

where the Treasurer, who was expected to provide the additional lights on all double feasts, successfully appealed to the Dean and Chapter in 1452 to declare him relieved of the financial consequences of Chicheley's decision. The authors might also consider the evidence of the MS. copy of the Hereford Missal which came from Whitchurch, near Monmouth, and is now in the library of University College, Oxford. The red lettering of Saint Winefride's feast suggests that a vigorous cult of the saint developed in Gwent and Ergyng. In Scotland again, the Arbuthnott Missal has a special mass of Saint Winefride with a sequence not found elsewhere and apparently deriving from Shropshire. The Revd Silas Harris' *St David in the Liturgy*, in which these points are discussed, should certainly be among the books consulted for this pamphlet.

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SOVIET RUSSIA: AN INTRODUCTION. By Jacob Miller. (Hutchinson; 8s. 6d.)

'We are the masters of our country', said Nikolai to the author and he was obviously far from dismayed at this responsibility. Nikolai had been a campaigner in Collectivisation and had probably taken part in the Civil War. He was one of the people who in the late 'thirties had become ministers of the Socialist Republics and planners of heavy industry. This class Professor Miller came to know at first hand and he can rightly claim that he witnessed thus the shift from heroism to business, from the well-nigh impossible task of making the U.S.S.R. to the equally difficult task of managing it. The book reviews the origins and development of Soviet industry and the historical shaping of agriculture up to the reforms of 1953-54. The Soviet adaptation of Christianity and Marxism needs much fuller treatment than the scope of this 181-page book can allow: and I am doubtful whether that enthusiastic if inept body, the League of the Battling Goddess (now suppressed), was as harmless as the author supposes. Religion in the U.S.S.R. is still loudly attacked, but the Army now has its chaplains and the Patriarchate of the Orthodox Church is established for the first time since Peter the Great. The great Russian distrust of Catholicism remains as a lasting memorial to the stab in the back by those gentile parfit knights who 'rayned in Lettice and in Pruce'. Modern Russia's gentle, parfit knights (the author contends) are to be found in the ranks of her political police. Professor Miller is a lecturer at the University of Glasgow. The present reviewer had the book read aloud to him, and as a stimulus to further study of Soviet culture and conditions it could scarcely be bettered.

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