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tions of medieval philosophical disputes and modern mystical ones within the Church. It is to be regretted that in bringing out the cheaper edition of this valuable work, it was not possible to correct some of the errors on these points and to eliminate the unnecessary repetition.

C.P.

THE MIND IN CONFLICT. By G. Richard Amaral Howden.

CHILD UPBRINGING AND THE NEW PSYCHOLOGY. By G. Richard Amaral Howden. (Oxford University Press; 2/6 each.)

The branch of modern psychology which has for its object the study and treatment of minor disturbances of mental functioning, is to-day divided into opposing schools of thought and practice which tends to bewilder the laymen, as well as—unjustifiably—to cast discredit on the science. Its language is often obscure, its theories even more so, so that to quote Dr. William Brown's introduction to the first of these two books, 'there is need for an elementary exposition of the subject written by a layman for laymen.'

Mr. Howden has accomplished this difficult task in a satisfactory manner. Without going into inopportune details, or unduly taking sides in current disputes, he has succeeded in setting forth in clear language the main ideas which govern medical psychological practice to-day; and goes on in the second volume to show how these ideas may be turned to practical account by parents and teachers in the upbringing, and education of children. These handy little volumes provide an excellent introduction to a subject which is so much to the fore at the present moment.

G.A.E.

BLESSED MARY OF ST. EUPHRASIA PELLETIER. First Superior-General of the Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd of Angers. By a Religious of the Congregation. (Burns, Oates and Washbourne, Ltd.; 15/-.)

The Order of Our Lady of Charity was founded for the care of penitent women by St. John Eudes in the seventeenth century. Two hundred years later, Mother Mary of St. Euphrasia, by centralizing the government of the houses she was called upon to establish when prioress of Angers, founded the congregation of her Order, popularly known as 'the Good Shepherd.' God marked this work with a two-fold seal of approval by marvellously blessing and multiplying the foundations—which came to one hundred and ten during her life—and by

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sanctifying the foundress, beatified last April. The book describes chiefly the second process, and though full of matter too interesting for us to wish it otherwise, leaves scope for a biography that will reveal more of Mother Mary of St. Euphrasia's personality. Here it is the character of her convents that is uppermost in our minds.

M.B.

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FLORILEGIUM PATRISTICUM, FASCICULUS XXXVI: S. Alberti Magni Quaestiones de bono (Summa de bono, q. 1—10). Nunc primum edidit prolegomenis apparatu critico notis instruxit Henricus Kühle. (Hanstein, Bonn; 53 pp.; 2.50 mks.)

A critical edition of the first ten questions of the important ethical treatise, *Summa de bono*, of Albertus Magnus, which deal with the fundamental metaphysical notions on which the treatise is based: the notion of the good in general, of the *summum bonum*, the analogy between uncreated and created good, the relation of the good to being and truth.

The editor's work is excellently done.

G.V.

ST. ANSELM. A Critical Biography. By Joseph Clayton, F.R.Hist.S. (Bruce Publishing Co.; \$1.75.)

This book is intended for an American public, and will be found informative by those who are unfamiliar with the part played by St. Anselm in English History. The style is at times curiously inverted, and the description 'a *critical biography*' seems hardly justified.

C.B.

LIFE OF FR. IGNATIUS SPENCER, C.P. By Urban Young, C.P. (Burns, Oates & Washbourne; pp. viii, 286; 6/-).

Fr. Urban, C.P., has made interesting, if not romantic, reading of the faithful, yet selfless, diaries and prolific letters of this Victorian convert from Cambridge and the Reform aristocracy. The talents of his position and education he used in his missionary zeal for the conversion of England and sanctification of souls. It is interesting to read of his numerous questing interviews, in his coarse Passionist habit and sandals, with Queen Victoria, Palmerston, Napoleon III, the future Emperors of Germany and Mexico, Metternich, Newman, Jandel, the English hierarchy and Methodist Conventions. This precursor of the Oxford Movement and Second Spring made straight the