

walker would of a sudden drop her play and leave her companions to seek quiet for prayer. After a while the others didn't bother. They knew that when Margaret was missing they would certainly find her in the church before the Blessed Sacrament. At the age of six she made a vow of perpetual chastity.

A strange mixture, this child. A happy frivolity wedded to a profound solemnity. Something in the depths of her soul glowed like a living flame. Of course, as we expect, there is suffering. Very early in life she entered on the way of purgation. Beautifully does the author describe the gradual development of spiritual growth. Her sufferings increase with her years, but illumination comes at last when she meets Father de la Columbière, her counsellor and guide under God.

*Behold This Heart* might be described as an *itinerarium cordis ad Deum*, a journey to the realisation of her heart's love. More and more was she drawn to the Blessed Sacrament. There in the Presence all her troubles vanished and all else seemed small and trivial. She is one of the many saints of the Mass. She sets an ideal for all of us.

The book is very interesting, very beautiful, and draws magnificent character sketches: it shows real insight into circumstances. It is original in production. The paper is good, the type is very clear and artistic, the lay-out of the book is pleasing, the binding good. I thoroughly enjoyed reading it and have nothing but praise for the author and publishers.

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CONCERNING THE INNER LIFE. By Evelyn Underhill. (Methuen; 5s.)

Miss Underhill was perhaps most remarkable as a director of the clergy, and the first of these two reprints was a series of addresses to parish priests of the Anglican Church. That in itself will make it a book to marvel at for Catholics. But no one need sit on a high horse and quote St Paul with reference to the silence of women in church. These pages contain a great deal of admirable common sense with regard to maintaining an inner life in the midst of pressing activity, and most Christians will profit by it. Practically all her authorities are Catholic mystics, from St Augustine to St Ignatius and Augustine Baker. 'The House of the Soul', which is the second reprint brought here into one volume with 'Inner Life', is intentionally more general in its appeal and extends the simile of the soul as the house in which God dwells to include a great deal of practical advice on prayer and virtue.

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