

not appear that he has anything valuable to say about it in this work. In fact the book is simply a series of essays by a conservative Protestant thinker of wide culture who is rather at sea in the modern world.

POWER AND MORALS. By Martin J. Hillenbrand. (Columbia University Press, New York; \$3.25.)

The first part of this book criticises the nineteenth-century theories of politics and points out that they all involve the use of value judgments for which the respective theories provide no objective basis. In the second part of the work Dr Hillenbrand contends that no satisfactory theory can be formulated which does not face the problem of the use of power in the modern context and that only an ethic which can point to an absolute standard can provide an answer. The book, taken as a whole, is instructive, but it is weighed down by far too many unimportant references and blocks of detail. Again, it would have gained in interest and power if those theological issues which are so important in the moral context had been mentioned. I.H.

BOOK-COLLECTING. MORE LETTERS TO EVERYMAN. By Percy H. Muir. (Cassell; 7s. 6d.)

This is a sequel to the author's *Book-collecting as a hobby* and supplements without overlapping the earlier book. It begins with a pleasant defence of collecting, with some sensible remarks, developed in a later letter, on finance. 'Only the "how" of book-collecting can be taught', he says, 'it is useless to attempt to teach anyone the "why" of it.' So the book is about the 'how': how to proceed; how to use a bibliography (with more about collating); what to do about auction sales; how to look at the financial aspect of the hobby. There is also a letter with the rather unprepossessing title 'Is there money in old Bibles?', which is marred by its controversial tone. In particular, the crude generalisations about medieval religion are not on the same level as the rest of a very useful and otherwise attractive book.

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THE HISTORY OF THE POPES. By Dr L. Pastor, Vol. XXXV. Edited by E. F. Peeler. (Kegan Paul; 30s.)

The end of the English translation of Pastor's monumental work is almost in sight. The present volume is of special interest in that it outlines the activity of Benedict XIV, one of the most distinguished of the eighteenth-century Popes. His was a remarkably rounded-off personality: a man of erudition; of personal and religious integrity; of consummate zeal; of uncommon capacity for work; yet withal a jovial, high-spirited and commonsense man; a versatile diplomatist and a circumspect ruler. Indeed, although these last volumes of Pastor are inclined to descend to a mere listing of names and marshalling of