

## Reviews

modern world, it can be justly urged that the author's intention included no such ambition : but there is certainly an implication that modern administrative methods can accomplish changes which can result only from a moral revolution in the corporate mind. Specially noteworthy features of the book are the attention paid to every section of a very wide subject, illustrated from all states, though predominantly the English-speaking ; continual appeal to principles ; and the application of these to practical affairs by the citation of the social encyclicals of Popes Leo XIII and Pius XI. A valuable, if a trifle stodgy, work of the encyclopaedic type.

S.H.

ETUDES CARMELITAINES, *Mystiques et Missionnaires*. Octobre, 1932. (Paris : Desclée de Brouwer. Pp. 268. 15 fr.)

This remarkable bi-annual review, to which BLACKFRIARS has already drawn attention, continues to offer, not ephemerality, but substantial contributions to the scientific study of mysticism. Miracles, and preternatural phenomena generally, are not essential to the mystical state—a point which is only beginning to receive its proper publicity through the revival and extension of what may be called the Dominican and Carmelite school of spirituality. Teresa Neuman is not a saint because of the extraordinary happenings about her. Still, we are grateful for two lengthy articles in which Prof. Lavaud, O.P., gives her history and Dr. van der Elst a psycho-physiological study of her case. M. Etienne Borne with sympathy and penetration compares Christian and Bergsonian spirituality, basing himself on the recently published *Deux Sources de la Morale et de la Religion* (Paris, Alcan)—a book of capital importance to which BLACKFRIARS promises serious consideration in the near future. His conclusion recognizes the Christian spirit of M. Bergson's work, but is reluctantly moved to disallow the name to the philosophy on which it draws. Space forbids further account of the autumn contents of *Etudes Carmelitaines*, a publication of which no serious student of the philosophy of religion should be unaware.

T.G.

THE MASS EXPLAINED TO CHILDREN. By Dr. Maria Montessori. (Sheed & Ward ; 4/-.)

The title of this book does not sufficiently indicate that it is meant rather for the teacher than for the use of the child. Those who, knowing and appreciating the educational method of the authoress, have looked forward with high hope to the publication of this work will not be disappointed. Step by step Dr.