told.* Garden City, N. Y.,
Doubleday, 1955. 256p. illus. \$2.95 55-9510

An amplification of the scriptural account and a retelling for children of the life of Christ that catches all the wonder of the great story.

PARISH, HELEN RAND

Our Lady of Guadalupe. New York, Viking, 1955. 48p.
illus. \$3.00 (W) 55-1055

Story of the apparition of Our Lady to Juan Diego when she appointed him her messenger so that a shrine might be built to which her children

could come for comfort in their sorrows. Beautifully told. Strikingly illustrated by Jean Charlot.

WALKER, HELEN (MRS. DOMINIQUE A. HOMAN)

Saint Therese and the roses. New York, Farrar, Straus and Cudahy, 1955. 192p. illus. (Vision Books) \$1.95
55-9792

How Therese Martin, first at home and later at Carmel, practised her "little way" of offering small sacrifices to God each day, and won her way to a heaven to be spent in doing good upon earth.

AGES ELEVEN TO THIRTEEN

ANGELO, VALENTI

Big little island. New York, Viking, 1955. 190p. illus.
\$2.75 (W) 55-14875

How an Italian war orphan loses his homesickness in the happiness of discovering that his new life in America is linked with his old.

BETZ, MRS. EVA K.

Victory drums. Paterson, N. J., St. Anthony Guild Press, 1955. 235p. illus. \$2.50

The last years of the American Revolution as experienced by Kevin Farrel as he fought with Washington's forces in the New Jersey campaigns. The final book of a series.

BOTHWELL, JEAN and SOWERS, PHYLLIS A.

Ranch of a Thousand Horns. New York, Abelard-Schuman, 1955. 152p. illus. \$2.50 (W) 55-5375

Life on a ranch in Alta California in 1835 as seen through the eyes of young Clara and Felipe as they help to solve the puzzle of the missing land grant record.

CLARK, MRS. ANN (NOLAN)

Santiago. New York, Viking, 1955. 189p. illus. \$2.75
(W) 55-1218

Moving story of a young Indian boy who settles the conflicts of his Indian-Spanish background by finding that his place in the Divine One's pattern is help his own people to be good Indians in the modern world.

DORCY, Sister MARY JEAN

Master Albert: the story of Saint Albert the Great. New York, Sheed and Ward, 1955. 173p. illus. \$2.50 55-10500

Biography of the greatest teacher of his time whose life, in the words of Pius XI, "is a standing proof that there is no opposition, but rather the closest fellowship, between science and faith . . ."

HUNT, REGINA VICTORIA

A candle for Our Lady. Milwaukee, Bruce, 1955. 119p. illus. (Catholic Treasury Books) \$2.00 55-9763

Jemmy and Joan make a pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham only to find that it has been destroyed by order of Henry the Eighth. But they burn their candle as a pledge that, in better times, "Our Lady will return to England."

JOHNSON, GRACE, and JOHNSON, HAROLD

A hand raised at Gettysburg. Milwaukee, Bruce, 1955. 122p. illus. (Catholic Treasury Books) \$2.00 55-10393

Father Corby, chaplain of the Irish Brigade, befriends Johnny and Matt and helps them find a solution to their problems as they learn the real meaning of war.

LYNCH, PATRICIA (MRS. RICHARD MICHAEL FOX)

Knights of God: stories of the Irish saints. Chicago, Regnery, 1955. 216p. \$2.75 (W) 55-6413

A perfect blend of truth and legend gives an epic quality to this re-telling of the stories of Patrick, Columba, Brigid and other early Irish saints.

MARITAIN, RAISSA (OUMANOFF)

St. Thomas Aquinas: the angel of the schools. New York, Sheed and Ward, 1955. 127p. illus. \$2.50

Reprint of a fine book originally published in 1935. Is as much an introduction to the theology of St. Thomas as it is the story of his life.

