

NOTICES

THOSE who doubt the capacity of the Welsh language to handle a serious intellectual debate should be referred to the latest issue of EFRYDIAU CATHOLIC, the occasional review produced by a group of Welsh Catholic scholars (obtainable from 158 Westbourne Road, Penarth; 2s. 6d.). It contains a notable review of Fr Victor White's *God and the Unconscious* by J. E. Daniel and a measured account of Welsh reactions to the Protestant Reformation by R. O. F. Wynne. Saunders Lewis, with the authority of his unique perception as a literary critic in Welsh, discusses the eighteenth-century *Drych y Prif Oesoedd*, that strange account of Welsh origins which reflects a double myth—the story of a nation, and the story of its religion as apart—'a spiritual dualism which has lasted until now in Wales, and one of the two myths is as alive as ever'.

LITURGY (17 Gregories Road, Beaconsfield; 1s. 3d.), the quarterly review of the Society of St Gregory, has celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of Blessed Pius X's *motu proprio* on church music and the active participation of the people in the liturgy with a special number. It is a valuable review of what has been achieved, and its hundred pages—apart from being a remarkable bargain which must be the envy of other editors—should provide a new stimulus for the liturgical revival in the year of its patron's canonization.

THE Mercier Press of Cork have met a very urgent need with their paper-backed translation of German Catholic booklets of elementary practical psychology. *DIFFICULTIES IN SEX-EDUCATION* (3s. 6d.) and *DIFFICULTIES IN LIFE* (6s.), both by Baron Frederick von Gagern, M.D., are straightforward, clear and simple so far as they go; and that is a good deal further than most popular Catholic literature on the subject. Dr H. Dobbelstein's *PSYCHIATRY FOR PRIESTS* confines itself to psychiatry in the strictest sense of the diagnosis and treatment of psychoses which is now prevalent in mental hospitals, and hardly touches on the more common neurotic problems which are more likely to afflict the priest and the majority of his flock. But it gives useful summary information on a subject on which the pastoral clergy should certainly not be wholly ignorant. There are points in all these books which might be bettered, and gaps which might be filled. But in view of the lack of competition, and the suffering which ignorance of the subject among Catholic parents, pastors and teachers engenders, we recommend their widespread dissemination as forcefully as we can.