

The quotations from the sacred Canons are taken from the official translation of the Holy See. We would like to have seen an index, and also to have had references to the passages quoted from St. John of the Cross, St. Teresa, St. Ignatius, St. Catherine. There is one reference to the latter, but only in the French edition.

A deep debt of gratitude is due to the author for the invaluable instruction for those training or being trained in the ways of religious life, and indeed for all who would understand better the full implications of the Christian ideal. And many who have yet to make a choice of a state of life will be grateful for the enlightenment they will receive from reading this reliable text-book.

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WE THE REDEEMED. By Christopher Tatham. (Michael Joseph; 10s. 6d.)

The logic, the psychology and the theology in this book are sometimes a trifle hazy; amid much very sound and timely advice will be found recommendations which, without more qualifications than are actually offered, might in certain cases be found misleading and even dangerous. But the author disarms too close a scrutiny of his work by the assurance that 'it is not written with an eye to meticulous critics,' and still more by his manifest sincerity of purpose and the measure of his success in a difficult undertaking. His book should meet, even if it cannot wholly satisfy, a real need: the need of the contemporary masses, without fixed and firm dogmatic beliefs, for initiation into the elements of the interior life of a Christian. For many such, this kind of existential introduction to a living (if only embryonic) Christianity by way of elementary physiology and psychology will be worth many intellectual expositions and rational apologetics; and there is much in the volume which those more favoured might also ponder with profit.

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PHILOSOPHY

GOD AND PHILOSOPHY. By Etienne Gilson. (Humphrey Milford; Yale University Press; 12s.)

Without hurry or overcrowding, and without recourse to technical jargon, the four lectures in this volume relate the story of the human reason's search for God from Thales to Julian Huxley. Inevitably much is left out which might be found somewhat to complicate the simplicity of the story; but also much more will be found than in any more voluminous 'history of philosophy.' For Professor Gilson's approach to the subject is not that of the mere historian; 'it consists,' to quote his own words, 'of extracting from the history of past philosophies the essential data that enter into the correct formulation of a problem, and of determining, in the light of such data, the correct solution.' Perhaps he has never before so convin-