

REVIEWS

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DIEU VIVANT, a handsome new review, admirably printed and containing 160 pages each issue (Editions du Seuil, 1 Rue des Poitevins, Paris VI; 150 francs a number), gathers together writers of different religious loyalties who are yet united in their conviction that there is a need for a return to "authentic religious values". Its sub-title is "Perspectives Religieuses et Philosophiques", which gives an idea of its wide scope. The first number contains important articles by Jean Danielou on the Symbolism of the Baptismal Rites, by Hans von Balthasar on Kierkegaard and Nietzsche and by Vladimir Lossby on the Theology of Light in Gregory Palamas. The second number maintains this high standard with contributions by Martin Buber, Gabriel Marcel, Henri de Lubac and Henri-Marie Feret. Translations from the Fathers, Book Reviews and "Notes d'Actualite" are features of *Dieu Vivant*. A sympathetic note on the Church Unity Octave celebrations held at Blackfriars, Oxford, in 1942, however, confuses these with the Week-ends organised in the same place under the auspices of the Eastern Churches Quarterly.

CATHOLICITE and *UNIVERS*, published from 11 Rue des Frères-Vaillant, Lille, are concerned with unity: the former having for its motto, "Pax Christi in regno Christi", the latter, "Pour l'union fraternelle entre tous les hommes". *Univers* has excellent articles on racial questions, and has a useful summary of continental periodicals dealing with social justice.

LA REVUE NOUVELLE is a fortnightly review of general interest, published from 92 Avenue Moliere, Brussels (15 francs each issue). It is a fruit of the Liberation and has valuable articles on economic and political matters.

From Belgium also come *IRENIKON*, resuming its work as the organ of the Monks of Unity of Amay, now removed to Chevetogne. *LA NOUVELLE REVUE THEOLOGIQUE* (11 Rue des Recollets, Louvain) keeps up its accustomed standards, and the October 1945 issue is of special interest, containing several articles on the Encyclical of Pope Pius XII on the Mystical Body, as well as a detailed criticism of the new Latin translation of the Psalter recently authorised by the Holy See. *LE BULLETIN DES MISSIONS* (Abbaye de Saint-Andre-lez-Bruges), excellently illustrated, shows that the trials of the war years have in no way diminished Belgian zeal for the foreign missions.

CHURCH UNITY

LA VIE DU CHRIST DANS SON EGLISE. By Canon J. Leclercq. (Editions du Cerf, Paris; 130 Frs.).

It is probably true to say that one of the most important and, until quite recent years, one of the most neglected branches of study in Catholic theology is the treatise on the Church. This