

Reviews

CHRIST: THE CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE IN THE MODERN WORLD by Edward Schillebeeckx. *SCM*. London, 1980. pp 925 £19.50.

ERRATUM

Misprints seldom seriously mislead the reader but they need to be corrected when they reverse the intended meaning! In the review of Edward Schillebeeckx's *Christ* in our March issue (p 140) the following sentence occurred: "The gulf between him and the neo-Thomist theologians of the Holy Office is due far more to differences in Catholic faith – not that *that* is an easy or innocuous distinction". The sentence should have read as follows: "The gulf between him and the neo-Thomist theologians of the Holy Office is due far more to differences in theological method than to differences in Catholic faith – not that *that* is an easy or innocuous distinction". The point was that, in my view, the differences between Schillebeeckx and his critics are at the level not of *faith* but of *theological expression*. The letter which Fr Schillebeeckx received from the Holy Office (cf *The Tablet* 20/27 December 1980, page 1271) seems to confirm this. His explanations as regards the nine controverted questions about the Virginal Conception, the Resurrection, and so on, have evidently been accepted, while he is asked by Cardinal Franjo Seper to clarify two new points – *scil.* the relationship between revelation and experience and the role of apologetics in theology. The first of those two points is dealt with at great length in *Christ*, in a way that should satisfy critics of the treatment of the question in the first volume (the one delated to the Holy Office).

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HEBREWS AND HERMENEUTICS. THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS AS A NEW TESTAMENT EXAMPLE OF BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION by Graham Hughes, *Society for New Testament Studies Monograph Series 36*. Cambridge University Press 1979 pp xii + 218 £7.75.

The letter to the Hebrews has always been something of a puzzle. Its concept of the Christian life as a pilgrimage has given much stimulus to Christian paraenesis; and

it has made a crucial contribution to christology, particularly in its presentation of Christ as High Priest. But a comprehensive grasp of the epistle's rationale has more