

Someone must go to these Molokais (we have caused them) someone so fired with the love of God that they are ready to live and mix with sin and vice, prepared like St Francis to embrace the lepers, to show them that they are loved of God and men.

Once again we see the need for an organised lay-apostolate. But this book makes quite clear what a hard vocation that will mean.

ADRIAN DOWLING, O.P.

LES FONDEMENTS SPIRITUELS DE LA VIE. Par Vladimir Soloviev. Pp. 194. (Casterman, Tournai and Paris; n.p.)

It must be nearly twenty years since the French translation of this early work of Soloviev first appeared, and a second edition is most welcome. An English version of the French, under the title *God, Man and the Church*, was published by Messrs. James Clarke & Co. about 1938.

D. A.

A NATURE NOTE BOOK. By Sister Mary Ansgar, O.P. (Bloomsbury Publishing Co.; 2s. 6d.)

Children will like this little book with its pictures of the seasons—in each a child with his angel and the appropriate buds, flowers, sea shells and fruits clearly drawn above. These pictures can be coloured, and opposite is space for writing. It is a pity there is not also space for the child's *own* paintings.

These drawings, enlarged and coloured, are also produced in the form of a frieze for schoolroom or nursery.

S. M. F.

JESUS TEACHING. By Teresa Lloyd. (Sands; 8s. 6d.)

This book does what it claims to do—'to help those who teach as well as those who learn Christian doctrine in senior schools', though the emphasis is rather on the sayings of our Lord than on his actions. The book follows the text of the New Testament closely, and the authoress makes excellent suggestions for the application of the lessons learnt, whether in class or outside. The printing is good and there are some illustrations.

J.-D. C.

DESERT CALL. By Teresa Lloyd. (Sands; 7s. 6d.; illustrated.)

This book is helping to provide for a need, namely, readable books for boys concerning saints and holy men. A better subject than Charles de Foucauld could hardly be discovered, for, as an explorer of Morocco and hermit of the Sahara, he is admired by Catholic and Protestant, by Mohometan and pagan. It is inevitable that much is omitted in so short a book; it is however, in spite of imperfections in style, a story that should be in every library, where the life of a man who lived among the Touaregs cannot fail to attract attention.

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