

## BLACK FRIARS

and folly of our society ' which is the driving force behind Mr. Shaw. He scarcely does justice, however, to the great literary and dramatic powers which make Mr. Shaw's plays live.

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SOME ERRORS OF H. G. WELLS. By the Most Rev. Richard Downey, D.D., Ph.D., LL.D. (Burns, Oates & Washbourne; 1/-).

This new edition of Archbishop Downey's criticism of the *Outline of History* is a compact summary of the chief errors in the fields of anthropology, zoology, biology, the historical records of the Old Testament and the origins of the Christian religion, the history of philosophy, the history of the Church, as they bear on Catholic belief. The many inaccurate conclusions to which Mr. Wells arrives in the light of the vast field he surveys and the theories his material endeavours to substantiate, are treated by his critic simply, convincingly, and with an erudition gathered from those specialists whom Mr. Wells has chosen to ignore. For the student especially no more convenient pamphlet has yet appeared to show how confused and blurred a picture the *Outline* really is, and the danger of a bird's eye view on the history of man.

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THE MENACE OF FASCISM. By John Strachey. (Gollancz, 5/-).

Until quite recently one was tempted to see only a simple dichotomy in the future social programme of the world; the choice lay between a society organised on Christian principles and one based on Communism. A third type, that of Fascism, has now appeared with menacing significance. In Mr. Strachey's view it represents the triumph of Capitalism over the misdirected opposition of the Labour movements. Its 'Corporate State' exists, he claims, on paper only; and the veto on the workers' right to withdraw their labour is its single realisation. Professedly against big business, it is in reality financed by the great capitalists and bankers (Jewish and non-Jewish) who obtain the support of the ruined middle classes by fantastic promises. It proposes to plan, but cannot. To plan would necessitate the control of the means of production in the interests of the common good, whereas Fascism continues the system of self-regulated production for private gain, motivated by prices. Further, its insistence on the absolute sovereignty of the State, its hatred of internationalism and the necessity of finding markets for its capitalist enterprise must *inevitably* lead to war. Mr. Strachey analyses the fortunes of the Labour movement in Germany since