

forward are well-known to any moderate well-read disciple of the Saint; but they do serve to show that the author has really failed to grasp the meaning of the doctrine involved. The work is well-produced, although the references are sometimes inaccurate. It is regrettable that the extensive bibliography contained in the original German edition has not been reproduced. This defect mars more than one of the recent American translations of important European works.

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PHILOSOPHY FOR THE LAYMAN. By Fr. Aegidius Doolan, O.P., S.T.M. (Irish Rosary Office, Dublin; 7s. 6d.).

This is a book which aims at, and as we believe successfully, puts before the Catholic Lay Public the point of view of Catholic Philosophic thought with regard to the many problems which to-day fill the minds of thoughtful Laymen. These cannot be disregarded. Their solution affects one's outlook here and hereafter. So the importance of this work lies in considering and distinguishing these problems and especially from the point of view of the Philosophia Perennis and St Thomas, what we might call Catholic thought.

Clearly and succinctly, the different chapters amply treat of such important matter as, philosophy and science, limitations of science, evolution, animism, the senses, intellect and free will and then on to human acts and their end and man's true final end, 58 short chapters in all. It sounds very highbrow but the theses are treated with such clarity and soundness that interest never fails and one feels how much such treatment is needed and how much is gained by it. On so many topics conviction cannot always be assured. But matter and argument for sound Catholic reasoning is always given and nothing is burked. And we much admire the wide reading evidenced and the apt quotations which illuminate this work and give point to the discussions.

We strongly recommend this book to all thoughtful laymen, both Protestant and Catholic and congratulate the Irish Province, O.P. on its production and Fr. Doolan on the learning evidenced throughout.

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A REALISTIC PHILOSOPHY. By K. F. Reinhardt, Ph.D. (Bruce Milwaukee; \$2.75).

To provide an outline of the main principles of thomistic philosophy and show their application to the problems of the day is the task which Dr. Reinhardt has boldly attempted in the course of less than 300 pages. Complete success is out of the question under these conditions, but the attempt is fully justified in the result and the book can be highly recommended, especially to more advanced study-circles guided by a tutor already familiar with the subject. Among the rare inaccuracies, inevitable in such a compendium,