

THE CONFESSIONS OF ST AUGUSTINE. Translated by C. Bigg. (Methuen; 6s.)

This is a new edition—the thirteenth—of what must be considered the most readable of the translations of *The Confessions*. Unhappily the translator considered the last three books to be unnecessary for the ‘devotional use’ he intended for his work. It would be a difficult task for anyone to continue this easy flowing work with the same lightness of touch through the last books, but perhaps before it enters its fourteenth edition someone might attempt to complete Dr Bigg’s translation.



### NOTICES OF RECENT BOOKS

FAITH SEEKS UNDERSTANDING, by John Coventry, S.J. (Sheed and Ward; 7s. 6d.), tackles the age old problem of faith and reason in a realistic and refreshing way. The author shows that faith is not so blind nor yet so syllogistic as many would think.

HIERARCHY CENTENARY CONGRESS (Burns Oates; 7s. 6d.), commemorates with numerous photographs of events and people and with graphic descriptions the celebrations of September 1951. It also includes Mgr Knox’s centenary sermon as well as the addresses of Cardinals Griffin, Spellman and McGuigan.

SISTER MARY OF ST FRANCIS (by a Sister of Notre Dame; Burns Oates; 2s.), was descended from three English Martyrs and summed up a great deal of English Catholic Life—she was born a Stafford-Jerningham and married into the Petre family before entering, as a widow, the Institute of Notre Dame of Namur.

THE SOUND OF THAT SPIRITUAL TRUMPET (Christ Church, St Leonards; 1s. 6d.), contains five Lenten sermons preached in an Anglican Church on the south coast by the Rev. P. Manyon-Wilson.

Meditations for modern priests in a very actual and up-to-date setting are contained in VOICI VENUS LES JOURS DU PRÊTRE (Editions Spes; 375 francs). The title is taken from Mauriac; the author, Père Alzin, is a priest with a wide experience of modern conditions. The book is practical and often to the point.