

stage where the various parochial societies may gather and where the community life engendered in the church itself may be fostered and carried into the lives of the members of the congregation, who are otherwise held apart by the structure of modern town life. To take one example, Mr Mills advocates a roomy entrance to the church where the congregation can circulate easily and the priest or minister can meet his parishioners informally. The author's own churches, here illustrated with a large number of other actual or projected churches, are excellently provided with a type of modern cloister outside the church door. This provides opportunity for encouraging the spirit of community life in the parish, which is also fostered by the hall with its stage and adjoining kitchen for light refreshments. Acoustics, heating and lighting, furnishing, glass, and religious art are all dealt with in a useful, practical manner. The many photographs include examples of the work of the outstanding contemporary architects and artists and this includes the work of silversmiths such as Dunstan Pruden and Michael Murray. A second edition will no doubt correct some of the slips such as: 'The essential conditions of the Roman Catholic Church in this respect are laid down in the Rubric, and Anglican requirements are covered by Canon Law' (p. 55), and the incorrect description of the photograph of a crematorium chapel on page 143.

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THEY SAW HIS GLORY. By Maisie Ward. (Sheed and Ward; 16s.) This 'Introduction to the Gospels and Acts' is based on wide reading in works of good scholarship. A systematic student would miss an index and detailed references, but serious general readers for whom the book is intended might well relish the discursive, meditative handling of a great deal of information.

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THE SACRIFICE OF THE CHURCH: The Meaning of the Mass. By J. A. Jungmann, S.J. Translated by Clifford Howell, S.J. (Challoner Publications; 5s.) Two excellent books. The first stresses certain essential features of the sacramental life of the Church, and especially its corporate nature. The Bible, the Fathers and the Liturgy itself are extensively used in these instructions. The second is by the great authority on the Liturgy, Father Jungmann. He sets in their proper

context certain neglected aspects of the Mass which are of importance in the living of the Christian life.

THE PRIEST OF THE PEOPLE. (Blackfriars Publications; 4s. 6d.) A reprint of the double number of *THE LIFE OF THE SPIRIT* on this subject.

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