

NOTICES

OUR BIBLE AND THE ANCIENT MANUSCRIPTS, by the late Sir Frederick Kenyon, went through repeated editions and reprintings since its first appearance in 1895. A fifth edition, revised by A. W. Adams, has now appeared (Eyre & Spottiswoode, 42s.), bringing this invaluable mine of information up to date by the inclusion of the relevant new knowledge gathered from recent archaeological discoveries and philological research, including the light shed by the Dead Sea Scrolls. From the same publisher comes, in the H.M. Printers' Annotated Bible series, which began in 1948 with the issue of separate books of the Bible, a composite volume collecting THE PROPHETS (42s.). The text is that of the King James Version, printed so as to distinguish verse from prose, with extremely succinct notes, and introduction, by the late Julius A. Bemer.

THE BIBLE AS HISTORY, by Werner Keller (Hodder and Stoughton, 25s.), belongs to the same *genre* as Mr Leonard Cottrell's enjoyable books on ancient Egypt, Crete and Britain, being the attempt not by a specialist but by an intelligent and responsible journalist to transmit to a ready public both the thrill and the findings of archaeological field-work. Mr Keller's field may fairly be said to be that constant outward frame of reference in the Bible to profane history in and through which its essential message of a sacred and saving history moves. Within these limits he has written a sound and most readable book, even in those challenging days when the specialists themselves (out of many examples one can mention Professor Albright and Fr Grollenberg, O.P., in his *Atlas of the Bible*) top their expected soundness with the bonus of readability.

FATHER VAN ZUYT OF CAMDEN TOWN, by Eva G. Reavill (John S. Burns & Sons, 4s. 6d.), is a short memoir of a zealous Belgian priest who died three and a half years ago. The parishioners of the Belgian church, Camden Town, often speak of Father Van Zuyt, 'the missionary priest', with affection and gratitude. They have perpetuated his memory in a splendid parochial centre named after him. Miss Reavill, who nursed Father Van Zuyt in his last illness, also ensures through this touching personal tribute that he will not be forgotten.

Among recent reprints are: LET DONS DELIGHT, by R. A. Knox (Sheed and Ward, 12s. 6d.), THE THING, by G. K. Chesterton (Sheed and Ward, 10s. 6d.), and a further volume in the new collection of Faber's works, SPIRITUAL CONFERENCES (The Peter Reilly Co., Philadelphia, \$3.95).