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sciousness that you are being slowly driven into a corner, but knowing too that the corner is God' (p. 56). One could quote many more passages to illustrate his characteristics of thought and method, for here is not merely beauty in word, clarity in thought, sympathy in understanding, but a philosophy of life. To Fr. Bede religion is meant to help man appreciate all life, and not just a part of it; to value life in all its richness, to miss nothing. 'Faith teaches me about God, and because now I know God I can find all life lit with splendour.' It is a philosophy of the present. The past, that is finished; the future, that is in God's hands; the present, that is ours.

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THE CHALLENGE OF CHRIST. Father James, O.M.Cap. (Burns, Oates: 5/-.)

All Father James' works make valuable reading, and this is no exception. The contents were originally delivered as a series of conferences, which accounts for what appears in cold print as occasional over-painting. However, even when the style does not suit the present medium, the matter treated is of great importance. Christ's challenge seems to be echoing ever more clearly through the world of to-day, as is evidenced by the constant flow of literature on His person and character. The value of Father James' contribution to this stream lies in his pointing out the particular applications of Christ's living personality to modern life. His treatment of some of these aspects is very practical. In this respect such subjects should be noted as the position gained for women by Christ, the affective knowledge of Himself that Christ demands of His true followers, Christ's claims against Communism, and the indwelling of the Holy Trinity in the soul through Christ's mediation. With a light touch the author manages to drive home some profound doctrines, as well as to give us among other things a short sketch of the whole theology of the Immaculate Conception.

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THE MASS OF THE WESTERN RITES. By the Rt. Rev. Abbot Cabrol, O.S.B. Translated by C. M. Antony. (Sands; 5/-.)

This is the English translation of Abbot Cabrol's *La Messe en Occident*, which was published in 1932. One might be tempted to ask the purpose of yet another book on the archaeology of the Mass when several very good ones already exist. Such a question is forestalled in the preface. The books already in existence treat mainly of the Roman Mass, while the present book is concerned with the rites of the whole Western Church. The study of the Mass of the various Western rites has more than