

Blackfriars

that rare thing—a perfect marriage, a marriage of mind and heart in which love, patriotism and faith made two lives one.

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LIGHT AND LEADING: LIGHT LEADERS REPRINTED FROM *The Times*. (Methuen and Co., 6/-.)

I suppose no two persons read *The Times* in quite the same way. That strange person of monumental industry, with an infinite capacity for not being bored, who is said to read it diligently from cover to cover, beginning with the new baby named A and ending with the last house for sale at the end, may or may not be a myth: he is anyhow a rare bird whom I have not met. I know those who turn straight to the Sports page, those who first look to see who is dead, those whose first interest is the money market and the City page; and I must confess that my particular way is to open the paper at the middle and read the last leader. Condemn me, if you will, as a light-minded, irresponsible creature, unalert to the larger issues of life in the heavier and more serious leaders; scorn me for my depraved taste for the cocktails and the *hors d'oeuvres* of life: I cannot even say I am sorry and I am inclined to flaunt my impenitence by saying I am glad to see this book which contains nearly a hundred of my favourite leaders: its coming into my hands saves me the trouble of keeping all those clippings and pasting them into a scrap-book.

Journalism is justified of its children, or at least this one, when he can pack so much wit and humour into a neat, crisp essay and go on doing it every day.

The author commends the book because it can be opened anywhere, at any time, by anyone. It is almost indispensable for filling up the interstices which come into the busiest lives. It should be bought extensively and placed in waiting-rooms, telephone boxes, convent parlours, dentists' ante-chambers, and in all those places where people linger waiting for the next thing to happen. If those who linger read the essay on Book Borrowing and, acting up to its large principles, pocket the book, they will undoubtedly oblige the owner to buy another copy and thus assist the circulation of a book which can only add to the general gaiety.

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A HISTORY OF EUROPE. By Father Bede Jarrett, O.P. (Sheed & Ward.)

The price of this book is 8/6, and not 12/6, as was stated in a review of the book in these columns.