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AN INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF EASTERN LITURGIES. By Père Severien Salaville. Adapted by Mgr. J. M. T. Barton. D.D. (Sands; 8s. 6d.)

To those (and they must be many) who desire to enrich their knowledge of God by a study and practice of the divine liturgy this book can be wholeheartedly recommended. Those who know only the Roman Rite know it not as it should be known. It is necessary to know it in its associations of origin and development. The fundamental unity of Christian liturgical forms then begins to appear, and to appear more striking and impressive when brought out by the poetical abundance of the Oriental rites. While savouring the gaunt grandeur of the Roman style, we acquire a vague nostalgia for the ideal liturgy which would somehow combine with it the richness and fulness of the Oriental texture. But then, we in the West haven't the time . . . !

However busy your days, however, you must find time to read this most lucid and well-articulated description of Oriental liturgies. There is no padding here. Just plain facts, which, as we know, speak for themselves. In this case they speak also for the author, who reveals himself as a master of his subject, behind which he conceals himself with Thomist objectivity.

C. R.

WITNESSES TO CHRIST. By Archbishop Goodier, S.J. (Burns, Oates; 7s. 6d.)

If there is a revival of interest in Jesus Christ, even amongst those who look upon Him merely as a superman, no little of our Catholic revival is attributable to the steady flow of Gospel studies from the pen that has given us *Witnesses to Christ*. It is always a very graceful and trustworthy pen, wielded with the precision of a craftsman of words. Every chapter in this little book leads us further afield into the mysteries of our Lord's life and action. But there is one chapter on "Jesus, the Master of Language" which may well fascinate the reader, by showing us with what deftness the divine "Word made flesh" chose the human words.

V. McN.

DE JUSTITIA. (Prælectiones Scholasticæ in Secundam Partem D. Thomæ, X.) Auctore Pedro Lumbreras, O.P. (Institut. Angelicum, Rome; n.p.)

Professors and students of the *Summa* will welcome this latest addition to the series *Prælectiones Scholasticæ in Secundam Partem D. Thomæ*. It is a *résumé* of St. Thomas's treatise on Justice (IIa IIae Qq. 57-122) which Padre Lumbreras has

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amplified where necessary with further explanation either in his own words or in well chosen citations from the classic Commentators of St. Thomas and from modern moralists. As acquaintance with the previous work of this author would lead one to expect, one finds here brevity of expression combined with clarity of style—qualities particularly desirable in the treatment of a subject at once extensive and complex.

A. L'E.

**CHARISMES DE VIE SACERDOTALE.** By Cardinal Bertram, Archbishop of Breslau. Translated by l'Abbé Guillaume. Editions Salvator; 22 frs.)

Bishops of the Catholic Church are so essentially in life's listening posts that when they speak they should be listened to. At the present time the group of German Bishops are listening to and indeed suffering so many things that a book by a German Bishop on how priests should speak and act and live is a document of first importance. We need hardly add that, by the group now responsible for our "planning" it will be looked upon as a document of no importance.

That the German Bishop's words have been translated into French—in spite of Versailles!—is an argument for translating them into English.

V. McN.

## BOOKS RECEIVED

**BEAUCHESNE** (Paris): *Le mystère de notre élévation surnaturelle*, Pedro Descoqs, S.J. (pp. 135, n.p.)

**BURNS OATES:** *Religion and Life*, Aloysius Roche (3s. 6d.); *Our Debt to Spain*, E. Allison Peers (5s.); *Witnesses to Christ*, Archbishop Alban Goodier, S.J. (7s. 6d.); *Cambridge Summer School Lectures, 1937: The New Testament* (7s. 6d.); *The Gospel of Jesus Christ*, Père M. J. Lagrange, O.P., tr. by Members of the English Dominican Province, Vol. I. (10s. 6d.); *English Prayers and Treatise on the Holy Eucharist*, by St. Thomas More, ed. with introduction by Phillip E. Hallett (2s.); *Rules of Life*, Joseph Degen (2s. 6d.); *A Sicilian Borromeo, The Servant of God Cardinal Joseph-Benedict Dusmet*, O.S.B., A Benedictine of Stanbrook Abbey (7s. 6d.)

**CATHOLIC SOCIAL GUILD:** *Revolution in Review*, Henry Somerville (2d.)

**CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY:** several twopenny pamphlets.

**DESCLEE DE BROUWER:** *Régards catholiques sur le monde* (symposium, illus.) (14 frs.); *La Patrie et la paix, Textes pontificaux commentés* par Yves de la Brière, S.J. et P. M. Colbach, S.J. (Collection *Cathedra Petri*) (25 frs.)

**EDITIONS DU CERF** (Paris): *L'Ordre réel*, Paul Chanson (12 frs.); *L'Unité dans l'Eglise: Le principe du Catholicisme d'après l'esprit des Pères des trois premiers siècles de l'Eglise*, J.-A. Mochler, tr. de l'allemand par Dom André de Liliendorf, O.S.B., introduction de P. Chaillet, S.J. (Collection *Unam Sanctam*, 2) (40 frs.)