

## BLACKFRIARS

in-8°.' M. Coste is probably right—and in any case, he has himself provided the means to control the Life, if we will. So the ordinary reader, at any rate, will have to change his mind about the date of St. Vincent's birth, amongst other things, and surrender one or two picturesque incidents in the interests of truth. And if he would have examples of judiciousness, he could not do better than read, say, the account of St. Vincent's friendship with Saint-Cyran, or of the relations between the saint and the *Compagnie du Saint-Sacrement*. For further assurance, there is M. Coste's preface. 'Pour rester dans la voie du vrai,' he writes, 'nous n'aurons pas de guide plus sûr que saint Vincent de Paul lui-même.' This was written of the biography, but it might be read in two ways.

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## PICTANTIAE

The sweet-scented blossom of an English Spring.—Advert. of *News of the World* in S. African Annual.

Thomism. Theological doctrine of Thomas Aquinas (d. 1274) who maintained predestination and efficacious grace, and denied the immaculate conception.—*Concise Oxford Dictionary*.

In spite of its renowned antiquity, Merton has not remained in the barbaric throes of mediævalism. Last summer the College authorities sanctioned Sunday tennis on the College ground.—*Sunday Times*.