

## REVIEWS

**THE DILEMMA OF JOHN HAUGHTON STEELE.** By Joseph Darlington, S.J. (Burns, Oates & Washbourne; pp. 91; 2/6.)

Though John Haughton Steele was sixty before he was received into the Church, and sixty-two before he was ordained priest, influences that led him finally to the centre of Christian unity and worship affected him almost from the beginning. A profoundly Christian upbringing, with a strange insistence upon the dignity of the Priesthood, shaped his mind to appreciate truth wherever it was to be found; later, whilst at Trinity College, Dublin, contact with the Tractarian Movement, and a natural bent for archaeology, led him to discover his own anomalous position, while the figure of John Henry Newman, whose character was so like his own, afforded him the inspiration of a leader. For the crossing was not without its difficulties. Yet if it was the drift of Newman's thought that led him so far, it was the force of Newman's example that gave him the courage to dare farther.

This small book of memoirs sketches the life of a great man, but the most eloquent story is told in the frontispiece: a portrait of John Haughton Steele.

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### BEFORE THE OXFORD MOVEMENT.

THE people who lived in the eighteenth century all stood by the proverb 'Let sleeping dogs lie.' The Church of England was in a very bad state, the Vicar instead of doing his proper duties, lived like an ordinary squire, hunting, fishing and shooting, instead of getting on with the affairs of the church. The schools and universitys were in a dreadfull state, and even if one was the most fearfull dud one could be got through the most important exams with ease, for instance in a Religious Instruction paper, the candidate was asked one or two questions such as 'What and Who is God?'—(From the Lower School.)

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