

NOTICES

FR NEIL KEVIN, realising how the familiar words of the gospels tend to get in the way of our accepting them as a real account of things seen and heard, has reconstructed twenty gospel scenes in *OUT OF NAZARETH* (Clonmore and Reynolds; 9s. 6d.). He does make the scenes live; yet nothing could be more living, more moving, more full of the creative art of the poet than the gospels themselves and it is a pity that we are forced to such expedients as this.

ST BERNARD commented on the *Qui Habitat*, Psalm 90, during one Lent towards the end of his life (1153). He gave fourteen sermons to his brethren, and it was a happy idea of 'A Religious of C.S.M.V.' to translate these as *LENT WITH SAINT BERNARD* (Mowbray; 3s. 6d.). The translation is not so felicitous as the former volume on the Song of Songs, and the translator has made a selection of only fourteen passages. Nevertheless there are some lovely things about faith, hope, and truth, worthy of the great preacher.

ONE METHOD for continuing the results of the annual retreat is called 'A Monthly Spiritual Renewal'. Fr Franz Lakner, S.J., has produced *A HANDBOOK OF MONTHLY RECOLLECTION* (Mercier; 7s. 6d.) to assist those who would do this seriously; it is perhaps as well that his final chapter is on the unification and simplification of the spiritual life, since all these methods are so liable to lead to complexity.

FR H. E. G. ROPE has rewritten the history of the English College in Rome in a handy volume of 112 pages with several illustrations. The College began in the eighth century with the Schola Saxonum as a centre for the English pilgrims in Rome. But when England broke with Rome it became of far greater importance as a College of Martyrs. Certainly every English Catholic should have a veneration for the *Venerabile*. *THE SCHOLA SAXONUM, THE HOSPICE, AND THE ENGLISH COLLEGE IN ROME* (2s. 6d. from the College, or English booksellers).

RETURN TO THE FOUNTAIN HEAD contains the addresses of Cardinal Gerlier and others on the occasion of the Tercentenary celebrations of the Sister of St Joseph, Le Puy, France. It is to be had from the house of the Congregation at St Louis, Missouri (\$3.00).

EXTRACTS

THE HOLY FATHER'S recent mitigations in the rule of the Eucharistic fast are of the utmost importance for the Christian life. Much will have been written about the new rule elsewhere. Here we would only point to the general trend of the Constitution *Christus Dominus* which intro-