

Book Reviews

Vernon Johnson before 1925, it is a fact that the Catholic Church is simply non-existent. Such a book as Father Vernon's should forge many links for Anglo-Catholics and show them the Catholic Church as the one living and vigorously thriving reality.

MR BLUE. By Myles Connolly. (Burns, Oates and Washbourne; 5/-.)

'Do what you will. You can't make me believe that Blue is dead.' Indeed, no. He is gloriously alive, thanks to Mr. Connolly. J. Blue, 'a gent. who's so happy he's almost crazy,' who 'would not, indeed, favour with special courtesy and thought those influential men who were in a position to help him,' 'a man worried because he was so happy,' a youth who frittered away a fortune, lived in a painted packing case on top of a sky-scraper, loved toy balloons and paupers and laughter and talk and the Faith—you must meet J. Blue! And Myles Connolly, who says 'Blue "exchanged money with the poor for their delight with the helpless for lighter hearts. I thought at one time he was setting a bad example for other plutocrats. But the fear was unfounded. Nobody imitated him,"' an author whose rational temper is the perfect foil to his subject's grand unreasoningness, and whose quiet style and simplicity and apparently haphazard arrangement are pure art—you must meet Mr. Connolly, too. In short, you must read this book.

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PETER'S CITY. An Account of the Origin, Development and Solution of the Roman Question. By Thomas Irving Moore. (Harding and More, Ltd., The Ambrosden Press; 12/6.)

This book might be read with great profit side by side with another book on the same subject recently published in Paris, *Le Partage de Rome*, by the eminent French journalist, 'Pertinax,' where some of the more controversial aspects of the Roman solution are very critically examined. Mr. Moore, however, is not so much concerned with controversy, which is apt to mislead, and in the long run is tedious. There is nothing tedious in Mr. Moore's vivid and well-illustrated narrative. In a previous work he took us to *The Heart of Spain*. In *Peter's City* he brings us to the heart of Rome and makes us understand the conditions and circumstances that have led to the signing of the Lateran Treaty.