

NOTICES

PSYCHOLOGY FOR ALL (Mercier Press; 6s.) is a useful introduction to rational psychology by Fr Peter Dempsey, lecturer in University College, Cork. Originally intended for his first-year students, these reprinted lectures should be valuable to a wider audience.

SAINTS FOR OUR TIMES (Staples Press; 15s.) is yet another collection of brief biographies, this time the work of Theodore Maynard whose choice gives special stress to saints of American interest such as St Rose of Lima, St Isaac Jogues and St Frances Cabrini.

THE LIFE OF CHRIST by Giuseppe Ricciotti (Bruce; \$3.50) now appears in an abbreviated form which should meet the need for a work grounded in solid scholarship but having a popular and untechnical demand in view.

MODERN SCIENCE AND GOD, by P. J. McLaughlin. (Clonmore and Reynolds; 6s. 6d.) is a very readable translation of the 1951 Papal allocution to the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, together with introduction and notes. An extremely welcome production for many reasons: scholastic theologians will find bold assertions of the relevance of modern science to the proofs of God's existence; certain scientists on the other hand can learn from the Pope's caution (cf. paragraphs 32-34); lastly, those who are not technically equipped scientifically or theologically will find the commentary most useful, though not to be equated in authority with the text itself.

The American series, *Fathers of the Church Inc.*, have brought out a convenient volume of EARLY CHRISTIAN BIOGRAPHIES, which includes Athanasius' Life of Anthony, Jerome's Life of Paul, Paulinus on Ambrose, and a sermon of Hilary on St Honoratus. It is on the other hand rather more difficult to see the usefulness of the collection of TREATISE ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS, attributed with more or less certainty to St Augustine, and the introductions to the several pieces do nothing to explain it.

THE GOLDEN THREAD is a novel about St Ignatius Loyola by Louis de Wohl (Gollancz; 12s. 6d.). Using the technique that has made his earlier novels about St Thomas and St Augustine so popular Mr de Wohl finds in a soldier-saint and his exciting times a subject specially suited to his gifts.