

revelation within the framework provided by the Church's development of it, but in this book scripture is simply made use of to illustrate developed doctrine. The Marian passages which produced adverse comment and a correspondence in *The Times Literary Supplement* are fairly typical. The reviewer was wrong to doubt their orthodoxy, and exaggerated their importance in relation to the rest of the book, but had any real theological justification for them been given his remarks would not have been made. We shall never have a theologically educated laity as long as mediocre books continue to be put out. A. M. Roguet's book on the sacraments a year or two ago was short, clear, and written with theological insight. A pity that bad money tends to drive out good.

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LOVE OF OUR NEIGHBOUR. A Symposium. (Blackfriars; 12s. 6d.)

This book was published two years ago in French by Les Editions du Cerf under the title of *L'Amour du Prochain*. In the words of the Editor Père Plé it is offered not as a short theological treatise on love of one's neighbour, but to help prepare the way for such a thing. The general principles on which the present work is based are among the central data of our faith: God is love, he loves us, and he asks us to love him; to love God is to love our neighbour, to love our neighbour is to love God. The brilliant little essay in the third section on the *Divine Dialectic* shows how far removed from the Hegelian dialectic of master and slave is christian love of God and neighbour. The three essays in the first section of the book present us with the notion of love of neighbour as set forth in the Bible; in the second part we have three essays on the theological principles of charity; and the six essays which make up the last section are studies on the relations between people from the points of view of modern psychology, philosophy and sociology. In spite of the excellent work of the translators there are a number of essays in the third section that are not easy reading; but this is perhaps the most interesting and informative part of a book that contains much that is good.

HIS HEART IN OUR WORK. (Browne and Nolan; 15s.)

This book is a collection of some forty short essays by various authors selected from the pages of the American quarterly bulletin for priests, *Alter Christus*, for the years 1937-50. Clearly no one asked to write a four-page article for a periodical such as this would want to attempt anything very much in the way of speculative theology or scriptural exegesis. But is it expecting too much to ask for a breath of Scripture somewhere, even in a four-page essay written for what would be called a