

## Notices

THE HARD FACTS OF UNITY, by John Lawrence (S.C.M., 8s. 6d.) looks at various aspects of the ecumenical movement in the different Churches. He is both acute and fair, having a firm grasp of the theological issues involved; the account of what is going on among Catholics is particularly well-balanced.

THE RIVERS OF THE FLOOD, by Dom Anselm Hughes of Nashdom (Faith Press, 16s.) is 'a personal account of the Catholic movement in the twentieth century' in the Anglican Church. It is pleasant to hear again the authentic extreme Anglo-Catholic tone, with its slight facetiousness of approach; but the impression remains of a form of Anglicanism now more remote than any other from the Church of Rome.

CHRISTIAN PRAYER, by Reginald Cant (Faith Press, 16s.) is a most helpful book by a high Anglican. The approach to prayer is through theology, simply expressed, but wise and sound.

NINE GATES, by Jiri Langer (James Clarke, 15s.) lives up to the claim of fascination made on the dust-jacket; it describes the author's life with the Chasidim, a community of Jewish mystics in a remote part of Europe, whose tales are as profound and entertaining as those of the Desert Fathers.

LIFE AND OUR CHILDREN, by Audrey Kelly (Burns Oates, 3s. 6d.) is a clear and straightforward account of what parents need to know about physiology and psychology of sex, with useful indications of how to explain it to their children in infancy, around puberty, and in adolescence.

The new Everyman edition of St Francis of Sales' INTRODUCTION TO THE DEVOUT LIFE (Dent, 11s. 6d.) has a translation into good modern English by Fr Michael Day of the Birmingham Oratory.

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