

with notes on his eventually finding his true spiritual home in the Church long after he had, as a socialist, given up the religion in which he had been brought up.

Such a spiritual *Aeneid* can never be without its interest, but this account seems drawn up on a too detailed plan and deals too closely with childhood stories which have apparently but little to do with the major theme: nor has the author the facility of Hans Carossa for example in drawing a picture with a few well-directed words.

The definite decision to make his submission to the Church came to Christian Hercynius from Newman, and Newman's account of the nature and prerequisites of faith. Testimony enough, if such were needed, of the influence and greatness of Newman which English Catholics are all too slow to recognise, unless it is that Newman's teaching is so generally accepted that we can afford to neglect the author of it. It is by such incidental touches that the present volume justifies itself rather than by its excessively detailed story of what must by its nature be merely introductory.

MAKERS OF THE MODERN MIND. By Thomas P. Neill, Ph.D. (Bruce Publishing Company; \$3.75.)

This is the sort of book the Americans do so much better than the Europeans, though I am somewhat uncertain whether it should be done. Within the compass of 400 pages the author has given us with a precision, a good humour, and in the most illuminating way possible considering his constraints, the life and the thoughts of eleven men who, he judges, have most powerfully influenced a twelfth man, the man with the modern mind.

So long as we remember that hardly any of those men desired any such result—Calvin and Luther, Newton and Darwin, Karl Marx and Freud in their different ways were not at all interested—we can run along happily with the text, an easy one which succeeds in not being 'popular'. It is this success which worries me. How can we avoid the specialist? If we do avoid him, how can we avoid the 'popular' outline? I am still doubtful whether the author has found a third way. But he has certainly made a very good attempt, especially good in that he has tried to provide the 'modern man' with a sense of history, without which he cannot understand himself.

What a pity he makes Calvin the man behind Wesley and Methodism. Shades of Toplady!

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THE JACOBITE MOVEMENT: THE FIRST PHASE, 1688-1716. By Sir Charles Petrie. (Eyre and Spottiswoode; 15s.)

Boswell and Dr Johnson both had a 'kind of liking' for Jacobitism, and the Movement has retained a steady place in the affections of most Englishmen ever since. During the period with which Sir Charles Petrie has to deal, however, the Jacobite cause was a live issue rather than a sentimental memory, and it is as such that it is