

other people to occupy your mind, it is a more natural process to receive your impressions through two sense than through one'.

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## NOTICES

THE ORCHARD BOOKS (published by Burns Oates), a well-known series of spiritual classics, admirable alike in their editing and in their appearance, has for some time been out of print and a new edition is very welcome. The first volumes to appear (in larger format, and at much larger cost) are *THE RULE OF ST BENEDICT* in Latin and English, translated and edited by Abbot Justin McCann, O.S.B. (16s.), *REVELATIONS OF DIVINE LOVE* by Julian of Norwich edited by Dom Roger Hudleston, O.S.B. (16s.), and *THE CLOUD OF UNKNOWING* and other treatises by 'a fourteenth-century English mystic', also edited by Abbot McCann (16s.). The volumes are not simply reprints: they have been thoroughly revised, and in their new form should meet the real need for scholarly editions of the great classical works of spirituality.

*GOD IN PATRISTIC THOUGHT* (S.P.C.K.; 21s.), by G. L. Prestige, was described in these columns on its first appearance in 1936 as 'a fascinating volume', marking 'a new stage in positive theology'. A new edition, with some revision of judgments and ascriptions of authorship, makes available once more a book of the first importance for patristic students and indeed for all who care for exact scholarship supremely well expressed.

*MERE CHRISTIANITY* (Bles; 8s. 6d.) is a revised edition of three of C. S. Lewis's most successful books: *Broadcast Talks*, *Christian Behaviour*, and *Beyond Personality*. Originally prepared for radio, the chapters of Dr Lewis's book have lost none of their clarity of exposition, and in a new preface he considers what they may have achieved: not reunion, indeed, but perhaps a deeper sense of the need for it. Certainly Catholics can welcome a work of apologetic which, while it cannot tell the whole story, is a model of clear thinking and of writing to match the thought.

*THE FAITH OF MILLIONS*, by John O'Brien (W. H. Allen; 17s. 6d.), is a popular American account of 'the credentials of the Catholic religion'. It covers the usual territory of the catechism and is particularly designed for 'religious discussion clubs'. It should in its English edition find many readers, for few books cover so large a field and have so constantly in mind the needs of enquirers.

*THE SECRET OF HOLINESS*, by Father James, O.F.M.Cap. (Mercier Press; 15s.), is in the best sense a theological essay on sanctity, which is to say that it is solidly christocentric in its emphasis. Fr James is aware of the modern world and its mood, and he presents a traditional doctrine with wisdom—and patience.