

There is more to the book than guidance for the priest in dealing with emotional conflicts behind the bare statement of sin. It describes the mental illnesses, provides a brief but illuminating study of personality and has some healthy suggestions about explaining sex in the proper terms even to the young. The authors call attention to some of the forms of 'unconscious guilt': for example, 'certain individuals feel compelled to confess that they have missed mass even though they were sick or snowed in'. I wonder if they are aware that ninety per cent of the good Catholics in this country suffer from the same compulsion.

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NOTICES

The PAMPHLET BIBLE which the Paulist Press (New York) is publishing in monthly parts (each 96 pages, 75 cents) has now reached the book of Numbers. The text is that of the Confraternity translation, well printed, and each part has a clear and useful commentary. *Genesis*, *Exodus* and *Numbers* are each in two parts, and there is also a general introduction to the Pentateuch called *The Law given through Moses*.

Dom Augustine Guillerand (died 1945) was a French Carthusian who held a number of important offices in the Order. *WHERE SILENCE IS PRAISE* (Darton, Longman and Todd, 138 pages, 9s. 6d.) consists, like its predecessor *They Speak by Silences*, of short extracts from his letters and counsels. They treat of a wide range of topics, but all are characterized by the deep reflection of a man whose life was centred in God.

Browne and Nolan have published two paper-backs about love of one's neighbour. *SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL* (136 pages, 6s.) is an excellent popular biography by M. V. Woodgate, which first appeared as a hard-backed book two years ago. *GOD IS OUR BANKER*, by Robert Nash, S.J. (88 pages, 3s. 6d.), describes the 'Little House of Divine Providence' in Turin, founded in 1828 by St Joseph Cottolengo. It now covers an area of five square miles and has some ten thousand inmates, entirely dependent on alms—but the spirit of charity within is said to be even more impressive.

Burns Oates have recently re-issued some traditional books of devotion: *EUCCHARISTIC MEDITATIONS* of St John Vianney, *VISITS TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT* by St Alphonsus Liguori, and the *SPIRITUAL COMBAT* of Lorenzo Scupoli. These are handy pocket-sized volumes, costing six shillings each. They are beautifully printed, and bound in the sort of limp plastic which gives a good imitation of leather.