

SHORT NOTICES

THE Newman Press, Maryland, U.S.A., continues to bring out their series of text-books on apologetical subjects. One will be reviewed in more detail in a subsequent number. Meanwhile here is one on *The Papacy* by P. Brezzi, and an introduction to theology, called *Sacred Doctrine*, by E. G. Kaiser. A rather different type of apologetics is the same publisher's paper-back, *Freud and Religion*, by G. Zilboorg.

Three small books of spiritual reading have recently been published by Clonmore and Reynolds, of Dublin, all translations. *Holiness of the Priesthood*, by J. Staudinger, S.J. (30s.), *Happiness through Prayer*, by K. Rahner, S.J. (9s. 6d.), which is as much superior to the former as it is less expensive; and *Living in God*, by R. de Langeac (9s. 6d.).

Letters from the Saints, edited by C. Williamson (Rockliff 21s.), provides selections from the correspondence of saints from St Thomas Aquinas to Bl. Southwell. There are brief sketches of the writers added. No better introduction to the saints than their own unpremeditated occasional writings could be found. Among the saints whose letters are included is St Philip Neri, and Fr Louis Bouyer provides us with a very short sketch of his life in *The Roman Socrates*, now translated and published by Chapman (8s. 6d.).

The same publisher is to be congratulated on the *Doctrine and Life* series of half-crown paper-backs which they have started to bring out. They really have some connection with life, unlike so many otherwise worthy spiritual books. Outstanding among the first four to be produced is *The Christian Meaning of Hope* by R. Hasseveldt. The others are *Prayer and the Present Moment*, by M. Day; *Our Lady in Human Life*, by P. Doncoeur; *The Lord is Near*, by Mgr Richaud.

In Remembrance of Me, by Mgr Martimort, translated by Dom Aldhelm Dean (Challoner, 11s. 6d.), is a book of instruction rather than meditations on the meaning and structure of the Church's sacraments and ceremonies, valuable both for those who desire to increase their now knowledge of the faith and for those who are engaged in giving more than merely elementary instruction to others.

Blackfriars have just brought out another edition of *Dominican Life* by P. Joret, O.P., which was first published in this country in 1937 and has long been out of print.

Dr Charles Davis, of St Edmunds, has followed up his leaflet on *Baptism* with a second with the title *Return to the Church*. This is printed in red and black, illustrated. It contains the form of reconciliation of a convert with explanations and an instructive section at the end on the Christian Life—most effective and valuable—one shilling each. Every parish priest should order in a stock and use them. Write direct to Dr C. Davis, St Edmund's College, Ware, Herts.