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and a good deal about the Spanish Empire in South America. What Fr. Brodrick and Fr. O'Neill have indeed succeeded in doing is to demonstrate once again the tireless devotion to humanity and austere economic standards of the great Order to which they belong.

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SAMUEL THOMAS WILSON, O.P., S.T.M. *A Light of the Church in Kentucky.* By the Very Rev. V. O'Daniels, O.P., S.T.M. (Published by *Dominicana*, 487 Michigan Avenue, N.E. Washington, D.C.)

Fr. O'Daniels in this volume continues his biographies of the great Dominican pioneers in the United States. The remarkable man whose life is here given has long deserved a volume to himself, but hitherto his fame has been known only to readers of old and rare archaeological magazines, such as the extinct *Merry England*, in which Fr. Raymund Palmer published so many notes on English Dominican history. Fr. Wilson joined Bishop Fenwick in the great venture which has resulted in the present flourishing Dominican Province in America. When he left England his English brethren were inclined to blame him for deserting what many considered a sinking ship, but Fr. Wilson's success across the Atlantic had no little effect in spurring on those at home to re-doubled efforts for their own beloved Province, efforts so signally blessed. Fr. Wilson died at the comparatively early age of sixty-two, but his work and that of his friend Bishop Fenwick was already strongly rooted in 1824, the year of his death. Once more has Fr. O'Daniels placed his English brethren in his debt.

W.G.

L'EUROPE TRAGIQUE. Gonzague de Reynold. (Paris : Editions Spes ; 20 francs.)

Five hundred brilliant pages analysing the present state of Europe and the ideologies and historical factors which have brought it to its present pass. The section on Germany and the origins and characteristics of National-Socialism deserves especially to be studied. Perhaps the only book which penetrates beneath the surface to the root cause of the critical phase of history through which we are passing, and which adequately enforces the need for European unity and points the way to its attainment on an enduring basis.

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