

THE LIFE

OF THE SPIRIT



Charity in Mysticism, Marriage and Religious Life

*Articles by Arrigo Levasti, Jerome Toner, Oswin Magrath,
Donald Nicholl, etc.*

VOL. VII FEBRUARY 1953 No. 80

BLACKFRIARS

34 Bloomsbury Street, W.C.1

Price 1s. 6d.

FEBRUARY

The Children's Friend

A Life of Christ for Children. By Rev. T. A. LAHEY, C.S.C., PH.D. 213 pages. Wrappered. 15/-

Unlike most narratives of Christ's life, this particular one is intended to be read by children. The author has selected those events which have a special appeal to the young and the simplicity of style and diction bring the story within the grasp of immature minds.

Teacher's Aid to The Children's Friend

By Rev. T. A. LAHEY, C.S.C., PH.D. Cloth. 17/-

As the title of this book suggests, it is designed to be a teacher's guide in explaining the contents of Fr Lahey's *The Children's Friend*. Each chapter contains review questions, explanations, and quotations, all pertinent to the corresponding chapter in *The Children's Friend* and intended to be useful in amplifying the text of the parent book.

Pray the Mass*

A Text-Book for Catholic Schools. By Rt Rev. Mgr J. T. McMAHON, M.A., PH.D. Part 1. For Primary Schools. Wrappered. 1/6. Part 2. For Secondary Schools. Wrappered. 4/-

'Dr McMahon takes the children through the Mass, and with the aims of teaching them to participate in it and to think for themselves—aims which he stimulates by the use of many questions—he gives them a thorough and correct acquaintance with the great *Actio* and a fine preparation for further, more intensified study.'—*Orate Fratres*.

The Canon Law Governing Communities of Sisters

A Reliable Guide for the Use of Sisters, Priests, and Bishops. Containing 1200 questions concerning the organisation and government of religious institutes and concerning the rights and duties of their members. By Rev. FINTAN GESER, O.S.B. 30/-

'The need for an informative canonical work in English has long been felt by the sisters. Sometimes the non-observance of a formality may result in the invalidity of a profession or the nullity of a contract, and the best of intentions cannot prevent this. It is always a distressing experience for a well-disposed person to discover that a line of action has been irregular or that a serious violation of the law has been committed. Fr Geser meets these needs in his comprehensive manual.

'He does not confine himself to an adequate exposition of the canons pertaining to nuns, but very wisely introduces many relevant points from other parts of the Code and expounds the law clearly, with copious allusions to the views of foremost authorities, in a style that is both lucid and simple.'—*Upholland Magazine*.

THE LIFE OF THE SPIRIT

Volume VII

FEBRUARY 1953

Number 80

CONTENTS

EDITORIAL	330
ST CATHERINE AND DAME JULIAN	Arrigo Levasti 332
ST THOMAS AND DAME JULIAN	D. E. Marshall 335
FREEDOM AND THE ACTIVE LIFE	Jerome Toner 342
THE NUPTIAL MASS	Dominic J. Sire 346
STRUCTURE OF RELIGIOUS CHASTITY (II)	Oswin Magrath 349
A LAY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY	354
POINT OF VIEW: Motherhood of God	358
GOD AND THE UNCONSCIOUS	Donald Nicholl 360
REVIEWS: Odo Brooke, Donald Nicholl, Henri de Riedmatten	363
NOTICES	373
EXTRACTS	374

Contributors are encouraged to submit original MSS. or translations from the Fathers, *Literary Communications* to be addressed to The Editor, The Life of the Spirit, Blackfriars, Oxford (Tel. 57607). The Editor cannot be responsible for the loss of MSS. submitted, and no MS. will be returned unless accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope. *Subscriptions, Orders and Communications regarding Advertisements* should be addressed to The Manager, Blackfriars Publications, 34 Bloomsbury Street, London, W.C.1 (Museum 5728). Annual Subscription 17s. 6d. post free (U.S.A. \$2.50). *Binding: Orders and Enquiries for binding volumes of the review* may be sent to the Kemp Hall Bindery, 33 St Aldate's, Oxford.