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sanctifying the foundress, beatified last April. The book describes chiefly the second process, and though full of matter too interesting for us to wish it otherwise, leaves scope for a biography that will reveal more of Mother Mary of St. Euphrasia's personality. Here it is the character of her convents that is uppermost in our minds.

M.B.

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FLORILEGIUM PATRISTICUM, FASCICULUS XXXVI: S. Alberti Magni Quaestiones de bono (Summa de bono, q. 1—10). Nunc primum edidit prolegomenis apparatu critico notis instruxit Henricus Kühle. (Hanstein, Bonn; 53 pp.; 2.50 mks.)

A critical edition of the first ten questions of the important ethical treatise, *Summa de bono*, of Albertus Magnus, which deal with the fundamental metaphysical notions on which the treatise is based: the notion of the good in general, of the *summum bonum*, the analogy between uncreated and created good, the relation of the good to being and truth.

The editor's work is excellently done.

G.V.

ST. ANSELM. A Critical Biography. By Joseph Clayton, F.R.Hist.S. (Bruce Publishing Co.; \$1.75.)

This book is intended for an American public, and will be found informative by those who are unfamiliar with the part played by St. Anselm in English History. The style is at times curiously inverted, and the description 'a *critical biography*' seems hardly justified.

C.B.

LIFE OF FR. IGNATIUS SPENCER, C.P. By Urban Young, C.P. (Burns, Oates & Washbourne; pp. viii, 286; 6/-).

Fr. Urban, C.P., has made interesting, if not romantic, reading of the faithful, yet selfless, diaries and prolific letters of this Victorian convert from Cambridge and the Reform aristocracy. The talents of his position and education he used in his missionary zeal for the conversion of England and sanctification of souls. It is interesting to read of his numerous questing interviews, in his coarse Passionist habit and sandals, with Queen Victoria, Palmerston, Napoleon III, the future Emperors of Germany and Mexico, Metternich, Newman, Jandel, the English hierarchy and Methodist Conventions. This precursor of the Oxford Movement and Second Spring made straight the

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way. And he died as he wished, worn out in God's service, on 'shank's mare,' guided by a child to a 'Retreat' of friends.  
S.S.S.

THE PILGRIM'S GUIDE TO ROME. By Capt. C. C. Constable. (Burns, Oates & Washbourne; pp. 163; 4/6).

Helpful mainly to those who like their days mapped out for them. There are useful practical directions and a serviceable map. Most of the ground is covered, though there are unnecessary *lacunae*: it is a pity to take the visitor to the Quattro Coronati without showing him the cloister. S. Giorgio in Velabro, one of the few unspoilt churches in Rome, is dismissed rather quickly, with the sober remark that it is 'in a very neglected condition.' It seems unnecessary to translate *sala* (or *salone*) as saloon.

G.V.

THE BEGGAR, AND OTHER STORIES. By Douglas Newton. (Washbourne & Bogan, London; pp. 286; 7/6).

Reprints from such diverse publications as the *Saturday Evening Post* and the *Universe*. All the stories are short; some of them are a trifle tall, though not without interest. Some readers will be put off by the rather obtrusive Catholic *étalage*.

G.V.

CHIMES FROM LEIGHTON'S CHURCH TOWER. By the Rev. Kenneth Knight Hallowes. (Methuen; 5/-).

Church bells are often pleasantest on Christmas cards and in magazine stories. In real life they are often rung without sufficient skill to prevent them jangling. Mr. Hallowes has not altogether saved his chimes in verse from the faults of those in reality.

P.D.F.

TOWN TO COUNTRY. By G. C. Heseltine. (Burns, Oates & Washbourne, Ltd.; 1/6).

This useful little book gives some practical advice to those who wish to abandon unemployment or the uncertainty of town life for a self-supporting life on a small farm. The author points out, almost too clearly, the difficulties of this transference, and is careful to avoid some extravagances of back-to-the-land enthusiasts. He does not look upon the Industrial System as so irredeemably *evn* that he would advise small-holders to avoid using such inventions as the motor-tractor and the incubator where they would be useful. This tone of moderation is the key-note of the book.

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