

Book Reviews

THE BIBLE BEAUTIFUL. An edition, for general use, of the Douay Version of the Old Testament, by Mother Mary Eaton (Longmans, Green and Co. ; 2/-).

This work reminds us of the editions of the classics *in usum Delphini*. Mother Mary Eaton is convinced, and rightly, that the Old Testament 'should be studied in the words of Holy Writ and not in a paraphrase destructive of its beauty.' But there are difficulties in the way of the free use of the entire Bible in schools—its unsuitability in parts for the young, its cost, and the unfortunate method of printing it broken up into verses. So she here gives us the entire history of the Jewish people, from Genesis to the Machabees, with copious extracts from the Psalms, the Prophets, and the Sapiential Books, in nothing but the words of Holy Scripture, and, moreover, excellently printed, with no verse divisions and only one column to the page. Half a dozen useful maps are added, and a few notes are given here and there. (By the way, is it enough to say, in a note on II Kings xxiv, 24 : 'The threshing-floor of Areuna was probably the site chosen for the Temple'? Is it not *certain, e.g.* from II Chron. iii, that it was?) The work should prove of great use.

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THE BLESSED TRINITY. By the Most Rev. Richard Downey.

JESUS CHRIST GOD AND MAN. By the Rev. George D. Smith.

SANCTIFYING GRACE. By the Rev. E. Towers.

THE EUCHARISTIC SACRIFICE. By the Rev. B. V. Miller (Burns, Oates and Washbourne Ltd. ; each 1/- wrapper, 2/- cloth.)

These four volumes belong to the *Treasury of the Faith* series. They are all useful, though they are not all equally good. Dr. Towers' *Sanctifying Grace* is excellent, and is a worthy companion to his earlier volume on *Actual Grace*. The volume on *The Blessed Trinity* is hardly the most satisfactory of the four, which is not to be wondered at considering the difficulty of the subject. Some pages we consider to be misleading, *e.g.* pp. 43, 44. The treatment of the Scripture proof, too, leaves something to be desired. Commenting on Luke i, 35 : 'The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee, etc.,' the author writes : 'Here, clearly, we have an unmistakable distinction of subsisting individuals, or independent rational substances . . . Furthermore, each of the three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, subsists in a rational nature, namely, the divine nature itself. That this