

said too often that extraordinary phenomena are not necessarily a sign of sanctity though they are sometimes its accompaniment; an attitude which emphasises them out of all relation to their proper place leads only to an unhealthy and erroneous miraculism. Miss Kaye-Smith's approach to these problems and others which are to be encountered in the lives of the women she is dealing with is wholly to be commended, even when we disagree with some of her conclusions. LANCELOT C. SHEPPARD

NOTICES

SHEED AND WARD have produced new editions of two of their most useful books, among the host of such works for which English Catholics should be constantly grateful. COMMUNISM AND MAN by Mr Sheed in its 30th thousand comes out in a cheap edition—3s. 6d. for two hundred well-stocked pages. The communist tackles human suffering on his own level; Sheed shows how the Christian should tackle the same problem from a divine standpoint. Mgr Knox's THE BELIEF OF CATHOLICS (10s. 6d.) has been a standard work of its kind for twenty-five years, the sort of book one can most safely put into the hands of a non-Catholic enquirer. This is the fourth and revised edition.

Two new books of Theresian spirituality are TO LOVE AND TO SUFFER (by Mère Amabel du Coeur de Jésus, Mercier Press; 12s. 6d.) and CHRISTIAN SIMPLICITY IN ST THERÈSE (a series of articles reprinted from *Sicut Parvuli*, edited by Michael Day, with a foreword by Mgr Vernon Johnson. Burns Oates; 9s. 6d.). The first, written by a Carmelite, will probably prove specially valuable for Carmelites. The second relates St Thérèse's teaching to the Fathers, Scripture, St Thomas, St John of the Cross, etc.; the parallels are often interesting, but sometimes they are, like the style of the book, strained: 'Whoever reads *The Story of a Soul* attentively and meditates diligently upon the doctrine of St Thérèse of the Child Jesus will be struck by an amazing resemblance, both intimate and profound, between "little" Thérèse and the "great" Doctor of the Church, St Thomas Aquinas.'

PSYCHOLOGY FOR ALL, by Fr Dempsey, O.F.M.CAP. (Mercier Press; 6s.) is a series of eight lectures which were given to first-year undergraduates at University College, Cork. Without attempting to go very deep, Fr Dempsey has many wise things to say, and an attractive way of putting them.

THE LATE PHILIP LLOYD, who was Bishop of St Albans, was widely read in the 'spiritual classics' such as Mother Julian of Norwich's Revelations; but he was primarily a meditator on the Bible. READINGS FROM THE PSALMS (Mowbrays; 5s.) contains the fruits of this dual meditation on some verses of the Psalter as he prayed it in the Book of Common Prayer. They contain a simple and straightforward devotion, such as we should expect from such sources.