

these figures 'up' and 'down' or 'overhead' entered into the *philosophia perennis* of Christendom. Celsus, like Mr. Wells, was not concerned with real thought, which has always made a distinction between the material and the spiritual worlds. He was concerned merely to make a debating point which could draw a horse-laugh from the crowd; and, for that, a nursery hymn would serve as well as anything else.' But this is not the only accurate diagnosis of the kaleidoscopic complexions in the world to-day. Summarising, Mr. Noyes concludes: 'It is only as members of this mystical Body, the *Civitas Dei*, that we can reintegrate the life of the world, or re-discover the unity, the hope, and the true end of human life. Outside that City, as a great writer said recently, there is only the Night.'

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PRINCIPLES FOR PEACE. Selections from Papal Documents. (N.C.W.C., Washington; \$7.50.)

This book, edited for the American Bishops' Committee on the Pope's Peace Points, certainly deserves the adjective monumental, for it comprises extracts from speeches and letters of the Popes from Leo XIII to Pius XII, all relevant to the establishment and preservation of harmonious international relations. Gradually, as one glances through the thoroughly indexed pages, there is built up an admiration for the constancy of the occupants of the Holy See who during war labour for the restoration of peace (the efforts of Pope Benedict XV are at once illuminating by virtue of their statesmanship and saddening because of the universal hostility they aroused), and in uneasy time of truce to recall men to the rule of law.

Speaking to the College of Cardinals on Christmas Eve, 1937, Pope Pius XI, after asserting that there was a real religious persecution in Germany, went on to protest that 'the Pope does not engage in politics, he does not live, he does not work to engage in politics, but to render testimony to the truth, to teach the truth . . .' In the sphere of international relations the Popes have consistently testified to the truth; applying the unchanging demands of the natural law and the law of the Gospel to every new occasion which has arisen. Nearly a third of the book consists of the utterances of Pius XII since the beginning of the war, all of them looking to the new post-war world, calling for victory over hatred, over distrust, over utilitarianism, over an unbalanced world economy, over *sacro egoismo*. May statesmen not turn a deaf ear to the Vicar of Christ; may his voice be heeded in the councils of the great!

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CRIME AND PSYCHOLOGY. By Claud Mullins. With an Introduction by Dr. Edward Glover. (Methuen; 8s. 6d.).

This book is written by a well-known magistrate, who has a wide psychological reading, from which he seeks the answer to many of