

CALLING ALL APOSTLES. By Rev. Francis Ripley. (Paternoster Publications; 4d.).

Fr Ripley follows up his "Blue Print for Lay Action" with a spirited appeal to all Catholics to join in this apostolic action which should be essential to the very life of a Catholic. He shows that the only true peace and the only true patriotism must be built on the Gospel, so that to save the world and to save our own country we must try to spread the membership of the true Church. But since the first world war there has been a steady decline in conversions to the Church and Catholics in general show a marked apathy towards spreading the Gospel. The urgent appeal is not left in the air, for the author concludes by suggesting such action as retreats for non-Catholics on the model of the Legion of Mary. All we could add to these stirring words is that the apostolate be grounded on a far more intense life of prayer and contemplation as well as the "mission" from authority. There is no apostolate without these two. C. P.

EASTERN CATHOLIC WORSHIP. By Donald Attwater. (Devin-Adair Co., New York; \$2.50). A MANUAL OF EASTERN ORTHODOX PRAYERS. (S.P.C.K.; 3s. and 4s. 6d.).

Mr. Attwater has done a great service to the average Catholic in providing for him, in a simple form, the texts of the various Eastern rites which are still celebrated in communion with the Holy See. Western Catholics, particularly those in England, seldom have an opportunity of assisting at the Holy Sacrifice offered in any rite other than the Roman, so that they tend to confuse unity with uniformity and regard that rite as the only valid Mass. Here are eight Masses at first sight entirely different from the Roman, yet all grown from the same parent stem of the Last Supper and all bearing the same fruit of Calvary-sacrifice and Christ-food. They appear, as Mr. Attwater says in his effectively simple and informative introduction, not to have the straightforward simplicity of our Latin rite, but "their tempo is slower, their material expression is more ample and ceremonious, and a closer and more active participation of the people is usual." English Catholics are, of course, unused to any Eastern form of worship and as a general rule do not often consider the Eastern churches, so that the book cannot be a direct contribution to an eirenic link between East and West. But the Church of England is much more conscious of the Eastern Orthodox, and through them of the Eastern Catholic churches; so that reunion between Anglican and Orthodox has a greater appeal. With this end in view this *Manual of Orthodox Prayers* has been translated for English readers. The anonymous translator sums up their spirit in his introduction as partly common to all Christendom and partly distinctively Eastern,