

stand on their own as works of art. The religious lyrics in particular bring with them a taste of the Psalms and a smell of the country. One poem should be made the theme song of the liturgical revival, centred on the Easter Vigil:

Last night did Christ the Sun rise from the dark

The mystic harvest of the fields of God . . .

Miss Waddell's humble confession should not, however, be forgotten: 'The greatest things in mediaeval Latin, its "living and victorious splendours", are not here because I cannot translate them.' Yet she has recovered for us many very beautiful things.

THE SMALL MISSAL. (Burns and Oates; from 6s., the school edition, to 21s. de luxe binding.)

This Missal has already done more than any other to assist the ordinary Catholic or the neophyte of a convert to take his share in the regular Sunday Mass. It is presented again—inevitably more expensive than in its pre-war dress—entirely revised, with the Knox translation and with certain important additions. Its 398 pages, which make a compact pocket-sized book, contain all that is needed by the regular Catholic who assists at Mass on Sundays and on the important feasts. They include prayers for the sacraments and for Benediction as well as Compline for Sundays. Catholics will welcome its reappearance and look forward to the continuation of its good work of quietly leading people to enter more fully into the action of the Mass.

NOTICES

PRIESTLY BEATITUDES is the title of a retreat for priests written by a great German missionary, the late Father Max Kassiepe, O.M.I. (Herders; 37s. 6d.) and translated by a fellow religious. While we must welcome any book that will help the men dedicated to the altar to deepen their own faith, there are sections of this retreat which are almost embarrassingly practical. Priests, apparently, were encouraged to 'tell smutty, risqué stories' in clerical company in the eighteenth century; but Fr Max is happy to say that times have changed. They are to be prudent alike in drinking and in speech and retreat. There is, however, much positive assistance in the way of prayer.

FR A. D. FRENAY, O.P., takes us step by step through the Mass commenting on every prayer in **THE SPIRITUALITY OF THE MASS IN THE LIGHT OF THOMISTIC THEOLOGY** (Herders; 30s.). The commentary is intended also for priests so as to deepen their appreciation of what they do and say every morning. There are some liturgical assumptions, as 'The prayers of the Canon are not, as they may seem, independent prayers, each one separated