

'Religiousness A', to which he opposes true Christianity, 'Religiousness B', which stands for the unbridgeable gap between this world and God. 'When Christianity has lost its power to offend it has lost its power to save.' The significance of Kierkegaard must be in the depth and wisdom of his *obiter dicta* rather than in the truth of his teaching on superhuman questions which can only be answered by a superhuman teacher.

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THROUGH A CONVERT'S WINDOW. By Doris Burton. (Duckett; 7s. 6d.)

The writer came to the Church by way of agnosticism and the Groups. Becoming a Catholic, she became an optimist. In finding the answer to her own spiritual difficulties, she discovered that she 'held the key to things temporal and things eternal'. In the essays which make up her book she applies that key to a variety of problems. If her treatment, especially of social questions, does not always penetrate very deeply, still, her well-founded confidence in the Christian answers should be infectious. She ought to persuade many unconverted readers to consider the Catholic solutions; and she herself will be the first to acknowledge that their application may demand hard thought and self-sacrifice *usque ad mortem*.

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EXTRACTS

DOMINICAN REVIEWS on the spiritual life have been multiplying since the war. The third one in the English language has now appeared from Dublin under the title of *Doctrine and Life* (1s. 6d. every second month, or 10s. per annum, from St Saviour's Dublin, C.16). The Irish Dominican Provincial introduces the first number:

The writers in this magazine undertake the task of initiating the faithful into the treasures hidden beneath these sacred mysteries [of the Christian life]. In doing so they will stress the *dogmatic* truths. . . . The purpose of *Doctrine and Life* will be to explain 'the abundant riches of God's grace', so that 'doing the truth in charity, we may in all things grow up in him, who is the head, even Christ'. With this end in view they will draw on the traditional sources of Catholic teaching—Sacred Scripture, the Fathers and Doctors of the Church. In everything they will follow, of course, the guiding light of St Thomas of Aquin.

And the Archbishop of Port of Spain, the Most Reverend Finbar Ryan, O.P., takes up this theme showing how it links up with the original plans for *La Vie Spirituelle*. It is clear from these opening