

that separates her from the east, and this essay will be a step, not perhaps towards bridging it, but at least towards recognising its depth.

Broadly the writers can be divided into those who are sure of the Divinity of Christ and those who are not sure, or deny it. For the latter Christ emerges from history as little more than a remarkable protomartyr, and the contrast between the vagueness and incompleteness of this and the clearcut assurance that belief in the divine sonship of Christ brings is remarkable, to say the least: the difference between Christ as ideal hero only, and Christ as also an ever present cause of our salvation, with all that that implies, grace, the sacraments, the indwelling of the Holy Ghost; in a word "Christ walking on the waters

Not of Genesareth, but of Thames."

The outstanding essay in the book is by Fr. Victor White: outstanding is the first epithet that springs to mind because its clarity contrasts strongly with the rest of the book, and in this respect it is a handy example of the strength and vitality of systematic scholastic thought. No doubt the treatment is inadequate, as Fr. White himself complains, but in the short space at his disposal he does justice to St. Thomas and traces with skill all the intersecting lines of thought in the Summa as they lead to the *consummatio totius theologici negotii*. To discover what St. Thomas teaches about the Atonement we may not confine our investigations to a few questions in the Tertia Pars, but, in Fr. White's own words, "we should be nearer the mark in seeing the whole Summa as a treatise on the Atonement." We cannot understand even the terms of reference without close study of the whole work. Fr. White's method of exposition, then, is simply to 'place' the Atonement in the whole body of St. Thomas's teaching. Space does not permit further elaboration, but it is true to say that this essay makes the duller pages of the book worth while and provides a substantial basis for those who would delve deeper into the teaching of Aquinas.

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LOOKING FOR CHARITY, by George Burns, S.J. (Burns Oates, 1s.), is a clear and attractively presented exposition of Frederick Ozanam's social doctrine. This doctrine goes to the roots of present-day problems. It is a doctrine of action of which the mainspring is not vague altruism, but deep love of the despised servant in the persons of his poor. An inspiring booklet which deserves every praise. S.B.

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