

copious illustrations from the text of the Old Testament, and not a few refreshing as well as true remarks as, e.g., 'we can hardly expect to gain information from the Jews as to the physical appearance of the Hebrews' (p. 19).

A last section appears as an appendix: 'Justice in the gate'. This was a rectorial address given at the foundation of the University of Zürich (1931). This gives a picture of the Hebrew legal assembly which met for hundreds of years; and it is important because 'The Hebrew thinkers in the form of justice. His ideal is the righteous man' (p. 174).

Altogether this is a valuable book which can help the Catholic student because it is in line with the exhortations and prescriptions of the Encyclical *Divino Afflante*, for ultimately, we want to know more and more of how the sacred authors thought and felt as they wrote.

Why, however, does the dust-jacket of this particular book represent two Hebrew *captives*?

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DEATH: THE GLORIOUS ADVENTURE. By David L. Greenstock. (Burns and Oates; 6s.)

This excellent little work is by the author of *Christopher's Talks to Catholic Parents* and other 'Christopher' books. Fr Greenstock has written it especially for those who are ill or in danger of death, but, as he says, it may also be useful to others since we never know when God may ask of us an account of our stewardship.

Despite the title there are no flights of rhetoric; the book is a simple and lucid explanation in quiet and unpretentious style of the right attitude we should all adopt towards the fact that sooner or later we shall have to die. The ten short chapters are admirable expositions of Catholic doctrine on subjects vital to that good living which should lead naturally to holy dying. The mystery of evil, sin, pain, disease, death; redemption and forgiveness; resurrection; penance, viaticum. The anointing of the sick: all these are dealt with in persuasive and sympathetic style, but shirking nothing.

The title is referred to only in the last chapter. The theme of the whole book, that death is the gateway to life, is summed up in the final paragraph. Death 'comes as a consequence of sin, but now, after Christ's death and resurrection, it also serves as a channel of grace. For the Catholic who dies after a careful preparation it can truly be called a glorious adventure.'

Fr Greenstock has a great gift for attractive and accurate explanation which makes this a successful and valuable little book.

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