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impersonal an Apologia. The last essay, perhaps the best of all, is another study in contrasts, this time between Catholic Christianity and the 'Neo-paganism' which in its turn supplants the Protestantism which ousted Catholicism from Northern lands. It is the most sensible contribution to the subject from a Catholic standpoint that we have read.

*Catholicism and the 'Nordic Soul.'* Such is the subject underlying these seemingly disconnected essays. It is the German translation, to which a special preface has been added, that we review. There should be an English translation too, for the subject, so admirably handled, is of no less interest to the Anglo-Saxon.

V.W.

OU EN EST LE PROBLEME DE JESUS? By F. M. Braun, O.P. (Editions de la Cité Chrétienne, Bruxelles; 36 fr. belges; 24 fr. français.)

Fr. Braun's is by no means the first book to pass in review the solutions given by modern critics to the problem of Jesus Christ. Such books often prove tiring and of little use, and we began reading Fr. Braun's with no bias in its favour. But we had not read far before it was clear that here was a book that would render real service to students in their study of the Gospels. In addition to such older solutions as those of Harnack and Schweitzer among others, Fr. Braun has chapters on those most recently propounded, the important *Formgeschichtliche Schule* of Dibelius and Bultmann and the fantastic theory of Robert Eisler. As he remarks at the end (p. 411), the principal systems of Gospel criticism put forward since the beginning of the century, though in contradiction with one another, do not simply cancel one another out; each has thrown light on a part of the truth, and these parts, taken together, constitute a nearly adequate solution of the problem. A study of those systems does enable the student to realise more vividly the partial truths which they emphasise, and at the same time, since those systems do correct one another, leads him on to that balanced synthesis which is so necessary. The student could have no better guide than Fr. Braun in this clearly written and well printed volume.

L.W.

DIE DREI ALTEREN EVANGELIEN, übersetzt und erklärt von Dr. Petrus Dausch. (RM. 19.50; bound, RM. 22). *Die Katholischen Briefe*, übersetzt und erklärt von Dr. Max Meinertz und Dr. Wilhelm Vrede. (RM. 6.60; bound, RM. 8.60). Bonn: Peter Hanstein.

These two works form the second and ninth volumes in the new edition of the well-known Bonn Catholic Commentary on