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claims who is friend A (himself); he furnishes the list of friend B (he has had a delightful acquaintance); and his offerings are not only gems, but his own inimitable notes on a variety of facts which have come under his observation. We made the experiment of turning up the offering made to one we particularly disliked, to find out if we had changed in this respect; the only effect was to increase our liking for Antonio de Navarro.

J.G.

NINE MARTYR MONKS. By Dom Bede Camm. (Burns Oates & Washbourne; 15/-.)

Among the English Martyrs beatified in December, 1929, there are nine (eight priests and a lay brother) whom the English Benedictines claim as members of their body. It is not a large number compared with the numbers of the secular clergy who suffered during the same period, and yet it is highly creditable for a Congregation that was then in the infancy of its revival. Dom Bede Camm is a recognised expert in the field of English martyrology, and he has here applied all his knowledge and zeal to the story of these nine martyrs. Every available source has been ransacked for materials, and the reader may feel confident that this volume gives him the fullest account that is possible. Dom Bede's perspicuous narrative—which is not lacking in unction—is accompanied by a series of very interesting and valuable illustrations. We congratulate him and his publishers on a very notable achievement.

G.M.

SPIRITUAL EXERCISES AND DEVOTIONS OF BLESSED ROBERT SOUTHWELL, S.J. Edited by J. M. de Buck, S.J.. Translated by Mgr. P. E. Hallett. (Sheed & Ward; 5/-.)

By a coincidence this book came into my hands immediately after looking through another book by one who, like Blessed Robert, rejoiced at one time to call himself a follower of St. Ignatius, but who now signs himself 'T.' of *Punch*. 'Emptiness' is the word used by this author on one occasion of himself, and admirably—alas—does it summarize all for him, despite the many and varied interests that have so far filled his life. And now comes this immense contrast, this work of the Martyr, Robert, with its tone of spiritual richness, and sense of strong purpose resolutely pursued. It is an admirable spiritual book, full of wise suggestion—fruit of experience—and of high, courageous exhortation—fruit of an intensely spiritual mind. Almost every one of the seventy-three short sections of the book