

ABELARD'S CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY. By J. R. McCallum. (Blackwell; 7s. 6d.)

This book contains an abstract of the *Christian Theology*, prefaced by a lengthy introduction. In the latter we meet the old-fashioned approach which sees Abelard as a precursor of Protestantism. It is part of an unfamiliarity with medieval thought which is illustrated in a number of places; for example, in the statement that during the period from the twelfth century to the Reformation 'the Christian religion as proclaimed in Thomism held sway'. The absence of Gilson's name from the bibliography perhaps explains in part the lack of appreciation of the relationship between faith and reason in medieval thought which makes so much of this book tiresome reading. A complete translation of the *Christian Theology* would be welcome; this is an unsatisfactory alternative to such a text.

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THE QUIET LIGHT. By Louis de Wohl. (Gollancz; 12s. 6d.)

Though the author writes in a style that may not seem always felicitous to an English reader, this novel contains some striking passages. It will assuredly do much good, and since it is concerned with two astonishing men of the thirteenth century, St Thomas Aquinas and Frederick II, it consistently holds the attention. The reader already familiar with Kantorowicz's celebrated biography of Frederick II may be less thrilled. Similarly the reader familiar with the scholarly biographies of the Angelic Doctor will receive a few surprises.

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#### BOOKS RECEIVED

- Athlone Press.* C. S. Lewis: The Literary Impact of the Authorised Version, 2s.  
*Batsford.* Herbert Felton and John Harvey: The English Cathedrals, 18s.  
*Cassell.* Vincent Sheean: Lead, Kindly Light, 17s. 6d.  
*Dakers.* Gerald Heard: Morals since 1900, 12s. 6d.  
*D'Auria (Neapoli).* G. M. Paris, O.P.: Synopsis Totius Summae Theologicae S. Thomae (Prima Pars), 3 vols., 30s.  
*Faber and Faber.* Alan W. Watts: The Supreme Identity, 12s. 6d.; Cherry Morris (Editor): Social Casework in Great Britain, 12s. 6d.  
*Herder (London and U.S.A.).* Aquinas Byrnes, O.P. (Editor): The Hymns of the Dominican Missal and Breviary, 35s.; St Thomas Aquinas (translator, Sr Rose Emmanuella Brennan): The Trinity and the Unicity of the Intellect, 22s. 6d.; St Thomas Aquinas (translator, Cyril Vollert, S.J.): The Soul, 30s.; R. Garrigou-Lagrange: The Three Ages of the Interior Life, 2 vols., 35s. and 56s.; Hans Meyer: The Philosophy of St Thomas Aquinas, 37s.; Charles J. Callan, O.P. (Editor): The New Psalter of Pius XII, 45s.  
*Herder (Wien).* Angelus Walz, O.P.: Andreas Kardinal Frühwirth, n.p.  
*Longmans, Green.* J. N. D. Kelly: Early Christian Creeds, 26s.  
*Oxford University Press.* V. A. Demant: The Responsibility and Scope of Pastoral Theology Today, 2s.; T. M. Parker: The English Reformation to 1558, 5s.; I. A. Richmond: Archaeology and the After-Life in Pagan and Christian Imagery, 5s.  
*Éditions Spes.* Abbé Leguillier: Les Enseignements Sociaux des Papes, 125 frs.  
*S.C.M. Press.* G. Kitson Clark: The English Inheritance, 15s.