

A WANDERER IN THE WEST COUNTRY. By E. W. Martin. (Phoenix House; 15s.)

The publishers describe this book as a 'human supplement in which people and atmosphere, the *sense* of a place, are the important things'. This is an accurate classification. E. W. Martin has aimed throughout at a revelation of the *genius loci* and in many instances has achieved it. The remoteness of West Cornwall both in space and culture is particularly well conveyed. Local worthies receive due attention, especially those whose fame is regional rather than national. Trengrouse of Kelston, the inventor of the life-saving rocket, receives the recognition he was denied during his lifetime. There are amusing anecdotes of Wesley and a lament for the fall of Capern, who might have been the Barnes of Devonshire.

The book is inevitably scrappy. To provide an adequate 'human supplement' to the guide-books of Somerset, Devon and Cornwall in 212 pages is an impossible task. All honour to E. W. Martin for attempting it. May we hope he will give us a similar work on one of the three counties—Devon, which he knows and loves so well.

A final word in praise of the young artists, Heather Copley and Christopher Chamberlain, whose drawings have atmosphere and character and add to the delights of the book.

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NOTICES

A CATHOLIC DICTIONARY (Routledge and Kegan Paul; 35s.) now appears in its fifteenth edition, revised with additions by the late Mgr Hallett, former Rector of St John's Seminary, Womersley. Since it first appeared in 1883, the Addis-Arnold *Dictionary* has naturally undergone many changes, but it still retains its distinctive character. Its biblical and patristic references are especially useful, and even though the original work reflected (and the present edition to some extent still does reflect) the apologetic preoccupations of its time, it is up-to-date in statistical and general information. 840 double columned pages, printed on excellent paper, represent admirable value for thirty-five shillings in these days, and the Dictionary should meet a widespread need for a convenient compendium of information about the teaching and organisation of the Church.

SIMPLE ROSARY MEDITATIONS by a Dominican Tertiary (Burns Oates; 8s. 6d.) is a practical aid to the fruitful use of the most popular of