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ous, irrepressible and almost unconsidered outburst of his mysticism, but a studied specimen of the *Arte Nuevo* in fashion at the time, reproducing its characteristics—its mannerisms, says the biographer—with unerring art.

The English rendering, despite the painfully literal translation of the title and an unexpected lapse here and there (such as 'internal corridor'), is remarkably good. In a comparison with the original, the peculiarly happy choice of word or phrase will give keen pleasure as well as a valuable lesson to those interested in the much attempted but too little studied art of translation.

Is not the faultless obedience of a saint rather obscured by the statement that 'John offered increasingly direct opposition to Doria's policy'? The French has '*s'opposer de plus en plus nettement aux tendances de Doria.*'

M.B.

SANCTIONS : A FRIVOLITY. By Ronald Knox. Pp. 265.

THE SPIRIT OF CATHOLICISM. By Karl Adam. Pp. 270.

PLATO'S BRITANNIA. By Douglas Woodruffe. Pp. 204.

(London : Sheed & Ward. The Ark Library, 1932 ; 3/6 each).

Three books well worth salvaging from the flood of ink and wood-pulp. The conversation of Fr. Knox's house-party is still fresh, the problems still very much to the point. Entertaining—and a capital introduction to a Catholic philosophy of life.

Prof. Adam's lectures, with a certain gracious ponderousness, present the idea of the Church in its religious depth and strength, combating an empty institutionalism. A noble book—and one that has already done incalculable good.

Mr. Woodruff's Socratic view of present-day England reflects the wise and critical judgment of the original. The fun is his own—but made natural by the subject.

T.G.

THE CONSCRIPTION OF A PEOPLE. By the Duchess of Atholl, M.P. (Philip Allan ; 7/6.)

REPORT ON RUSSIAN TIMBER CAMPS. By Sir Alan Pim and Edward Bateson. (Ernest Benn ; 2/6.)

Clearly, unemotionally and concisely the Duchess of Atholl gives a general survey of the position of labour under communism, and refutes the view that the Workers' and Peasants' Republic is actually the worker's and peasant's Paradise. Well aware of the futility of a trip to Russia for anyone un-