

religious communities important in the spiritual revival of the Church of England in the nineteenth century.

Mr Allchin's theme has involved research into a mass of published and unpublished material, but by selecting what is significant he has produced an account which is at once carefully documented, lucid and readable. It is not only Anglicans who will find it of interest, for the development of these communities is shown throughout as affected by and illuminating, the wider religious, social and cultural life of the time.

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LEAD, KINDLY LIGHT—from the works of John Henry Newman.

THE SPIRITUAL GENIUS OF ST THÉRÈSE. By Jean Guittou.

THE LOVE WE FORGET. By M. R. Loew, O.P.

(Geoffrey Chapman, *Doctrine and Life* series, 2s. 6d. each.)

Here we have three short books in the *Doctrine and Life* series, and each of them in its own way is about faith: one on how faith was found by an Anglican, one on the faith of a saint, and one on the active faith so necessary in the modern world.

Lead, Kindly Light is a short anthology drawn from the works of Newman and focusing on the approach to faith. Newman's own journey began with his prayer, 'Lead, kindly Light', and culminated in the affirmation, 'Firmly I believe and truly'. And in this small book, designed for those on the threshold of the Church, we have a concise analysis of the psychological and intellectual problems about the faith. The extracts, drawn from five of Newman's books, are cleverly arranged in four chapters to make this a thoughtful anthology which gives us some of the best passages from his deep and beautiful writings.

The Spiritual Genius of St Thérèse is designed to distil the essence of the spirituality of the Carmelite of Lisieux. This is done by taking seven outstanding themes from her writings and following them by reflections which penetrate the apparently sugary exterior. Behind this is to be found a strong sanctity which is compared with that of Edith Stein and Elizabeth of the Trinity. For those who may feel repelled by the very title of 'Little Flower' this is an admirable introduction to her deep holiness.

The Love We Forget is a collection of five Lenten addresses given on French television. With that incisiveness and appeal with which he wrote the illustrated albums published by *Fêtes et Saisons* in conjunction with two other French illustrated Catholic magazines, P. Loew takes believers and unbelievers alike into the innermost spirit of Christianity. He explains why it is necessary to have a religion and the attitude to God which religion requires, and then shows how by intelligence, faith and love man comes to his final glory in the knowledge that he is

loved by God. With old testament texts phrased in modern terms—throughout there is a telling and attractive use of scripture—the author speaks of God's love for us and the way in which it has been proved. And in the final address we see how we come to our completion only within the Church. This brief summary can do little to express the depth and zest which characterize these sermons. They are down-to-earth, brilliant and witty. They will shake our complacency, and give us a new light on our faith. They will change our belief from dry formula to burning fact, fulfilling the author's aim to make us 'jump for joy each time we remember that God came down to earth for us'. This is a wonderful little book to be read by many and lent to many.

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MORE THAN MANY SPARROWS. By Leo Trese. (Geoffrey Chapman; 10s. 6d.)

Fr Trese must be rapidly becoming—if he has not already become—one of the most popular spiritual writers of recent years. He has the happy gift of writing in a modern and easy style about the deep truths of theology and spirituality. His latest book to be published in this country is no exception to this rule. Here we have a down-to-earth and witty book on practical Christian living, well illustrated with examples of situations and problems that face anyone trying to live a life of holiness in the world. We are shown that the foundation of a Christian attitude to life must be the vivid conviction that God loves us. We accordingly must order our life to God in all its aspects. Fr Trese makes a detailed examination of everyday life and all the failings and acts of heroism that it involves, and shows us how the great powers within the soul may be directed towards God, if only we will try to see things as God sees them. But sometimes the thought of this book runs away with itself, as it does rather noticeably in the chapter on married life and sex, where some of the remarks should be expanded to give them more accuracy and clarity. However, this is a minor fault in a book that will inspire many Catholics to find their happiness in life and work and prayer centred on God.

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