

Book Reviews

term themselves 'son of the priest N.N.,' for the marriage of the clergy in the Greek Church was and is recognised. One of the signatories is of more than ordinary interest, Richard Palmer, an Englishman and Bishop-elect of Syracuse, a friend of St. Thomas à Becket and a favourite of William I of Sicily.

There seems to be some confusion in the numbering of this volume, for on the cover it is called Vol. xix. 1, No. 62, while on the inside sheet it is called xvii. 3, No. 60, and Miss Robinson speaks of it as 'the third volume of the History of the Monastery.' The glossary of terms is most useful, so too is the list of Byzantine officials.

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THE PSALMS EXPLAINED FOR PRIESTS AND STUDENTS. With Introductions, Paraphrases and Notes by C. J. Callan, O.P., and J. A. McHugh, O.P.; with a Preface by Fr. J. M. Vosté, O.P., SS.D., etc. (New York: Wagner; pp. 524; 18/-.)

This is really an excellent piece of work and should prove most useful. There is a capital Introduction, and the Notes are brief and to the point. The Vulgate text and a paraphrase founded on but freely departing from the Douay Version are given in parallel columns, while each Psalm is furnished with an introductory note showing the theme and the moral teaching conveyed. We may not always agree with the Notes, but there can be no doubt that many priests will find this volume a help in the recitation of their Breviary, though perhaps the price may discourage them.

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GOD'S BOOK AND OTHER POEMS. By Fr. Vincent McNabb, O.P. (Hand printed and published at St. Dominic's Press, Ditchling, Sussex; 5/-.)

Father Vincent McNabb has himself said, in a preface to a volume of poems by a fellow Dominican, that the priest who has lost the divine sense of song is on the way to losing his soul, so it is not surprising that in spite of his life-long labours as a preacher, essayist, and controversialist, he has found time to write the score and a half of poems that are here collected for the first time. But if the book is slim in bulk, it is full of the broad wisdom of experience and meditation. May we add that the popular friar has probably inspired far more verses than he has himself written? One maker of verses, at least, has had the privilege of Father McNabb's encouragement and inspiration during the past twenty years.