

NOTICES

HEY, YOU! is the unattractive title of a good and helpful book on prayer by Fr Michael Hollings (Burns Oates; 6s.). Readers of THE LIFE will have met some of the chapters in this journal; others have appeared in *The Key* and *The Tablet*. But together they form a very practical guide to prayer and the spiritual life for the average lay Catholic, which means that almost any Christian will find it of service if he seriously wishes to pray.

VARIOUS ANGLICAN works on prayer have also appeared recently: Dr Carroll E. Simcox comments on the Our Father phrase by phrase in *Living the Lord's Prayer* (Dacre Press; 5s.), a book with some sound teaching in it but occasionally inclined towards a rather too passive view of the Christian life; another comes from an anonymous compiler who has brought together a set of devotions based on the Bible and the Book of Common Prayer—*After This Manner*, volume 2, *Oblation and Communion* (S.P.C.K.; 12s. 6d.), is not so much actual 'devotions' as considerations of a theological nature destined to encourage prayer.

TEMPTATION comprises some addresses by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, of the German Confessional Church, to the clergy in 1937 (S.C.M. Press; 3s.). The language needs careful understanding by a Catholic who will not be accustomed to the distinction between 'natural, moral and Christian man', the first two being of an evil kind. But books of this nature will always be of interest for those who are trained to think theologically.

MEDITATIONS ON THE TEMPTATIONS AND PASSION OF OUR LORD is a small book by a Rector of the Church of England, R. E. C. Brown (S.C.M. Press; 2s. 6d.)—an attempt to recapture the atmosphere of the last hours of our Lord's earthly life.

