

deeper appreciation of the Rosary, and it is to be hoped that an English translation will soon be available.

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ETHERIE, JOURNAL DE VOYAGE. Text. with introduction, notes and translation by Hélène Pétré. (Collection Sources Chrétiennes, Editions du Cerf; Blackfriars; 11s.6d.)

The renewed publication of this ancient text (first discovered in 1884) will delight alike those who love the Scriptures, those who love the topography and history of the Holyland, lovers of the liturgy and church usages, and a wider circle of readers who can draw great profit from this less usual yet authentic *source chrétienne*.

A certain mystery shrouds the very name and homeland of this indefatigable pilgrim whom we agree to call Aetheria. This devout lady, profoundly respectful of all church usages, avid of any scrap of information that would add to her knowledge and love of the Scriptures and her Lord, seems to have come from the west, crossed Egypt, ventured as far as Sinai, and followed, Bible in hand, the wanderings of the Hebrews. Then Judea and Jerusalem specially held her attention; and to her we owe a detailed description of the liturgy of Jerusalem about 390-410 A.D. This alone makes the account invaluable for students of the liturgy and church history generally. Countless other details add much to our knowledge of biblical topography, and customs and usages at the end of the fourth century.

Dr Pétré's notes and introduction are scholarly and helpful to the general reader, useful to the specialist. Altogether an admirably produced text, a model of its kind.

ROLAND POTTER, O.P.

THE LIFE OF CARDINAL MERCIER, PRIMATE OF BELGIUM. By Henry Louis Dubly. Translated by Herbert Wilson. (The Mercier Press.)

ANGLICANS ET CATHOLIQUES. Le problème de l'union Anglo-Romaine (1833-1933). By Jacques de Bivort de la Saudée. (Plon, Paris.)

The Mercier Press of Cork have issued as an act of piety towards their patron the short life published by Sands in London soon after the death of the late Cardinal of Malines. It may help readers of a later generation to assess the background of the Belgian patriot who presided over the much-debated series of conversations which took place between Catholics and Anglicans under his roof between 1921-6.

These take up the greater part of the latest study by P. de la Saudée, which consists of the first half of a painstaking collation of main sources, such as Lockhart's *Halifax*, Bell's *Davidson* and Oldmeadow's last chapter on Cardinal Bourne, together with certain unpublished material at Hicleton. Another volume of documents is to follow for the benefit of French readers. The work will find

favour among the 'nombreuses personnalités de l'aile droite anglicane' whom the author has in mind, but there will be many—non-Catholic as well as Catholic, abroad as well as in England—who will not follow him in his enthusiastic view of the import of the Malines talks.

H.K.

FROM PAUL TO PIUS. By Teresa Lloyd. (Douglas Organ; 7s.6d.)

The stories of thirty-two heroes of Christianity, most of them canonised, re-told for children. Although the style is simple Miss Lloyd manages to 'get across' the true nature of sanctity, and with the balance kept between the natural and the supernatural, the ordinary and the extraordinary, her saints appear as real people, not pious caricatures. The illustrations are in a like spirit, as for example, St Teresa and her nuns huddled up in a cart which jolts over a boulder-strewn road.

The practice of mentioning a date from secular history so as to set the story against the background of what is learnt from other sources might perhaps be adopted even more frequently.

The publishers recommend this book as a reader for Catholic schools. It is to be hoped that it will be so used.

N.B.O.

DRAW NEAR TO GOD. A Book of Meditations. By D. H. Southgate. (Cumberlege and Oxford University Press; 6s.)

It is easy to be attracted by this little book of meditations although from a Catholic view-point much of it is inadequate, e.g. the meditations on Pentecost and Confession. It is strange too to find so much apologetic in the parts of the meditations entitled 'Adoration'. The original part of the book consists in the method. 'Intercession is the act in which God bestows on us the joy of creative co-operation with him.' This co-operation consists in 'receiving rather than asking'. As one thinks of Christ one 'lives for a while under his influence', and his transforming power can then meet the needs for which one prays. Therefore as one thinks of Christ, one should associate with the thought of him the thought of those persons who are in need of his presence (this is called communion) and thus intercessory prayer becomes the privilege of bringing others into contact with Christ, and thus is fulfilled the author's ambition of emphasising 'the need of deeper meditation in intercession and fuller intercession in meditation'.

TERENCE TANNER.

CHRISTIANITY AND THE MODERN WORLD VIEW. By H. A. Hodges. (S.C.M. Press; 2s.6d.)

There is a tension today, not precisely between religion and science, but between the Christian outlook and that formed by habits of scientific thinking. Professor Hodges therefore thinks it