

The key theme is the unity rather than union of soul and body. Grace is for the whole man, not for the soul only. Medicine too, in its way, is for the whole man. These principles guide us through a consideration, brief but very helpful, of psychiatry, psycho-analysis, Yoga, endocrinology, psycho-surgery. These modern fields of science are barely sketched, in some cases only hinted at. It is the principles that matter. The seven sacraments are then considered separately. The general conclusion is that doctors and priests not only can but should help one another in the great work of saving human souls.

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NOTICES

LES EDITIONS DU CERF

THE enterprising French Dominican publishing house continues to send forth its flow of interesting and constructive literature, and we from the other side of the channel inevitably look with envious eyes at their achievements. Among the recent liturgical works are two, in the series *L'Esprit Liturgique* (Nos. 11, 12) by Dom Flicoteaux, the first dealing with the spirit of Lent (*Le Sens du Carême*) in which he includes a study on Ember Days. The meaning of Lent is preparation for the Pasch—here the author deals with the history and purpose of the forty days penance—and its observance is divided into the three main activities of prayer, fasting and good works. Despite the flood of literature about Lent and Easter it is to be hoped that this volume will be translated in time for the Lent of next year as it contains one of the best presentations of the subject in 150 pages. The second work of the French Benedictine is a book for May, on the feasts of our Lady (*Mystères et Fêtes de la Vierge Marie*), in which he discusses the place of our Lady in the Christmas and Advent liturgy, and in all the main Lady days throughout the year, as well as devoting special chapters to the *Magnificat*, the *Salve Regina* and the Mass and Office of our Lady. As he says, the purpose of the liturgical cycle is to help us to re-live the work of our redemption, and our Lady is therein presented to us as the 'indispensable complement' of that work. The publishers have also produced a translation of a series of lectures by the most eminent of liturgists, Fr J. A. Jungman, S.J., delivered as long ago as 1938 but only now capable of being appreciated by the general public. He studies

some of the laws that have guided the life and development of the liturgy since the time of the apostles, its essence, scheme and style—*Des Lois de la Célébration Liturgique*.

Sermons for the times are also appearing from Cerf. Two volumes of *Homélie et Catéchèses* contain firstly six discourses on Holiness given by one of the most sought after preachers, Père A. M. Carré, O.P., to the Parisian students in preparation for their annual pilgrimage to Chartres (*Sainteté Miroir de Dieu*), and secondly the broadcast sermons heard on the French radio Sunday by Sunday from the beginning of Advent to the end of the Epiphany season, preached by Père A. M. Avril, O.P.—*Le Dimanche à la Radio, Le cycle de Noël*.

Month by month appears the skilfully produced illustrated *Fêtes et Saisons*, the latest being devoted to St Ignatius of Loyola, a pleasant bouquet from the Dominicans to the Jesuits. And there are, of course, the other more learned reviews, maintaining a remarkably high standard throughout the years:

La Vie Spirituelle for April, concentrating on the Paschal ceremonies of Baptism and the sanctification of the Christian through prayer, teaching and married life.

Supplément de la Vie Spirituelle, February to April, continuing its psychological studies on Chastity, Scruples, and the Analytical Psychology of C. G. Jung.

And the 45th issue of *La Maison-Dieu* on the spot, as we should expect, with a full-length study of the new Easter rites from the pens of a dozen experts including Paul Doncoeur, Dom Capelle, Louis Bouyer, and Jean Danielou. [These publications may be obtained through Blackfriars Publications, 34 Bloomsbury St, W.C.1, to whom application should be made concerning English prices, etc.]



EXTRACTS

THESE last pages of each issue of THE LIFE are frequently devoted to welcoming new Reviews. This century is becoming a century of the periodical. A visit to the offices of the French Dominican reviews in Paris, for instance, overpowers the chance guest with a sense of the ceaseless flow, week by week, month by month, of printed pages by the million. One room with rows of shelves to the ceiling is completely lined by current periodicals. Who reads these journals as they appear