

find that the source of the river is grace. It is a much more tangled world than that, but the Superior's words at the end are a clue. "We all analyse motives too much. . . . You remember what Pascal said, that a man who starts looking for God has already found him. The same may be true of love—when we look for it, perhaps we've already found it." The unbelieving doctor is not satisfied. "How persistent you are, father. You never let anyone go, do you? You'd like to claim even Querry for your own." And the Superior's answer is simple, "I haven't noticed that you relax much before a patient dies".

Can implicit charity be the beginning of faith? Certainly faith without love is dead and destructive. Mr Greene's novel must be welcomed for what it is, not for what the apologete might want it to be.

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ESSAYS PRESENTED TO C. M. GIRDLESTONE. (University of Durham.)

Collections of essays presented to a retiring master and colleague have become a tradition, and a very proper one too. This book, produced by off-set in King's College (Newcastle)'s Printing Section, makes no exception to the rule of variety which characterizes this *genre*. From Staius to Ortega y Gasset contributions run through topics of philology, musicology and various criticism. But it is the more appropriate as a reflection of the dedicatee's own various interests which led him from an essay on Mistral's poetry to the study of Church Architecture in his adopted region through a lasting love for music and literature. Bound to be unfair and *cavalier*, the reviewer can only hurriedly point out *en passant* at some names of contributors: Professor Lough, Professor Lawton, Dr Delacourcelle, Dr Suckling, etc., and draw attention to some details of this scholarly landscape: Professor Bisson's study of Proust's conception of friendship, Professor Boase's survey of French poetical anthologies, Dr Mossop's revaluation of the theme of Beauty in *Les Fleurs du Mal*, Dr Weightman's reinterpretation of *Candide*, Dr Scarfe's comments on a letter to Chénier, etc. These, amongst many others, may give an idea of the field covered and should, one hopes, bring reward to Professor Girdlestone, though no cause for giddiness.

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NOTICES

SAIGON JOURNEY (Campion Press, 9s. 6d.) is the account of Ann Stafford's visit to the Far East in connection with the United Nations Seminar on the participation of South East Asian women in public life, of which she has already given some account in *BLACKFRIARS* for June 1958. A vivid and sympathetic interest in people and places underlies this glance at the national awakening of Siam, Viet-Nam and Cambodia. She has much to say that is perceptive about the work of the Church in these lands, and her training both as a social worker and as a novelist gives an unusual precision to what might have been merely another traveller's tale.

ON DETECTIVE FICTION AND OTHER THINGS (Hollis and Carter, 16s.) is a collection of essays by G. F. McCleary, a doctor and musician who is now in his ninety-fourth year and whose interests range from Sherlock Holmes to Cambridge in the nineties, from problems of infant mortality to fast bowlers.

FUNDAMENTALS OF PSYCHOLOGY (Methuen, 12s. 6d.), by C. F. Adcock, is a general introduction, eclectic in approach and pragmatic in emphasis, which can fairly be described as the sort of text-book that will be acceptable in English University Departments of Psychology.

MASARYK (Campion Press, 25s.) is a biography of the architect of the former Czecho-Slovakia by Edward Polson Newman. He sees Masaryk as the prophet of 'a spirit of truth which can never die', but attributes to him two fundamental mistakes, namely in abandoning the Catholic Church and in preferring complete independence for his country rather than federation.

LAITY, CHURCH AND WORLD (Geoffrey Chapman, 10s. 6d.) is a collection of three addresses by Yves Congar, o.p., admirably translated by Donald Attwater. Here are the fundamental theses which Père Congar has stated magisterially in *Lay People in the Church*, and in this more accessible form they should do much to popularize the theological understanding of the place of the laity in the Church.

ANCIENT EDUCATION AND TODAY, by E. B. Castle, is a new Pelican Book (3s. 6d.) which considers the educational teaching of Greece, Rome and Judea and its application to today.

THE PENSÉES OF PASCAL, translated by J. M. Cohen, is the latest addition to the Penguin Classics (3s. 6d.). Mr Cohen has succeeded in the difficult task of finding an acceptable English equivalent for thoughts so intimately wedded to their French original. Thus: 'Fear death when it does not threaten, and not in times of danger; for we must be men'.

THE HOLY SPIRIT (Burns and Oates, 8s. 6d.) is a 'Faith and Fact' Book by A. M. Henry, o.p., not too happily translated, in which the distinguished French theologian traces the Holy Spirit in the Scriptures and in the long trinitarian controversies, finding its definitive understanding in St Augustine and St Thomas. It is an admirable essay in theological exposition.