REYNOLDS, QUENTIN JAMES

The life of Saint Patrick. New York, Random House, 1955. 182p. illus. (World Landmark Book) \$1.50 (W) 55-5826

The story of the man who 1,500 years ago brought Ireland to a belief in the true God.

SEREDY, KATE

***Philomena.* New York, Viking, 1955. 93p. illus. \$2.75.
(W) 55-13596**

After Babushka has gone home to Heaven she does not forget Philomena but helps her both to find happiness for herself and to share with others. A tender story beautifully told and illustrated.

AGES THIRTEEN TO SIXTEEN**BUTLER, BEVERLY**

***Song of the voyageur.* New York, Dodd, Mead, 1955. 247p.
\$2.75 55-9136**

Fearful at first that she lacks the strength for such a life, Diane Aubert casts her lot with Jean and the Wisconsin frontier rather than the comfort and security of Massachusetts. A fine first novel. Winner of the Seventeenth Summer Literary Competition.

NEVINS, ALBERT J.

***The adventures of Duc of Indochina.* New York, Dodd, Mead,
1955. 276p. illus. \$2.75 55-7210**

The Vietminh take over Duc's village and he is forced into the Red army. Later he escapes, joins the Vietnamese forces, fights for the freedom of his country, and helps his family and friends escape to the South. A vivid portrayal of the struggle of Christianity and Communism in Indo-China.

NEWCOMB, COVELLE

***The broken sword: the story of Fray Bartolome de Las Casas.*
New York, Dodd, Mead, 1955. 334p. \$3.50 55-9348**

First priest ordained on American soil and first Protector-General of the Indians, Fray Bartolome struggled over long years for justice for the Indians and for the ratification of laws for the abolition of slavery. A thrilling account of an intrepid priest, humanitarian and historian.

NOLAN, WINEFRIDE

***Exiles come home.* New York, St. Martin's Press, 1955. 293p.
illus. \$2.95**

When James I ascends the throne of England, Henry Rigby (of Rich Inheritance), now a priest, returns to England to minister to the recusants. But after the "discovery" of the Gunpowder Plot he is captured and as the story ends is on his way to join the martyrs. A good story of the heroism of those English Catholics who sacrificed everything rather than give up their faith.

ROCHE, ALOYSIUS

Christians courageous: tales of Christian adventure. New York, Sheed and Ward, 1955. 143p. illus. \$2.50 55-9457

Stories of God's heroes not previously presented to young people. Among the more familiar names are Telemachus, St. Athanasius, Caedmon, and Don John of Austria.

SPRAGUE, ROSEMARY

Heroes of the white shield. New York, Oxford University Press, 1955. 192p. illus. \$3.00 (W) 55-8576

A story of 10th century Norway and of King Olav who attempted to create a united and a Christian Norway. He went down in defeat but not before the concept of true Christianity had been implanted in those in whose hands lay the future of Norway.

VANCE, MRS. MARGUERITE

On wings of fire: the story of Nathaniel Hawthorne's daughter. New York, Dutton, 1955. 160p. illus. \$2.75 (W) 55-5365

The life story of Nathaniel Hawthorne's daughter who, as Mother Alphonsa, brought Christian charity and help to New York's neglected cancerous poor.

VAN ZELLER, HUBERT

Giving to God: a year's prayers for young people. Springfield, Ill., Templegate, 1955. 69p. \$.75

Devotions and prayers meant for visits to the Blessed Sacrament and arranged in the order of the Church's year. Simple and straightforward, they are excellent introductions to personal meditation and are couched in terms understandable to young people.

WEBER, MRS. LENORA (MATTINGLY)

Beany has a secret life. New York, Crowell, 1955. 262p. \$2.75 (W) 55-5839

Beany Malone gets into all sorts of complications both at home and at school. It is only after the phrase from St. Francis' prayer "Where there is injury let me grant pardon" really enters her consciousness that things begin to straighten out.

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