

## NOTICES

In *LA BIBLE DANS LA LITURGIE* (Casterman—Editions de Maredsous) Charles Burgard reminds us that long before the appearance of catechisms the religious education of Christians was wrought principally by the texts of Scripture found in the liturgy of the Church, and this book seeks to introduce the modern Christian to this traditional pedagogy. While covering the whole liturgical year, the author does not attempt a complete annotation of each Sunday's Mass but pursues the wiser and more rewarding course of indicating the themes and structures of the succeeding seasons.

The centre of the liturgy is Holy Week, and in *THE GREAT WEEK* (Longmans, 12s. 6d.) Dame Aemiliana Löhr, O.S.B., as becomes a faithful disciple of Casel, provides a commentary which succeeds in explaining, precisely by rendering us more sensitive to, the great Mystery then celebrated. This is an extraordinarily rich and eloquent book, finely translated by D. T. H. Bridgehouse.

*SPIRITUALITÉ PASCALE*, one of the elegant *Cahiers de la Pierre-Qui-Vire*, is devoted to showing how the Paschal Mystery can be made the focal point and source of our spiritual life as a whole. In the same series, *LA LUMIÈRE DANS LES TÉNÈBRES* (both by Desclée de Brouwer) is a useful anthology of texts from masters of the French School on this theme.

In *L'ÉPREUVE DU DÉSERT*, Père P. J. Houyvet, one of the most distinguished contemporary French Dominican preachers, deals simply, forcefully, yet attractively, with the great themes that sweep through the Lenten liturgy to culminate in Holy Week. This book belongs to the series *Homélies et Catéchèses*, as do two collections of broadcast sermons: *LA BONNE NOUVELLE AUX PAUVRES*, by M. H. Lelong, O.P., and *LE TEMPS DE L'ESPÉRANCE*, by A. M. Roguet, O.P. (all Editions du Cerf).

One of the most attractive and useful presentations of the text of the Holy Week Liturgy is *THE MASSES OF HOLY WEEK AND THE EASTER VIGIL, 'Arranged for Use in Parishes'*, by Dom Godfrey Diekmann, O.S.B. This now appears in a new cased pocket edition from Messrs Longmans at 5s. 6d. It is also to be noted that the second edition of Messrs Burns and Oates's *THE MISSAL IN LATIN AND ENGLISH* (various prices) now contains the new Paschal liturgy.

Mgr Joseph Deery has visited Lourdes annually for thirty years. Clearly, then, his *OUR LADY OF LOURDES* (Browne and Nolan, 18s.) is a labour of love. It is also an extremely valuable, sane and well-documented survey of every aspect of Lourdes with pride of place

given, first, to the Apparitions and, second, to the eventual holiness of Bernadette. This is the book for the person, pilgrim or not, who wants not only to know 'everything' about Lourdes, but also to get everything in proportion.

As their contribution to the Lourdes centenary celebrations Universe Books reprint Frances Parkinson Keyes's *BERNADETTE OF LOURDES*. Appearing at the same time in this series were *THE GOSPELS* in the Knox version and *SAINTS AND OURSELVES*, edited by Philip Caraman, S.J. (Burns and Oates, 2s. 6d. each).

That excellent fortnightly *Informations Catholiques Internationales* devotes its invaluable *Dossier de la Quinzaine* of the number for March 1 to the movement *Economie et Humanisme*, that ultimate development of French 'social Catholicism' which is characterized by the remarkable combination of total identification, based on charity, with concrete sectors of human misery and of objective sociological research with a view to effective reform of the structure of society rather than to palliative action. The founder of the movement, Père L.-J. Lebreton, O.P., illustrates both these ideals in two recent books: *DIMENSIONS DE LA CHARITÉ* and *LA FRANCE EN TRANSITION: ÉTAPES D'UNE RECHERCHE*.

Both these books come from Les Editions Ouvrières (390 fr. and 885 fr. respectively), and this is, perhaps, the place to say a word in praise of the work of this publishing venture. It aims at furthering a doctrinally-based apostolate to the public indicated by its name by producing cheap books combining a 'popular' approach with intelligence. The wide variety of its enterprise is indicated by some recent titles: *CYRILLE DE JÉRUSALEM* (360 fr.), select passages translated and presented by Maurice Véricel in the series *Eglise d'hier et d'aujourd'hui* (previous volumes have appeared on such figures as St Ignatius of Antioch, St Athanasius, St Ambrose and St Benedict); *L'HISTOIRE DES APÔTRES*, the book of Acts with notes and introduction by Gilbert Le Mouel (500 fr.); *L'AMOUR PARTAGÉ*, essays in once 'spiritual' and practical on married life, by J. Templier (300 fr.); *AIMER: OU LE JOURNAL DE DANY*, the problems of adolescence fictionally treated by M. Quoist (510 fr.); and *RENOUVELLEMENT DE LA PENSÉE* by André Schlemmer (300 fr.).

*FISHERS OF MEN* (Geoffrey Chapman, 5s. 6d.) is a translation of the well-known novel about the J.O.C. and its activities by Maxence van der Meersch. This is perhaps the best introduction for the foreigner to the 'feel' of the French apostolate in working-class surroundings. The publisher is to be congratulated in making it available at such a low price.