

BLACKFRIARS

De Civ. Dei, X.x.10. We wonder whether the Editors of these *Fasciculæ* realize what a boon they are conferring by the publication of these series of excerpts. They are furthering in most practical fashion an already aroused interest in the works of the Fathers.

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DE COGNITIONE VERITATIS TEXTUS SELECTI S. THOMAE AQUINATIS. Collegit Josephus de Vries, S.J. (Opuscula et textus historiam ecclesiae eiusque vitam ac doctrinam illustrantia. Series scholastica, edita curantibus M. Grabman et Fr. Pelster, S.J. Fasc. xiv; pp. 60; RM. 1.10).

An attempt to elucidate the much discussed text of St. Thomas (De Verit. I. 9), from different interpretations of which various thomist solutions of the critical problem have been elaborated, by viewing it in the light of a number of other texts from St. Thomas's works. The conclusion to which this collation leads is that reflection upon the nature of the intellect must produce certitude of the possession of truth in as much as a natural desire cannot be *per se* vain, i.e., unfulfilled, and the intellect in fact does naturally tend to or desire knowledge of reality. Fr. de Vries hopes to expound his solution at greater length in the future; the present pamphlet which, except for a brief explanatory foreword (in Latin), consists exclusively of the texts selected, forms at least an extremely valuable basis of discussion.

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THE LIFE OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST. By the Very Rev. Denis Buzy, freely adapted with much additional matter by John M. T. Barton, D.D. (Burns, Oates & Washbourne; pp. 283; 7/6.)

JESUS CHRIST: HIS LIFE, HIS TEACHING, HIS WORK. By August Reatz. (Sands; pp. 375; 10/6.)

THE SERVANT OF THE SACRED HEART: Selections from the Sermons and Meditations of the Bl. Claude de la Colombière, S.J. Translated and edited by G. O'Neill, S.J. (Sands; pp. 183; 3/6.)

LIFE AND WORK OF REV. MOTHER MECHTILDE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT (1614-1698). By a Nun of the Benedictine Community, Dumfries. (Sands; pp. 336; 7/6.)

PRACTICAL HINTS ON PREACHING. By the Rev. Aloysius Roche. (Sands; pp. 192; 3/6.)

A story whether of Our Lord or of one of His saints must, if it is to be good, be the work both of reason and of vision: if science is the sole factor of production the result will be dry;