

balanced answers both in terms of principles and by means of actual concrete examples. And thus the author points to his contention which is summed up in his epilogue. 'Thus the soul devoted to the highest of works, the apostolate, must live with God in order to be able to speak of him with the best results for souls: the active life, let us repeat it once more, should be in the Christian soul only the overflow of its interior life.'

The book does not teach new spirituality. It contains the traditional teaching on the relations between the interior and the active life. One finds this teaching in treatises on the spiritual life. But in such full treatises the contention of this book is found 'inter alia'. The value of this book lies in its clear application of one relevant aspect of spirituality to the essential needs of the apostolate.

All keen workers in the apostolate should be grateful to the publishers for the reprinting of this book. If there is to be a second edition then perhaps the publishers will not take it amiss if attention is drawn to misprints on pages 79 line 5, 104 line 33, and 176 line 11.

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MANY ARE ONE. By Leo Trese. (Geoffrey Chapman; 10s. 6d.)

If you have a blind prejudice against American style and therefore refuse to read this book, you are very foolish. The first purpose of any book is to express ideas and this one—though less than 150 pages—is full of excellent ideas simply and directly expressed. It is perhaps unfair to make a single quotation when one could make so many. Yet there is one which seems very characteristic of the straightforward truths put in simple unaffected language. Having dealt with many things, including prayer, the Mass, Baptism and Confirmation, the author speaks with simple force on marriage. With profound truth he writes (page 112): 'It is a magnificent thing, this threefold partnership of Christian marriage—husband and wife and God. God stands by with his creative hand outstretched, as husband and wife embrace in an act of reciprocal love. And at the instant that new life begins within the mother's womb, God summons a new soul out of the abyss of nothingness and unites it to the microscopic body that has begun to form.' How true and how necessary it is that we should see the marriage act from so simple and yet so supernatural a viewpoint. The whole book is like this: positive and utterly true. One can see the true source in the author's dedication to his parents 'and to all Catholic mothers and fathers'. Thank God for plain simple and profound truth. I venture to suggest that this is a really important book. Once again Father Trese has enriched the library of genuine and practical spiritual reading.

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