

the better. This book is a translation of the rubrics and other material (the sacred mathematics of the Calendar) found at the beginning of the Missal. The translation is good workman-like English and so far as we have tested it, accurate. The print is clear and the arrangement good. We hope it will introduce many students and priests to the arid but necessary study of rubrical law. The price is a little high for students.

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THE PRIEST'S PRAYER BOOK. Second Edition. By Christopher Wilmot, S.J. (Burns Oates; 12s.6d.)

A second and very much expanded edition of a little book of meditations for priests on the psalms for Sundays and festivals, published some years ago. The changes and additions are: the New Latin Psalter, the Hymns of the little Hours, with metrical and prose translations, and meditations, sometimes quite lengthy, on them.

The earlier edition was marked by its good sense and an intimate understanding of the priestly life. These marks remain, reinforced by the wider scope of the subjects treated. Perhaps the meditations have little relevance to their contexts and it would be a mistake to think this is a book about the Breviary and how to 'pray' it better. No matter. For what it is, it is a good and useful book which any priest will be the better for using. Incidentally, we are happy to be able to say for once that this is *not* a book for the laity, especially not for the pious nose-parkers who read books like this to see how far their parish priest falls short of the accepted standards of clerical piety.

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DIE LEHRE VOM CHRISTLICHEN VOLLKOMMENHEITSTREBEN. By Carl Feckes. (Herder, Freiburg; DM.14.50)

This very full and detailed study of Christian perfection written by a well-known German dogmatic theologian is intended mainly for seminary students. It will be particularly welcomed as a text-book of ascetical and mystical theology in a country where it has been so difficult for many years to publish books of this nature.

E.Q.

TANGO-TONGA. By Fr Ferdinand Valentine, O.P. (Bloomsbury Publishing Co. Ltd.)

This not very original children's story of the 'jungle folk'—Peggy the Python, Jerry the Giraffe, etc.—is only unusual inasmuch as it is given a religious tinge. The author even goes so far as to make rabbits pray to Our Lady. This seems a questionable way of inducing piety in the young, but the author, a learned Dominican, undoubtedly knows best.

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