

yet here and there, in ways it would be hard to convey by short quotations, the attitudes of the new convention are imperceptibly established. One may well wonder if the attempt to be quite so 'matey' with twelfth-century society does not in the end succeed only in being patronising. Beyond dispute more accurately documented than any of its equivalents twenty years ago—the only anachronism we notice was the surprising suggestion that Benediction was the normal evening service of the period—it may be that Mr Duggan has been a little too careful to preserve that new kind of remoteness which our latter-day taste prefers, the remoteness of a universal and well-informed impartiality. Yet when all this has been admitted on the one hand, who would not, on the other, envy the boy who could open this book and find, instead of illustrations of rush-strewn floors and bishops in tea-cosies, the magnificent mosaic of St Thomas from Monreale? There if ever is a portrait that presents a challenge to a teacher of real genius.

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**ONE SKY TO SHARE:** The French and American Journals of R. L. Bruckberger. (P. J. Kenedy and Sons, New York; \$3.)

Fr Bruckberger is a French Dominican who has presented in these selections from his Journals thoughts prompted by his wartime service (first as a fighting Commando, then as Chaplain General to the Resistance) and by his stay in the U.S.A. The literary form of this book, while making it very readable, may conceal from the prospective purchaser the fact that its contents are sufficiently important to deserve a more pretentious presentation; for Fr Bruckberger has made a penetrating analysis of the significance of the U.S.A., a country for which he has an undisguised though not uncritical admiration. What gives unity to the two Journals is his passionate devotion (very like that of Bernanos) to ideals of pre-Revolution France which he sees inherited by the U.S.A.

This is not a book of war memoirs; indeed the author's factual reticence is such that some of the essential events have to be supplied in the translator's notes. He is concerned with ideas and ideals, and it is these, incarnated in action, which are reported. Typical, and most moving, is his appearance for the defence at Darnand's trial because he saw the defendant as a man of honour, however misguided his loyalties.

It is hoped that the cost of this book will not prevent sterling-area readers from profiting from its many profound observations, theological, aesthetic and political.

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**ESSAYS ON THE SOCIOLOGY OF KNOWLEDGE.** By Karl Mannheim. (Routledge and Kegan Paul; 25s.)

This is a valuable addition to the International Library of Sociology and Social Reconstruction founded by the late Dr Mannheim, author of