

Then again, the religious opinions of the author are of the highest disorder; a mysterious influence called 'The Good Law' being a governing factor in all his decisions of a moral nature. It can only be concluded that Mr. Brown shares the convictions of most of his compatriots, who prefer a 'good law' unto themselves when spiritual and moral issues arise. Incidentally, is Shaw usually considered a quotable authority on these matters?

However, the few disturbing factors in no way dominate this extremely well written book, and one is left with the thought that if the future public life of the author results in nothing more than a sequel of the same excellence, his continued career will have been largely justified.

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CARDINAL HINSLEY. A Memoir by John C. Heenan, D.D. (Burns Oates; 8s. 6d.)

Those who brought 'much pressure' on the reluctant Dr. Heenan to write this memoir did a disservice both to the author and to his subject. The book bears the marks of reluctance and pressure; reluctance, in the increasing space occupied by lengthy questions as the book proceeds: pressure, in the uneasy and defiant way in which he justifies the Cardinal from a seeming cloud of opponents. Dr. Heenan begins with the principle that 'the most interesting account of a man's life centres around his conflicts,' and though he professes to leave this account to the future official biographer, his own treatment suggests that the life of Cardinal Hinsley was centred in conflict and that his biographer's chief and rather difficult task is to bring him into a favourable light. Yet on the first page the author rightly speaks of the 'lovable, saintly and very human person . . . a man so universally loved.' Why then was it necessary to drag in the motives of the many politicians who attended the Cardinal's funeral, to show the superiority of a Roman Seminary training over a Sulpician one, to introduce 'back-handers' at Christian pacifists, Catholics of the Left and of the Right, persons who use the Roman missal and users of the word 'ideology,' or to make frequent journalistic quips regarding what must be Dr. Heenan's bugbears rather than the Cardinal's? The book has however been very well received on all sides—a tribute indeed to the wide and continued popularity of this great figure of war-time Catholicism in England.

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FUTURE GERMANY. By Colonel T. H. Minshall, D.S.O., M.I.E.E. (Allen and Unwin; 8s. 6d.)

Will Englishmen ever understand foreigners? Colonel Minshall has made a real effort to do so, and his knowledge of German history and ways of life is considerable. His plans for a closer economic