

## NOTICES

RETREAT NOTES (Gill, Dublin; 6s.) comprise the cream from Fr Joseph Keating's notebooks skimmed by Fr Philip Caraman and set out as the background for a four-week 'Exercises'. There is nothing negative about Fr Keating's teaching—'Self-surrender does not adequately express the whole operation which mainly consists in a capture of self by God's love'. This note is maintained through considerations of Hell and Judgment. It is a very wholesome little book.

In his *ENCYCLOPAEDIA OF RELIGION AND RELIGIONS* (Allen and Unwin; 30s.), Mr Royston Pike was hampered first by the vastness of the subject matter which is scarcely patient of being squeezed into four hundred quarto pages. Also, though his collaborators included men of many religions, he was unfortunate not to secure the assistance of a Catholic for entries concerning specifically Catholic affairs. In this way a number of minor inaccuracies have crept in; nevertheless it does make a useful reference book for those unacquainted with religious terminology.

THE PILGRIM'S POCKET MANUAL (5s. or 4s. 6d. in quantities) will be of great service in these days of renewed enthusiasm for making pilgrimage. It has been compiled by an experienced pilgrim and organiser, Charles Osborne, who also publishes the manual from Bishops Stortford. With the usual features of devotions, hymns and prayers one also finds hints on meditation, the Little Office of our Lady in Latin and English (with the psalms commented into the bargain). The Mass and the Sacraments claim pride of place.

LES BEATITUDES (Desclée, Bruges; 55 Belg. fr.) comprises a series of conferences broadcast on the Luxembourg radio by Mgr Chevrot, 1951-2. The author is a well-known preacher whose words also make fruitful reading. This volume will make a good retreat either for a preacher or for a follower of the exercises.

THE PROPHECY is a translation of a novel by a well-known German author, Willy Kramp (S.C.M. Press; 7s. 6d.). Set in a Russian prison camp, the story shows that prophecies may buoy you in hope, but hard facts of the present alone redeem.

SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST IGNATIUS. Revised edition with a preface by Fr Henry Keane, S.J. (Burns Oates; 8s. 6d.)

It would be something of an impertinence to criticise a work sanctioned by the Church over so many centuries. Suffice it to say that here we have a very useful pocket edition of this spiritual classic, well printed and well presented for the English reader.