

## Book Reviews

there is no hint that this is a translation. This information is at last vouchsafed to us in a 'publishers' note' on page 9, but which further misleads us by insinuating that this volume is a complete English version of *Christus*.

V.W.

A CHEERFUL ASCETIC AND OTHER ESSAYS. By Rev. James J. Daly, S.J. (The Bruce Publishing Company, New York; \$1.75).

The cheerful ascetic in question is Francis of Cardona, Rector of Salamanca University, who stepped down from his rectorial chair into the Jesuit novitiate and achieved a record—surely unparalleled in the history of learning—by becoming an undergraduate in the university of which he had formerly been head. He began his Jesuit career by being given charge of the refectory, the kitchen and the stable. His efforts in combining these three departments were more successful than another well-known case of an ostler turned monastic cook whose staple dish was sometimes indistinguishable from a bran mash. Fr. Daly presents this attractive figure as a kind of re-incarnation of Brother Juniper.

Another essay on Charles Waterton is a plea to Catholics for a revival of the memory of the great naturalist who in his day was eminent in art, science and literature, and vigorously, almost pugnaciously, Catholic at a time when being a Catholic of any sort was unfashionable.

Three delightful essays on Sir Thomas More, one on Sir John Day, another on Sir Charles Russell, criticism of Emerson and another of Yeats, are among the other joys of this book which we hope may find an English publisher and so be more easily accessible to readers on this side of the Atlantic.

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THE SOUL OF THE MALTESE RACE. History which Proves our Latinity. By Carmelo Mifsud Bonnici, LL.D. Pp. 61.

A booklet containing the evidence, together with substantiating memoranda, given by the Secretary of the Nationalist Party before the Askwith Commission. The cause ably argued is that the culture of Malta is Italian, and that a recognition of this should not conflict with the island's Imperial position. The publisher's title is symbolc—Sapienza's Library Incorporating John Bull Press, Marsamuscetto, Malta.

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