

BLACKFRIARS

is a quotation from a pronouncement of one or other of the last five Popes. The Abbe has codified extracts from their writings and skilfully arranged them in logical sequence. With the aid of the copious index, the pronouncements of the Holy See on every conceivable subject—from the Kingship of Christ to almsgiving and disarmament—can be discovered in a moment. An invaluable book for every Catholic which, like the preceding, calls for speedy translation.

Rome et l'Action catholique, written in 1927, deals chiefly with local difficulties, misunderstandings and divisions which have proved obstacles to the effective establishment of C.A. in France; but it contains much of wider interest and many warnings may be taken from it by Catholics in other countries.

The last book on our list is the first in importance, for it contains the primary sources of all the others and of any reliable work on the subject. It is an exhaustive collection of documents relative to C.A. which have emanated from the Holy See from 1922 till 1933. It will probably astonish the English reader to find that, together with the statutes of C.A. in countries in which it is already organized and copious indexes, these documents occupy 600 pages of small type. A work of the first importance to all who would study Catholic Action at its source.

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TU ES PETRUS. (Bloud et Gay; 60 francs.)

This is the latest comer in the series of manuals of Catholic Action, of which *Le Christ, Ecclesia, Liturgia*, were such excellent examples. The book is divided into five parts: (1) The institution and powers of the Papacy—with articles by Vaganay on the Scripture problems, and Magnin on the Pope, the Church, the Episcopate, etc.; (2) Canon Law and Liturgy—Villien on papal elections, Magnin on papal centralization, Cabrol on the Popes and the Liturgy; (3) the history of the papacy—articles on the various periods by Bardy, Mollat, Christiani, Mourret, etc.; (4) the papacy and the temporal powers; (5) the papacy and the life of the world—with a notable article on the pontifical teaching as to Catholic Action by Dabin. It will be seen that it is a thorough and inclusive book. We only regret that more space was not allowed for the specifically theological treatment of the question: the Pope not merely as the juridical head of the Church but in his relation to the Mystical Body; and the doctrine of infallibility should have received much deeper and more extensive attention. With this reserve, and it is a fundamental one, the book may be commended as a work of great practical utility.

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