

Book Reviews

Marriage. Fr. Davis wisely prints the papal condemnation at the beginning of his pamphlet. This condemnation will be sufficient for Catholics; and negligible for Eugenists.

Fr. Davis is very patient in trying to meet the arguments of the Eugenists. But we sometimes wonder if even patience is profitable in a discussion where one side has fixed and ascertainable principles, and the other side has no ascertainable, if it has fixed principles.

V.McN.

THE CATHOLIC FAITH AND THE INDUSTRIAL ORDER. By Ruth Kenyon. Pp. xvi, 196. (Philip Allan; 6/-).

This little book would have been more correctly described and less misleading if it had been called *An Anglo-Catholic View of the Industrial Order*. Miss Kenyon accurately describes it when she writes in the Preface 'This book is an attempt to trace the line of discussion at the Anglo-Catholic Summer Schools of Sociology 1928—1930.'

The discussions it attempts to trace are about fundamental matters. Moreover there is everywhere the touch of the economic expert. But perhaps the Anglo-Catholic group, so divided among themselves and so completely apart from the main groupings of the Church of England, could not be expected to give us a lead that would have the air of authoritativeness.

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CHRISTENDOM: A JOURNAL OF CHRISTIAN SOCIOLOGY. (Basil Blackwell; Quarterly; 2/-)

This is a recent arrival in Sociological Journalism. Before we can feel certain 'whither it goes' we must be certain 'whence it comes'—*Hinc lacrymae!*

Nowadays alas! the word 'Christian' connotes nothing definite. Men and women belonging to churches calling themselves Christian are evidently allowed by these churches to deny explicitly or implicitly every article of the Creed or every commandment of the Decalogue. In this bewildering comprehensiveness or ambiguity of the word Christian a group of writers by calling themselves Christian do not add to their authoritative stature one inch. Indeed as we know the high literary and economic worth of most of these writers of *Christendom* we are inclined to think that an explicit claim to speak as Christian may lessen their credit,

V.McN.