

with a few words of explanation and short extracts from the Scriptures. It could be well used for meditations.

It fits easily into a pocket, has good clear print, is amply indexed and handsomely bound.

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NOTICES

Beneath the rather specialised title *CATHOLIC POLITICAL THOUGHT, 1789-1848*, by Béla Menczer (Burns Oates; 18s.) there lies a wealth of interest for the general reader. The author has selected texts from de Maistre, de Balzac, Cortès, etc., to show how the few outstanding writers of those days not only foresaw our own political plights, but also understood the part the Catholic Church must play in the political as well as social life of the world. An important contribution to Christian thought today.

GIVING A HOLY HOUR, by J. B. Stephenson, S.J. (Gill, Dublin; 7s. 6d.) is designed to provide a manual primarily for the priests who have to conduct this devotion throughout the year. It provides a complete 'Holy Hour' for each first-Friday in the year, so that the faithful may use it also for their prayers and meditations.

THE CONSECRATION to our Lady as advocated by St Grignion de Montfort needs much explanation before it can be properly understood. For this reason the translation of Père Poupon's work on this may be welcomed. It appears in an abridged version as *TO JESUS THROUGH MARY* by R. P. Poupon (Mercier; 12s. 6d.).

LIFE OF THE SPIRIT for May, 1950, contained Maria Winowski's moving account of the life and death of the Franciscan printer-apostle and modern martyr in a German concentration camp—Fr Maximilian Kolbe. Now a longer work under the same title—*OUR LADY'S FOOL*—appears from Mercier Press (12s. 6d.), a book to inspire enthusiasm in the most sluggish heart.

An Anglican Religious to whom we are already indebted for several good works of translation from spiritual classics has now given us St Anselm's *PRAYERS AND MEDITATIONS* (Mowbray; 3s.), which reveal the simplicity of a saint. He begins: 'The following prayers and meditations were written down in order that they might move their reader to the love or fear of God, or to the searching out of their own hearts.' A constructive and traditional book.