

EXTRACTS

LES QUESTIONS LITURGIQUES ET PAROISSIALES (Mont Cesar, Louvain) has devoted a double number to a useful report of the Liturgical Conference held at the Abbey of Mont Cesar last June. Several of the papers are concerned with the Encyclical *Mediator Dei*, and it is a welcome sign that liturgical scholars are so rapidly, and so enthusiastically, implementing the Holy Father's teaching. The number also includes a valuable bibliography on the Encyclical.

LE PRETRE is the subject of the latest Liturgical Album published by Editions du Cerf (obtainable from Blackfriars Publications, 1s.). As usual, excellent photographs illustrate a vivid text.

FRANCE DOMINICAINE continues its useful series of articles by Père Durand on the history of the Dominican Liturgy.

LA VIE SPIRITUELLE devotes its January number to 'Regulars and Seculars'. Articles on the two traditions in the Church are supplemented by an interesting comparison by Dom Rousseau of 'Patristic and Modern Theology'. The differences between the outlook of the ancient monastic orders and that of the clergy of today, suggests Dom Rousseau, is reflected in a difference of theological approach. His article looks to the resolution of 'scholastic' and 'patristic' in a renewed understanding of the importance of Sacred Scripture.

THE VOCATION OF TERTIARIES is considered in France Dominicaine (February). The tertiary is more than a member of a confraternity, says Père Dupuy:

One becomes a member of a confraternity simply by being enrolled, and if one is faithful to perform the works of piety and charity which are its ends, one gains certain spiritual advantages. The Third Order is much more than that. One enters it through making profession, and that profession is very different from a mere enrolment. It is a serious undertaking, it binds the tertiary more deeply and more definitively; it creates between the Order and the tertiary a union that is much more real. One can belong to several confraternities, but only to one Third Order. For the Third Order is not just a 'Society of Friends of the Dominican Order', but rather an association of true children of St Dominic who live within the Order of which they are true members. Without the Third Order, the Dominican Order as a whole would lack something necessary to its life as a family. If tertiaries fail to realise their vocation in its fulness, then the Order lacks something of its total splendour, lacks part of what it needs for its effectiveness in the apostolate.

ORATE FRATRES (January 23) prints a stimulating article by W. H. Russell, *Where are the Nine?* It is a priest's appeal for an understanding of the 'state of mind which makes the teaching of the liturgy difficult'.

THE RUBRICS OF THE FORTY HOURS' EXPOSITION. By J. O'Connell. Second and revised edition. (Burns Oates; 3s. 6d.)

The pastoral clergy will welcome this neat second edition of Fr O'Connell's commentary on the Clementine Instruction. The author's name is a sufficient guarantee of accuracy, and we have not been able to detect any errors in his rubrical exposition—a form of writing in which precision and clarity are extraordinarily difficult to achieve. The historical note on the first page of the foreword should however have been revised to bring it into line with up-to-date scholarship.

The book prompts one reflection: the rules of the Instruction as they are now could play havoc with the Liturgy. If the Forty Hours Prayer fell on Candlemas Day or Palm Sunday, it could practically extinguish the liturgy of the day. Fortunately, in most dioceses, the devotion is excluded from parish churches in Holy Week.

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BOOKS RECEIVED

- Blackfriars*. G. Michonneau: Revolution in a City Parish, 7s. 6d.
Bloomsbury Press. S. M. Ansgar, O.P.: Seven Gifts, 1s. 6d.
Burns, Oates and Washbourne. James Brodrick, S.J.: A Procession of Saints, 10s. 6d.
Casterman. Thomas Becquet, O.S.B.: Le Meurtre devant l'Autel, 42fr.; Geneviève Beslier: Ste Thérèse de France, 30fr.; Jacques Leclercq: Le Problème de la Foi, 30fr.; G. Philips: La Sainte Eglise Catholique, 75fr.
Clonmore and Reynolds. A. D. Sertillanges, O.P.: What Jesus Saw from the Cross, 8s. 6d.
Dacre Press. Austin Farrer: A Rebirth of Images, 25s.
Laffont (Robert). Le Jour du Seigneur, n.p.
Linehan and Shrimpton. S. M. Assumpta O'Hanlon, O.P.: The Queen's Own, 9s. 6d.
Macmillan. William Thomas Walsh: Our Lady of Fatima, 10s. 6d.
Mowbray. J. W. C. Wand: The Authority of the Scriptures, 5s.
Sands. E. C. Messenger: Two In One Flesh—3 Vols., 6s.; 10s. 6d., 6s.
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