

3. For children of about ten to fourteen years old this is an excellent introduction to the life of St Bernadette and an antidote to the more sentimental 'ballads' about Lourdes. As might be expected of such an author, it is a tale exceptionally well told—exciting, direct and comprehensive without being long. Some may not like the Turneresque illustrations, but do not be put off buying this for young friends and relations.

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## NOTICES

GRACE AND GLORY, by E. L. Mascall (with a foreword by the Archbishop of York; Faith Press; 5s.), is a meditative study of some aspects of the life of heaven, in terms of the Christian's experience of its beginning here on earth. It is an admirable example of how deeply theological ideas can be made comprehensible and relevant to lay people when they are already so to the theologian.

THE THEOLOGY OF THE GOSPEL OF THOMAS, by Bertil Gartner (Collins; 21s.), is a learned study of the text by the Assistant Professor in theology at Uppsala. The author develops an account of the theology implied in the gospel, and relates it to gnostic thought.

LA VIE ET LA DOCTRINE SPIRITUELLE DU PÈRE LALLEMENT is the first of a new collection (entitled *Christus*) published by Desclée de Brouwer (120 FB). It is finely edited, with helpful yet unobtrusive notes and a forty-page introduction, by François Courel, S.J.

PROGRESS THROUGH MENTAL PRAYER, by Edward Leen, C.S.SP. (18s.) and TWO HUNDRED EVENING SERMON NOTES (27s. 6d.) by Canon Drinkwater are reprints by Thomas More Books of works that originally appeared in 1935 and 1928 respectively. It is no fault of the authors that the outlook of this time now seems 'dated'; it is a measure of the great resurgence of doctrinal and scriptural understanding since that time. The preacher in particular must ask himself if he *ought* to be saying just what he did thirty years ago. In view of this the price of the second book in particular (260 pp. long) seems astonishingly high.

THE CHURCH AND THE BIBLE, by the Abbot of Downside, reviewed on page 330 of the January issue, was incorrectly stated to have been published by the Helicon Press. They are in fact the American publishers; in this country it is put out by Darton, Longman and Todd.

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