

His were the temptations of the intellectual and the sufferings of a genius at the hands of his intellectual inferiors. For all those who would better understand Newman's character and his own highly individual way to God this is an indispensable book.

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TENDERS OF THE FLOCK. By Leo Trese. (Sheed and Ward; 10s. 6d.)

'I feel that I am pretty much an average priest', says Father Trese on the first page. We cannot help wishing that he were. He is, if he will not think it fulsome, pretty well what the average priest ought to be. And the book is very like Father Corry's book, *As We Ought*, only for secular priests whereas Father Corry wrote for religious. It is a conversational and slightly breezy analysis of what the priestly vocation should mean, i.e. of a practical priest's practical way of holiness in the busy life of a parish.

Seventeen angles upon the mind and heart of an ordinary priest in a parish: seventeen chapters of self-examination, honest reflection, practical advice. He is exhortatory, in a bluff, man-to-man sort of way, all through, but what holds the attention is the string of sincere and shrewd remarks about the detailed realities of priestly life, as distinct from general ideals. He speaks from experience: he has practised before preaching.

Father Trese's previous book *Vessel of Clay* has been described by Father Martindale as 'remorseless'. There is perhaps a trace of that quality in the first chapter of this book, but hardly anywhere else. In some ways he seems to fall short of the standard usually placed before a priest. He seems content with very little preparation for Mass and thanksgiving after Mass, and he seems to be resigned to a lower standard of Latin than actually obtains among priests. His remark that it is legitimate to pray for an English breviary will produce varied reactions. But his remarks on prayer, on prudence, on money, on immoderate activity, on parochialism, on wasted effort, on preaching, will reach the heart of every priest, secular or religious. This is a book that every priest should read at least once.

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MEDITATING THE GOSPELS. By Emeric Lawrence, O.S.B. (The Liturgical Press, Minnesota; \$3.90.)

'For years I have been reading about the Bible as the source and sustenance of mental prayer. But I have not been able to find completely satisfactory selections of the Bible so prayed.'

It is not easy to understand what the author means exactly by these opening words of his Preface; not easy, that is, if we refuse to admit