

is, on the whole, excellent. One suspects, however, that in one place 'injurie' has become 'injured', while in one or two passages one feels that the translator has been rather baffled by a particularly thorny mixture of metaphysics and introspection such as only the French tongue can adequately carry.

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**THE FACE OF LOVE.** By Gilbert Shaw. (Mowbrays; 21s.)

This is a beautiful book. It is a series of prayers in verse-form based on the stations of the cross. As it comprises nearly two hundred and fifty pages, it will be seen that the treatment of each station is lengthy. It is a pleasant change from the rather crude formulae in which this devotion is usually presented to us. Although it is written by a non-Catholic, there is hardly anything in it to which a Catholic could object. All that we have noticed in the course of a careful reading is a couple of occasions on which the word 'Church' is used in a sense which we could not accept, e.g. on page 48, 'his Church divided . . .'; and one or two other minor phrases which could be misunderstood, but which are also patient of an orthodox interpretation. Many of the thoughts and phrases are taken from the scriptures, and in the introduction and notes Catholic spiritual writers are often referred to.

There is far too much on each station for it to be used in its entirety at any one time. One short section from each would make a very beautiful way of the cross. The author has some other suggestions for using the book, thus: 'The prayers are broken up into short sections, each one more or less complete in itself. . . . That should enable the user to choose freely and to rest on those portions which at the time may seem applicable to his devotion. . . . Each line as far as possible, or section, is intended to convey a complete thought so that it can be held, pondered, or prayed over before proceeding further. Those that begin at the margin carry the basic thought; those set in are for the most part enrichment and elaboration of the former; indeed in many cases the longer lines could be read down first and then the subsidiary thoughts of the secondary lines gathered up into the main prayer' (pp. 11, 12).

Those of us who are called upon to preach the stations from time to time will find some useful ideas in this book; used for private prayer and meditation it should help many to enter more fully and profitably into the sufferings and death of our Saviour.

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**THE MEANING OF LOVE.** An Essay towards a Metaphysics of Inter-subjectivity. By Robert O. Johann, S.J. (Geoffrey Chapman; 16s.)

A great deal of the history of philosophy could be written around theories on goodness and love. Plato's entire dialectic hinges on the