

## REVIEWS

OLD PRINCIPLES AND THE NEW ORDER. By Father Vincent McNabb, O.P. (Sheed & Ward; New York; \$2.75.)

A few copies of this book published in New York reached London just before Father Vincent McNabb's death; and, unless Sheed and Ward intend to bring out an edition on this side of the Atlantic, it will probably not be easily obtainable by English readers. The book is a gathering together of various articles, sermons, fragments, letters, and a poem by way of Epilogue—all drawing attention to those moral principles which are at the root of economics and politics, though Father Vincent disclaims any intention of posing as politician or economist and takes his stand as 'a priest-teacher of the Church,' basing his theses on certain dogmatic and moral principles, certain undeniable facts, and putting forward certain practical proposals.

The war has set men digging for victory and practising voluntary poverty in the interests of patriotism, and perhaps these practical proposals may not seem so visionary and quixotic as they might have appeared to the pre-war world. Anyhow, it is encouraging to find this preaching of Father Vincent's social gospel being published in the United States with the *Imprimatur* of the Archbishop of New York.

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DID JESUS CHRIST RISE FROM THE DEAD? By Father Vincent McNabb, O.P. (Catholic Truth Society; 3d.)

This last of Father Vincent's C.T.S. pamphlets is a very clear and cogently-reasoned answer to the question posed. It is among the best things he has done, and shows Father Vincent at his brightest and in his happiest vein.

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THE WAY OF THE LAND. By Sir George Stapledon. (Faber; 12s. 6d.)

Sir George Stapledon has gathered together here a number of papers ranging over the last thirty years. The introductory group, entitled 'Point of View,' has little to show but the innocence of the typical scientist discoursing on general subjects. 'The training of the scientist needs to be somewhat widened and brought into closer touch with business ideals and methods before it would be quite sound to entrust all the affairs of mankind to the scientist, but undoubtedly herein lies the world's ultimate salvation.' 'Truth . . . is subject to constant revision under the ceaseless and pitiless bombardment of ever-increasing knowledge.'