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sists in the reverse—the peculiar love of child for parent or for fellow children. However, the book should prevent the 'pious' being ridiculed. C.P.

LA MERE DES MISSIONS D'AFRIQUE. La Comtesse Marie-Thérèse Ledóchowska. Par Ugo Mioni. Traduit et adapté de l'italien. (Turin-Rome. Marietti, 1932. Pp. 234. 10 frs.)

The English version of this biography was reviewed in the July BLACKFRIARS. Marie-Thérèse, who died ten years ago, carried on the glorious traditions of the noble house of Ledochowski, distinguished for centuries in the service of the Church, as well as on the field of arms. We should like to know more of her grandfather, Count Ignace, who was so typical of the family. A young Napoleonic general, who lost a leg at the battle of Lobau in 1813, and the builder of the great arsenal of Warsaw, he threw himself into the rising of Poland against Russia, and held the fortress of Novogeorgiewski against all assaults from the spring of 1830 until the autumn of the following year. The heroic defence ended in capitulation, and the general, consecrating his vigour to another fight, became a Dominican. He died a holy death in 1870 at the priory of Climatow. N.W.T.G.

THE DYNASTY OF PIUS. By Gerald Wynne Rushton. (Burns, Oates & Washbourne, Ltd.; 2/-.)

There are many ways of classifying the Popes; the one used in this little book is of the strangest. The author has chosen that of the name 'Pius.' All who chose the name are included in this book. The sketches are slight but the style is admirable, and the account of the reigning Pope singularly good.

C.C-E.

ANNUS MYSTICO-AUGUSTINIANUS cura R. P. Mag. Fr. Nazareni Petrelli, O.S.A. editus. (Marietti, via Legnano, 23, Turin, 2 vols.; 12 lire.)

The idea of Father Petrelli in these two volumes is to present apt excerpts from the copious writings of St. Augustine for every day in the year. Each day has an appropriate prayer, a reading, a practical application, and a summing-up, sometimes in epigrammatic form. The daily use of the work would deepen one's knowledge and appreciation of St. Augustine. The Augustinian style easily imbeds itself in the memory—*Vis orationem tuam volare ad Deum? Fac illi duas alas, jejunium et elemosynam*—and what a wealth of wisdom might be accumulated in a year for how little effort every day!