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This is a bulky book. Its size may be accounted for by the wealth of texts chosen to illustrate the theology of St Augustine, but also because the Latin original is accompanied on the opposite page by a Spanish version. As the Spanish introduction indicates, an attempt has been made to give a bilingual synthesis of St Augustine's ethical teaching. This has not been an easy task, since St Augustine's thought was progressive and his prolific writings extremely varied.

On perusing this compilation the reader will find that certain subjects are treated of which also pertain to dogmatic theology, such as the Sacraments. The arrangement followed is that which is customary in modern manuals of moral theology. At the heading of each chapter brief summaries of the contents are given, which sometimes tend to raise undue expectations.

The work is divided into four parts under the following headings: Fundamental Moral Principles, Moral Virtues; Gifts of the Holy Ghost, Theological Virtues; Commandments of God and of the Church, Different States, The Sacraments, Crimes and Penalties. Explanatory notes are given on almost each page, and an index of matter and of authors may be found at the end.

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MAKING RELIGION REAL. By Nels Ferré. (Collins; 10s. 6d.)

In this book, which is really a series of essays, Dr Ferré, an American Protestant teacher, attempts to discover ways of making religion real by considering some human activities. Thinking can make our approach to God deeply personal, reading can enlarge and instruct our Christian view, prayer and worship can bring us near to God. Suffering, too, and family life can provide that sensitivity that is so necessary for spiritual development. All this is said with a certain charm but to the Catholic much must appear wanting. Christ's presence to us in the sacraments, the proclamation of his word by the Church, provides a point of contact that transforms the ways of realism sought by Dr Ferré into the way, the truth and the life.

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