

described by an extract by Dr Ludwig Pastor. It is only fair to add that the volume contains much clean polemic, notably by the editor and by Father Hull, and that it is a rare thing for polemic to be clean.

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### NOTICES

NAPOLEON IN HIS TIME, by Jean Savant (Putnam, 30s.), will surely rank as one of the finest books on Napoleon. Not that Napoleon enthusiasts would ever give it their approval, for the picture that emerges is of a most unlikeable man, indeed of a thoroughly detestable man. M. Savant presents, with introductory comment, contemporary accounts of Napoleon. From the very first page of this completely fascinating book it is clear that the disagreeable boy in Ajaccio is going to grow into that sullen-looking man on the *Bellerophon*, brooding on a ruined Europe and his shattered hopes. So many different people who knew Napoleon well are in agreement; he was not *sympathique*. M. Savant deserves the highest commendation for this first-class anthology. Miss Katherine John, who has translated and edited the book, also deserves the highest commendation for a first-class translation.

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