

BLACKFRIARS

THE DISSIDENT EASTERN CHURCHES. By Donald Attwater. (Coldwell; 15s.)

Mr. Attwater has provided a useful substitute for the *Orthodox Church and Lesser Eastern Churches* of Father Adrian Fortescue; the same ground is covered in less detail and there is a clear summary of many post-war developments. Throughout his work is marked by clarity of style and power of compression, and the section upon Palestinian Orthodoxy has an especial value. The historical approach is perhaps inevitably simplistic and the schism is considered to have been consummated by Cerularius. Yet recent research in Palaiologan theology and diplomacy has made such a viewpoint hardly tenable. In practice union would seem to have been sporadic in the medieval Levant and the schism as we know it seems to date from 1472 rather than from 1054. It is a more fundamental misfortune that so many of the carefully gathered facts should be relatively insignificant. Sites of monasteries and names of bishops matter so little; it is not the symptoms but the causes of Greek Orthodoxy which can help us towards its understanding. No study of the Eastern dissidents could be adequate without an analysis of hesychasm in the past and of sophiology in the present of the Oriental traditions in contemplation, and of the Byzantine conception of the Godhead and of the Incarnate Word. Such analyses will not be found in *Dissident Eastern Churches*. Yet this is not a criticism of Mr. Attwater but of the *genre* of ecclesiastical directories, and there is the common satisfying contrast between the sobriety of his introduction and the mild hysteria of the "blurb."

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