

established by Padre Silverio de Teresa in his edition of the complete works shows that the translation leaves much to be desired. It is in many places inaccurate, in others clumsy, and very often, whilst translating the words, fails to give the sense of the original. Few chapters have not some sentences incorrectly turned: and though one must admit that Saint Teresa, with her sudden changes of subject, her elliptic phrasing and complete absence of logical sequence, is not easy to follow, yet the Stanbrook version is at hand to provide the translator with some guidance. Whilst the competence of the present translator is not in question (since the greater part of the book is satisfactory), one cannot but regret the hasty and amateurish work which disfigures many of its chapters.

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THE MINISTRY. By W. J. Huxtable. (Independent Press; 2s.)

An adequate exposition of the Congregationalist teaching on the nature and function of the ministry making as clear as possible the idea of a 'non-hierarchic' constitution, a concept so difficult for Catholics and many others to grasp. The ideal set before the minister is a very high one indeed, springing from a fundamental dichotomy between the 'secular' and the 'spiritual,' and depending for its prosecution on his personal efforts alone, for a slack minister ceases to be a minister. This simple outlay of ideas should do something to 'clear the path to the reunion of Christ's Church,' but for this reason it is unfortunate that there is faintly discernible in some passages an undertone of distrust of 'other branches of the Christian Church.'

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LETTERS OF A HEBREW-CATHOLIC TO MR. ISAACS. By David Goldstein, LL.D. (Radio Replies Press, St. Paul, Minn.; \$2.00.)

This is a series of letters written by a convert Jew to an imaginary opponent. Dr. Goldstein therefore argues on ground of his own choosing, and makes a number of debating-points with enthusiasm. The result is as unsatisfactory as pure controversy always is, and as over-simplified; Dr. Goldstein uses the Bible as a source of ammunition, and with no hint of acquaintance with critical problems, even those exegetical points much in debate, such as the meaning of the word *virgin* in Isaias vii, or the existence of resurrection-doctrine in Job. xix, 26-7; and he appears totally to have missed the importance of the influence upon Judaic religion of the period of the exile.

But one remark should be quoted, sadly: 'judging by the activities of Catholics during the thirty-six years that I have been in the Church, there has been less work done by the Catholic Church to convert Jews than has been done to convert any other group of non-Catholics.'

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