

principle of disintegration back to original sin, turning again to reveal the unifying principle of Redemption and Baptism, as well as the second baptism of the sacrament of penance, and thus to the integrating life of the Church in detail. He never gives himself over to abstractions, but is anchored firmly throughout his pages to the Scriptures. And indeed, though we use long, abstract words the fact of man's 'breaking up' and the need for him to become one are very simple realities. How many today are seeking vainly for a solution both to the world-wide problems of antagonised nations and men, and to their own desire to be *one* in their life, action and thought. They must realise that the solution is the same for both problems. The Kingdom of God is within you. Do you want to be 'whole'? Then seek that Kingdom. Abbé Kothen helps considerably in bringing this plain fact home to his readers; so that his book will be a source of hope to those who need it.

C.S.P.

THE IMAGE OF HIS MAKER. By Robert E. Brennan, O.P. (Mercier Press 15s.)

In this book Fr Brennan may be said to have recast the matter of his previous text-books on psychology in story-book form. The chapter headings read into each other, giving the synopsis of the marvellous history of man, born of woman, a creature of matter and spirit, living his life with the plants, sharing his senses with the animals, communing by thought with the angels, with the gift of freedom in his actions and the seeds of perfection in his powers; with a character moulded by virtue, a person sacred and inviolable, whose soul is from the hand of God, whose goal is in the bosom of God. It is the whole story from beginning to end, told in an easy, running style; the reader is carried along imperceptibly from the interesting account of man's body and its functions, through the clear and simple explanation of knowledge, love and freedom, on to the discussion of the soul and its powers, until the climax is reached and man emerges in his full stature as a person inviolable, the crown of visible creation, reflecting most perfectly of all creatures the image of his Maker and destined to be united with God for all eternity by knowledge and love.

In his introduction the author says he is writing chiefly for younger readers, presumably of high-school age, but his book will provide a very readable account of human nature for average readers of all ages. The last three chapters on personality and the nature, origin and goal of the human soul are excellent spiritual reading.

E.C.

SECULAR AND SACRED. By Philip Arthur Micklem. (Hodder & Stoughton; 10s. 6d.)

Dr Micklem in these Bampton Lectures for 1946 gives us a study in Theology, 'in its application to human history and human society'. He is concerned with 'the two realms of the Secular and the Sacred