

cerity in the cause of justice is our concern for the resurrection of Poland no less, nay, even more, than the liberation of every other persecuted people.' These two statements deserve careful consideration. There is no doubt as to the Cardinal's feelings on the subject had he been alive to-day.

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LEGENDS AND HISTORY OF POLAND. By Edward Ligocki. (Nelson; 6s.)

This is an admirable little book, well arranged and illustrated. It begins, as such a book should begin, with the old familiar legends of the dawn of Polish history, the White Eagle of Gniezno, King Piast and the Angels, Popiel and the Rats and the ring of Princess Kinga. Then we come to history with Mieszko, Boleslaw the Brave, St. Stanislaus, and so on through the whole magnificent story, brilliant and tragic, down to the present day.

The illustrations are good in themselves and they illustrate the Text. It is a pity, in my opinion, that since the average Englishman speaks and writes of Sigismund and Sigismund Augustus, this familiar form of the name was not preferred to the less familiar Zygmunt.

The book is written in such a way that while any intelligent child could enjoy it, it should also provide the average reader with an admirable introduction to Polish history. It has rightly become the fashion to express sympathy for Poland, but sympathy is often ineffective if it is not based on comprehension. In the nineteenth century Englishmen were content to learn the history of Poland at secondhand from the Germans, and they began in consequence to take the partitions for granted. Of the grown age of Poland's history they knew nothing. It is necessary to-day for Englishmen to return to their native tradition. The verdict of Burke and subsequently of Macaulay on the iniquity of Poland's destruction was far nearer the truth than that of Carlyle and Lord Salisbury. To comprehend a nation it is necessary to know something of that nation's history, and to the history of Poland there could be no better introduction than this book.

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FAITH, REASON AND CIVILIZATION. By Professor H. K. Laski. (Gollancz; 6s.)

In his preface, Professor Laski tells us, that to do justice to the theme with which this essay deals, would have taken more time than a busy teacher can spare. It is remarkable that he devotes so much of the little time at his disposal to the reiteration of left wing clichés; as familiar to leftists as to their opponents. Certainly, they are presented with a professorial air; he does not say—'The Church is behind the times' but in saying—'it is difficult to believe whether any of the great religions has either the social content, or the intellectual adequacy, which enables it to satisfy the requirements of a