

letter-writer in this 'intellectual drama with three central characters', indulges in very lengthy letters. Unlike the gossipy letters of Horace Walpole or the informative letters of Lady Mary Wortley Montagu, they are not always easy to read. Of course, their content is very different, for it covers the vast range of apologetics.

The letters are addressed to a niece who finds it necessary to explain the Catholic Faith to her pagan boy friend. Her appeal to her priest-uncle provokes lengthy expositions of the familiar apologetic, along with, no doubt for verisimilitude, a certain amount of avuncular advice and parochial gossip. There is much valuable information in the letters but one wonders if this fictionalised letter-writing is quite the best medium for presenting it.

The reader who shares the inquiring niece's patience will learn much that should lead to a fuller appreciation of the Faith and which should be helpful in discussions with non-Catholics. K. M.

THE CANONESSES OF ST AUGUSTINE OF THE LATERAN-WINDESHEIM CONGREGATION. (Our Lady's Priory, Haywards Heath; 1s.)

This is a short, well-written and illustrated account of the origin and spirit of the Canonesses, who now live and offer their praise to God in the well-appointed Priory at Haywards Heath. It is meant to supply for the fuller account included in a larger work, *A Link between the Flemish Mystics and the English Martyrs*, unfortunately now unobtainable. The Priory is indeed a very important link between the life of the old Regular Canons and Canonesses, who go back to before St Augustine, and Gerard Groote, St Thomas More, Louvain and Bruges. The spirit of the 'Brethren of the Common Life' continues in this Priory to bring grace upon our land. C. P.