

BLACKFRIARS

De Regimine Principum. Not the complete opusculum has been translated, but only Book I and the first four chapters of Book II, which are the parts written undoubtedly by Aquinas. The completion of the work added by his disciple, Ptolomy of Lucca, has been left untouched. The index is very helpful.

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THE WILL TO FREEDOM. By Ross Hoffman. (Sheed & Ward; 3/6.)

Democracy with its freedom of speech and freedom of enterprize based upon the natural law has, within recent years, been challenged by a philosophy which subordinates the individual and his interests to the collective will of the state. In those countries where Communism and Fascism have gained ascendancy, it has been at the cost of human life, human suffering, and human liberty. Absolute power has been claimed for the state in every sphere of life, even over spiritual things. All cultural and economic activity, all intellectual expression, all the social nature of man has been subjected to the regulation of government. And one need not be a profound student in the art of politics to know that this philosophy seeks not to be limited by national frontiers, but aims at a world-wide acceptance. That is why Dr. Hoffman thinks the deepest political question of our day is "not whether we can save the liberal state from the new totalitarianism, but whether it is any longer possible to have a political order that respects freedom and the main traditions of the Christian west." It is that question that he sets out to answer in this little book. Written in a very readable style, he shows that Communism and Fascism cannot solve the social crisis of our age. He reasons from sound principles, and if one could find any fault with this book it would be that it is too brief.

C. H. M.

THE TESTAMENT OF MAN. An Anthology of the Spirit. By Arthur Stanley. (Gollancz; 7/6.)

In a collection so wide, ranging from a cuneiform inscription to a contemporary quotation from *The Observer*, the distinctively Christian note, though present, is not accented. The editor writes: "The divinity of man sometimes breaks out in unexpected places, and the gifts of fellowship, chivalry and self-sacrifice are not confined to any time or any class. Hence the reader will meet not only the saint, the prophet and the philosopher, but also the explorer, the rebel and the ordinary man." Instructed by such a book as Dr. Karrer's *Religions of Mankind*, the Catholic reader will recognize in most of these pieces the evidence of *the true Light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world*; his theological insistence on supernatural grace as the only salutary gift does not deny the fact of nobility outside the canonical

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bounds of the Church but the interpretation of it as something merely natural. In theory at least he is on a peak, not in a crevice, and should see everything human mounting to Christ.

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BOOKS RECEIVED

- ALBERTUS-MAGNUS-VERLAG (Vechta i.O.): *Roland von Cremona, O.P., und die Anfänge der Scholastik im Predigerorden*, Ephrem Filthaut, O.P. (no price).
- ARTHUR BAKER: *Wake up and Live*, Dorothea Brande (3/6).
- AUBIER (Editions Montaigne, Paris): *Humanisme intégral*, Jacques Maritain (20 frs.).
- BRUCE HUMPHRIES (Boston, Mass.): *The Hound of Heaven and Other Poems*, Francis Thompson (\$0.25).
- BURNS OATES & WASHBOURNE: *Teaching the Catechism: An Aid Book for Teachers*, Part I: The Creed, F. H. Drinkwater (1/6); *Wherefore this Waste?* Fr. James, O.M.Cap. (6/-); *Reason and Religion*, J. P. Arendzen (5/-); *English Carmelites in Penal Times*, Sister Anne Hardman, S.N.D. (15/-); *Human Happiness and H. G. Wells*, Owen F. Dudley (1/-); *Happy Babies and their Mothers*, Dr. Mary Kidd (1/6); *Mother Mary Arsenius of Foxford*, Rev. Denis Gildea, B.D. (6/-).
- CATHOLIC CAMPAIGNERS FOR CHRIST (Box D., Astor P.O., Boston, Mass.): *Autobiography of a Campaigner for Christ*, David Goldstein (\$2.50).
- CONSTABLE: *Nearing the Abyss: The Lesson of Ethiopia*, Lord Davies (3/6).
- DESCLEE DE BROUWER (Paris): *La méthode psychanalytique et la doctrine freudienne*, Roland Dalbiez, 2 vols. (100 frs.).
- EDITIONS DU CERF (Juvisy, S. et-O): *Communistes et Catholiques*, Marc Scherer (5 frs.).
- EDITIONS SALVATOR (Mulhouse): *La Guide dans l'Année liturgique*, Vol. V: *Le temps après Pentecôte* (2e partie), Pius Parsch, tr. M. Gautier (18 frs.); *La Résurrection, l'Ascension, la Vierge Marie: Sermons prononcés dans l'église de l'université de Budapest*, Mgr. Tihamer Toth, tr. M. Glanclaudon (15 frs.).
- GOLLANZ: *The Testament of Man* (anthology), Arthur Stanley (7/6).
- HEATH CRANTON: *The Bacchae of Euripides*, tr. Francis A. Evelyn (1/6).
- HERDER (Freiburg i.B.): *Die hl. Schrift für das Leben erklärt*, Band. XI, 2: *Das Evangelium des hl. Matthäus und des hl. Markus*, Willibald Lauck (RM. 5.60; bound RM. 7.80 and 9.60).
- HERDER (London) (for Paulist Press, New York): *I Believe*, Wilfred G. Hurley, C.S.P. (2/6).
- LONGMANS: *Westminster Version of the Sacred Scriptures: New Testament*, Vol. II: *Gospel according to St. John*, W. S. Reilly, S.S., *Acts of the Apostles*, C. Lattey, S.J. (10/6); *Steam Packet*, David Mathew (6/-).
- MACMILLAN: *Fire on the Earth*, Paul Hanly Furfey (8/6).
- PENSEE CATHOLIQUE (Liège): *Questiones de Poenitentiae Ministro eiusque officii*, B. H. Merkelbach, O.P. (2nd edn.) (no price).
- S.P.C.K.: *The Case for Miracle*, Clement F. Rogers (2/-).
- STOCKWELL: *Poems*, Robert R. D. Paton (1/-).
- WHEATON COLLEGE PRESS (Norton, Mass.): *Patron and Artist, Pre-Renaissance and Modern*, A. K. Coomaraswamy and A. Graham Carey (\$1.—).

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