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to her, therefore one of the writer's statements is incorrect. Also it seems curious that though apparently born and bred in Russia her knowledge of the language was defective. However this is irrelevant, what matters is the reason why the convinced Catholic convert of yesterday suddenly changed front and became an apparently as ardently convinced Protestant. Perhaps this is due to the fact that her conversion took place in an abnormal atmosphere and was chiefly influenced by emotional reasons, whilst her understanding of the true significance of the Church One and Universal, the sole solid basis of a true conversion, remained undeveloped. The foundation of her faith was so insecure that it was enough for her to find herself in uncongenial surroundings, to meet a few unsympathetic Catholics, for the house built on the changing sands of emotionalism to collapse and the writer reverted to a denomination, the broad comprehensiveness of which suits her better than the 'rigid Roman observance.'

Miss Almedingen writes upon the Anglican communion with all the disarming, however unconvincing, zeal of the neophyte, and gallantly endeavours to defend her position. Maybe the writer of the Foreword realises the flimsiness of Miss Almedingen's apologetics when he says that 'not all readers will agree with the author's conclusions'? Polemics are beyond the scope of this short review, also it would be futile to refute once more what has been dealt with so conclusively—*i.e.* the Branch Theory and Anglican claims to be *the* Catholic Church of this country. So we close this pathetic little volume with the prayer that the writer's deceased Catholic friend's hope may be fulfilled some day, and if God permits her to live without the fold, He will, in His mercy, grant her the grace of dying 'a *real* Catholic.'

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THE OPEN DOOR. By Otto Corbach. (Jonathan Cape; 7/6 net.)

This book is a plea for perfect freedom in migration. The author shows that peace and prosperity are dependent on an 'Open Door' policy on the part of all nations. He examines the development of the world up to the present moment, tracing the various currents of migration, and then turns to the future of the world, especially of Africa and Asia. The book is valuable for anyone who takes a keen interest in international affairs. At the same time, not everyone will agree with all Mr. Corbach's conclusions. Man has implanted in him a certain spirit of 'Nationalism' or 'Conceit,' call it what you will, by which he reaches conclusions sometimes removed from reasoning.

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