

Does the read sermon lose in sincerity? Not in these sermons. Dr Farrer would have the preacher so puzzle and pray about the word that he is preaching that it becomes quite part of himself. It is the sympathy of this preacher that makes these sermons such a delight. He is so involved in the gospel, its imagery and rhythms are so much his own. He has such a tender gracious sympathy for his flock—he seems to worry their problems with them. C.B.

### NOTICES

CHRISTIANITY IN CONFLICT, by John A. Hardon, S.J. (Newman Press, Maryland; pp. xiii + 300; \$4.50), is described by the author as an evaluation of Protestant faith and practice from an ecumenical rather than a polemical point of view. Perhaps it is inevitable that an 'evaluation' should emphasize the ways in which Protestant beliefs and practices differ from those of the Catholic Church, but the book is carefully documented (mainly from American Protestant sources) and written in a charitable spirit.

CREDO, by Peter Lippert, S.J. (tome 2, Cerf; pp. 314; 9.90 NF), is an adaptation from the German, published in the *Foi vivante* series. Father Lippert's aim is to present *une théologie du coeur*; that is, he shows how man's deepest needs are met, not by 'the faith' (as a system of doctrines), but by personal contact with the living God. There are three main sections: *le Sauveur, les grâces de Dieu, les sacrements du Christ*. The first volume (*Dieu, la Trinité, la création*) appeared a few years ago in the same series and is still available (8.10 NF).

DEVOTIONS FOR HOLY COMMUNION, revised and rearranged by Hubert McEvoy, S.J. (Burns and Oates; pp. 334; 15s.). These prayers and readings are drawn from the best of sources (the psalms, ancient liturgies, the Fathers, and a few modern writers), and the book is beautifully printed and bound. But some of the translations might have been revised more thoroughly, so as to eliminate phrases like *thou thyself hast vouchsafed*.

The Paulist Press (New York) is publishing a *Pamphlet Bible Series*, in monthly numbers. The third in the series is *Genesis*, part 2, with a commentary by Ignatius Hunt, O.S.B. (pp. 96, 76 c.); and the fourth is *Exodus*, part 1, commented by Roland Murphy, O.C.A.R.M. The text is that of the Confraternity version, printed clearly and spaciouly in paragraphs, with sub-headings. The twenty-page commentary is up-to-date, helpful, and written in simple language. There is also a useful sketch-map and an ingenious 'self-teaching quiz'. This series should help many more people to read the Bible with understanding. We hope later to print a more extended review of the first two productions of the series.