

Book Reviews

THROUGH THE EAST TO ROME. By the Rev. G. J. Macgillivray, M.A. (Burns, Oates and Washbourne; 6/-.)

Father Macgillivray gives us in this book the history of his journey into the Church. Such histories are, almost necessarily, interesting; his is particularly so because a part of his journey lay along a road over which very few converts pass. Four years of his Anglican ministry (1910—1914) were spent in the 'Archbishop's Assyrian Mission'—a body of men originally sent out by Archbishop Benson at the request of the Patriarch to assist the Nestorian Church in Kurdistan. Here he found himself living in daily contact with Christians, separated since the fifth century from Catholic unity, yet clinging with pathetic fidelity, through harassing persecution, to the mutilated Faith which had been handed down to them. In these surroundings he was soon driven to a consideration of the fundamental question: by what authority does any body or group of Christians know, interpret and teach revealed Truth? With characteristic thoroughness he set himself to thrash out this question, and the conclusions he came to, written down as he went along, form the second half of the book. It is interesting to see that with him, as with many other converts, the reading of W. H. Mallock's *Doctrine and Doctrinal Disruption*, with its vivid exposition of the idea of the Church as a living organism, a continuous undying personality, was a turning point in his progress towards the Faith. Apart from the pages which record the development of a thoughtful mind in its approach to the Church, Fr. Macgillivray has given us some interesting descriptions of the customs of the people amongst whom he lived, and many sidelights on the mind and outlook of those whom we are accustomed to lump together in our minds as Eastern Christians.

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ESSAYS IN ORDER. (Sheed and Ward; 2/6 each). No. 4.
THE BOW IN THE CLOUDS. By E. I. Watkin.

This essay is clearly the fruit of culture, learning and much wise observation: it goes far towards substantiating its claim to attempt the Integration of Experience.

The return to order is imperative to-day for European civilization; and that return must begin with the individual. The Christianity which made western civilization can alone enable a man to assess his experience with a true sense of harmony and proportion, resting upon the foundation of sound metaphysics. Using the symbol of the rainbow, the author ascends