

NOTICES

THE MASS AND THE INTERIOR LIFE (Clonmore and Reynolds; 3s.) is a reprint of a short book by Dom I. Ryelandt, o.s.B. This translation has already been printed three times—evidence of the popularity of the theme and the sincerity of the author. It can only open the subject and many great opportunities have to be missed on account of space. In particular we miss any really theological treatment of the effect and 'reality' of the Eucharist. The author presents grace in this context as though it were a commodity sold by the pound.

THE TWELVE APOSTLES is the first of 'The Vine Series' published by a newcomer, The Paschal Press, of Harrow, at 3s. 6d. The author, Miss Teresa Lloyd, explains that 'these simple studies' trace the story of the Apostles and their relation to our Lord and are intended 'to guide young and less learned readers to a deeper and more loving study of the Sacred Text'. Miss Lloyd keeps closely to the New Testament so that her book, which is excellent value for the money with stiff covers and 112 pages, makes an admirable scriptural introduction for the young and is to be recommended to teachers and parents.

BLESSED MARIE THÉRÈSE DE SOUBIRAN founded the well-known congregation of Marie Auxiliatrice, and the story of her life and its foundation is told straightforwardly by Fr William Lawson, s.J. (Burns Oates; 10s. 6d.). She was born into a well-to-do family in 1834; her uncle, a canon, ran a congregation on the lines of a Beguinage, a new revival in those days, and upon this foundation the Beata built her own great family. She died in 1889, no longer Mother General, her place having been usurped by a fascinating intriguer who became Mother General while in reality a married woman.

MAURICE BARBANELL in a book called *Where There is a Will* (Rockliff; 9s. 6d.) advocates unbounded self-confidence which somehow can turn on the tap of 'divine power' and so lead to success both financial and spiritual. Some of the facts he refers to are very interesting, but what he seems to advocate is a 'wholeness' without a personal God and certainly without the Incarnation.

CANON CHARLES E. RAVEN is Emeritus Regius Professor of Divinity at Cambridge; so that when he writes a short book entitled *The Theological Basis of Christian Pacifism* (Fellowship of Reconciliation; 5s.) we might expect the urgently needed exposition of the theology of making peace and preventing war. But although it is full of other good things the book takes for granted an absolute pacifism that regards war as an evil in itself. So we still wait anxiously for the theology of Pacifism.