

Blackfriars

To examine the book again and to determine whether it deserved inclusion in the Index will seem to be both presumptuous and otiose. Miss Underhill argues that it was condemned for no fault of its own, but for the errors of contemporary quietism. That is a very plausible contention, and yet we think the author's teaching very open to misunderstanding and abuse. Nor do we like his manner, which is cocksure to a degree. The book deserved condemnation when quietistic errors were rife, and it may still delude the uninstructed.

J.M.

THE ESSENCE OF A CATHOLIC. (Burns, Oates & Washbourne, Ltd. ; 2/6.)

This small book—with its rather dull title—is a valuable one; a valuable antiseptic against the kind of piety that is little more than a mood of self-expression. It is also a tonic and aperitif to those who believe that Catholicism excuses them from all intellectual pioneering. Youth will appreciate these essays, delivered to students at Heidelberg and now well translated from the German. Older people will find it worth buying and keeping because it speaks so eloquently of the eternal youth attained by those whose lives are grafted on to the Eternal. Philosophic as it is, it is never heavy; and for all its enthusiasm, it is never emotional. An excellent brevity makes it a useful book to lend to non-Catholics.

C.H.

NEWMAN'S APOLOGIA PRO VITA SUA. The two versions of 1864 and 1865. Preceded by Newman's and Kingsley's Pamphlets. With an introduction by Wilfrid Ward. (Oxford University Press. London: Humphrey Milford, 1931. Pp. xxxi, 528; 7/6.)

A second impression of *Kingsley versus Newman, the full text*, an omnibus first issued in 1913. Many will like to possess this edition with its reduced facsimile reproductions of the original title pages and the Apologia in all its early vigour. 'Away with you, Mr. Kingsley, and fly into space.'

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