

in Donegal, mentioned here as only one of several lively episodes. Vigour and enthusiasm cover occasional lapses into sentimental *cliché*. The photographs are excellent. A few misprints have crept into the book, and there are occasional inaccuracies in geographical detail which might be removed in a later edition; the Ness, for example, does not flow *into* Loch Ness, as the author invariably suggests.

A. R.

Moscow 1979. By E. and C. Von Kuehnelt-Leddihn. (Sheed & Ward; 10s. 6d.)

Around the adventures, mental wanderings and self-reproaches of the secret Archbishop of the Soviet Union, is drawn a picture of one possible outcome of Russian philosophy. It shows the spiritual aridity of a mechanical state where the highest aim of the citizen is to earn the right to live in a perfectly constructed city. The threatened end of the world produces a collapse. Contrasted is the Catholic American empire which finds the strength of its faith sufficient in the face of this catastrophe. Other ideas hover and flit. Unfortunately they are crossed and confused and lost. The book is technically poor. The historical background is devastatingly unreal. The waging of three world wars and the conversion to Catholicism of all America, China and Japan render the next dozen years oppressively overcrowded. Other examples flood the pages. The sketch of England dominated by a caste system is not clever. In fact, clever touches are difficult to find in this novel, which has badly missed its mark.

P. C. HASTINGS.

THE BEGGAR AND OTHER STORIES. By Douglas Newton. (Douglas Organ; 9s. 6d.)

An excellent collection of short stories, skilfully written and full of a deep human sympathy that makes a welcome contrast to the mood of the more sophisticated of Mr Newton's contemporaries. He is not afraid to draw a moral, which is to say that he recognises the moral implications of human action. But this he does naturally, humorously and without strain. *The Beggar* should find a place in every parish library.

BOOKS RECEIVED

- Abbaye de Mont César*. Les Questions Liturgiques et Paroissiales, 25fr.
Allen & Blair. Doris Burton: Diary of a Lost Soul, n.p.
Allen & Unwin. S. Radhakrishnan: Religion and Society, 10s. 6d.
Berliner & Lanigan. Willis Dwight Nutting: Reclamation of Independence, \$3.00.
Blackfriars. A. Carré, O.P.: Companions for Eternity, 2s. 6d.
Browne & Nolan. R. Walker, C.S.Sp., M.A.: Macbeth, 2s.; R. Nash, S.J.: Marriage: Before and After, 7s. 6d.
Bruce. Giuseppe Riccio: The Life of Christ, \$7.50.
Burns. Paul Crane, S.J.: Britain's Crisis, 1s.
Cape. Mark Aldanov: For Thee the Best, 8s. 6d.
Contact Publications, ed. Frederick Laws: Made for Millions, 10s.
Distributist Association. C. G. Hope: Man Unchained, 9d.