

religious exercises, from Constitutions. Fundamentally his point is that every religious, before being a member of her Congregation, is a baptized Christian, belonging to the Church and with the duties of membership of a missionary Church.

Bishop Suenens's previous work, *The Theology of the Apostolate*, has already been published in an English translation and one hopes that this present work will soon find an English translator to the advantage of the Church in the English-speaking countries.

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1954 PROCEEDINGS OF THE SISTER'S INSTITUTE OF SPIRITUALITY. Edited by A. Leonard Collins, C.S.C. (University of Notre Dame Press, Indiana, U.S.A.; \$3.00.)

This is the second volume of proceedings of the Institute for Religious Sisters. During August of last year some eight hundred Superiors gathered for the meetings presided over by Valerio Cardinal Valeri, accompanied by several American bishops. The lectures were delivered by a group of religious priests, American and French. The two French Dominicans, Père A. Plé and Père P. Philippe, already known to readers of this review, concerned themselves with the nature of the adaptation of religious life, and the formation of the novice, respectively. Fr Gerard Kelly, S.J., dealt with some practical psychological problems which the Superior has to face; Fr C. Corcovan, C.S.C., was concerned with the Vow of Obedience; Fr G. Diefenbach, O.F.M.CAP, with the Life of Prayer, and Fr A. Riesner, C.S.S.R., with Canon Law as applied the Vow of Poverty. It will be seen at once that the volume is extremely practical. Père Philippe even gives a detailed horarium as a model for the novitiate. Fr Kelly has a section on scruples. Fr Riesner seems to deviate from St Thomas on the matter of poverty, holding, it would seem, that there is such a thing as the *virtue* of poverty as distinct from the vow. But that is not the main purpose of his paper, which deals with such things as 'expenses for postulancy and novitiate', 'the obligation to make a will', etc. Bishop Pursley, in the concluding address, gives a balanced appreciation of such gatherings. 'There is never on this earth a final solution for all problems. The old ones seem endowed with immortality and the new ones keep growing up out of the changing situations of life.' There is always need to face the present situation with its difficulties; but we must never think that we can provide a cut-and-dried solution which will remain always effective.

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