

BLACKFRIARS

PARISH CHURCHES OF NORFOLK AND NORWICH. By Claude J. W. Messent, A.R.I.B.A. (H. W. Hunt, Norwich; 7/6.)

Mr. Messent, continuing his good work on the history and architecture of the chief buildings in East Anglia, has now produced this very valuable volume on the Parish Churches of East Anglia's principal county. Although the book is concerned with architecture rather than with history it should prove a very important source for the church-historian, showing as it does the great position Norfolk held in pre-Reformation England, a position not approached by any other county with the exception of that vast agglomeration of districts united under the single name Yorkshire. The author gives particulars, and they are ample indeed, of close on a thousand parish churches, of which approximately 725 still stand and about 225 have been destroyed or fallen into decay. Norwich in addition to its cathedral and many religious churches possessed sixty-two parish churches, of which thirty-three are still in use. Thetford, now a small market town, had a cathedral and twenty parish churches, but of these, including the cathedral, eighteen have been destroyed either by time or man. The work is profusely and well illustrated by the author.

As the book will fit with some ease into the pocket of a rain- or overcoat, or will add little weight to the hiker's pack, we strongly recommend it to holiday-makers who wish to visit a land typically English.

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BOOKS RECEIVED

- AMERICAN BOOK COMPANY (New York): *A Textbook of Logic*, Sylvester J. Hartmann, C.P.P.S. (\$2.50).
- BURNS OATES: *St. Anthony of Padua*, Nello Vian, tr. H. L. Hughes (3/6); *Catholic Almanack 1937* (2d.); *Signs which He did*, "Lamplighter" (3/6); *In Loving Memory and Other Poems*, Jack Gilbey (3/6).
- CATHOLIC SOCIAL GUILD (Oxford): *A Primer of Social Science*, Mgr. Henry Parkinson, 6th edn. revised (3/-).
- FABER & FABER: *The Structure of Religious Experience*, John Macmurray (3/6).
- HERDER (Freiburg i.B.): *Dill Riemenschneider*, Leo Weisemantel (RM. 2.40).
- METHUEN: *A History of the Church to A.D. 500*, J. W. C. Wand, D.D. (8/6).
- SHEED & WARD: *Thronging Feet*, Robert Farrer (3/6); *Hitler and the Christians*, Waldemar Gurian (5/-); *Saint Francis de Sales*, Michael Müller (6/-).
- STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT PRESS: *God and Man, Four Essays in the Nature of Personality*, Emil Brunner (5/-); *An Interpretation of Christian Ethics*, Reinhold Niebuhr (6/-).

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