

do for her, that is, set her out gently and at leisure, this has not done. The C.T.S. pamphlet covers the exact same ground with greater acceptability. It seems a pity to make a book that is neither great nor small about a saint who can stand by herself in our minds, though no doubt this is a readable book. There is one misprint, 'eagerness,' p. 12. The dust-cover is attractive, but not the 'blurb'.

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BRENDAN THE NAVIGATOR. By Dr George A. Little. (Dublin. Gill; 10s.)

Imagination and enthusiasm working on a mass of data gathered mainly from secondary sources, in a frankly partisan spirit, with the utmost possible use of probabilities to strengthen the case, have produced an entertaining book. It is at times trying in its pedantry, which even has to write *Laudes* for Lauds; and although it does not go so far as to attempt to show the probability of the Saint's famous meeting with Judas on his ice-floe, it strains our credulity a little when it asks us to accept the landing on the whale. 'To lessen the alleged absurdity of this occurrence,' Dr Little tells us of a similar adventure which befell, so he is informed, four Kerry men forty years ago! His handling of other incidents is happier, if not always convincing, and a rather rhapsodic prose sometimes achieves passages of notable description. There is much sound matter, especially where the author draws on such works as Dr Ryan's *Irish Monasticism*. All who like romantic history will enjoy this account of St Brendan with its lively reconstruction of the story of his perilous voyages.

A. R.

ALL MY DAYS FOR GOD. From the spiritual writings of St Alphonsus. Edited by J. B. Coyle, C.S.S.R. (Gill, Dublin; 6s. 6d.)

This is the first of four volumes designed to cover every day in the year with 'reflections and affections from the spiritual writings of St Alphonsus.' It does in fact provide a set meditation for each day from Advent to Sexagesima.

N. P.

LA PRIERE CHRETIENNE. Par Bede Frost. Traduit par l'Abbé Alfred Martin (Cerf: n.p.)

The editor of this translation writes: 'The author of *La Prière Chrétienne* belongs to the Anglican Church. The Catholic who is surprised to see a Catholic publisher bringing out a work of Anglican spirituality is asked simply to read this little book to the end fortified by its *imprimatur*. Therein he will find nothing but the old ideas of the Catholic Church, the Catholic meaning of prayer—but retold with a very wholesome and savoury accent'.