

theological standpoint. As the author points out, the Catholic system of theology is the only unifying synthesis of the theology of the New Testament. Non-Catholic criticism has turned the problem in every direction without finding any satisfactory solution. In fact, the solutions proposed have changed so often that it is a study in-itself to keep pace with them; and they are generally mutually destructive. But thanks to Père Lagrange and other great Catholic scholars, Catholic theology has become conscious of the soundness of its position, which is confirmed by every new advance in scientific scholarship. Others must come to this unshakable position or lose themselves in the obscurity of barren speculations; for there are numerous ways in which a thing may be wrong, but only one way in which it can be right. The theology of the New Testament means, of course, the person and work of Our Lord. The author considers these under the three-fold head of the Synoptic Christ, the Pauline Christ and the Johannine Christ, thus providing the three main divisions of his book. He rightly claims to have shown that the teaching of the New Testament, in spite of the varied character and origin of its contents, forms a coherent whole which is not due to theological developments in the early Church, but to the direct teaching of Jesus in the Gospels. The translator has done his part well under conditions which must often have been difficult. A bad misprint has escaped his eye on page 84, where we read of 'a justice *confessed* by God.'

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SOME NOTES ON THE PETRINE CLAIMS. By Friedrich von Hügel.
Pp. viii, 103. (Sheed & Ward; 3/6 net.)

Friedrich von Hügel, the resolute thinker, is in every line of this precious little book. And everywhere the resolute thinker is the convinced Papist—to use his own familiar word.

The Notes were written in 1893 in answer to 'a reasoned attack on the Roman position' made by a High Anglican. We must congratulate Messrs. Sheed and Ward for having the intelligence to publish a book which should have been published five-and-twenty years ago. Had this reasoned reply to the reasoned attack been published when written, the Petrine discussion might have been advanced a generation. It is to be hoped that in the circles where Friedrich von Hügel is honoured almost as a prophet this little masterpiece of the prophet may direct tired eyes and feet towards the consolations of the Rock.

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