

principles which are too seldom noticed in our current teaching and practice of prayer. We then proceed to the modes of prayer, to why, how, and for what we should pray; to commentary on the Lord's prayer, and to a final chapter on the prayer of the Church. A most useful aid to devotion, in which the author, with wise modesty, lets Augustine speak for himself.

The works of St Ambrose translated in the 44th volume of *Fathers of the Church Inc.* are the *De Mysteriis*, *De Spiritu Sancto*, *De Sacramento Incarnationis Domini*, and *De Sacramentis*. Patristic writings really require more extended introduction and commentary than it seems to be the policy of this series to provide, and could do with better translation. In this volume it is at times so wooden as to be quite impenetrable by the nail of understanding, however hard it is hit by the hammer of application. St Ambrose may not have quite deserved the strictures of Jerome on his style. They would have been drawn without injustice on his translator.

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THE EXEMPLAR—The Life and Writings of Blessed Henry Suso, O.P. Complete edition based on MSS with critical introduction and explanatory notes by Nicholas Heller. Translated from the German by Sister Ann Edward, O.P.; Priory Press, Dubuque, Iowa, 3 guineas.

The works comprised in Suso's *Exemplar* are his Autobiography, the Little Book of Eternal Wisdom, the Little Book of Truth, the Little Book of Letters, and five sermons. A very handsome job has been made of the printing and presentation, but the translation will not be to everybody's taste. In some places it benefits from a gay, modern rendering ('Brother, how dense can you be?') and at other times the German gets the upper hand, for instance in 'the submersion of oneself into the nothingness, and the extrication of oneself from all sensible images'. The romantic, Minnesänger approach of Suso is a thing of great delight, even if it tends to cloy in this present two volume quantity.

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Notices

Two years ago the editor of *Nuclear Weapons and Christian Conscience*, Mr Walter Stein, had some difficulty in getting it published at all. Yet today the work of these five Catholic laymen is recognised as an outstanding contribution to the nuclear debate; a sane, reasoned, but uncompromising moral argument against such weapons. A sign of this change is that it can now be re-issued as *Nuclear Weapons: a Catholic Response* with a postscript by a priest and among the Cardinal Books (9s. 6d) of Burns and Oates. A number of careful corrections to the original text have been made, and appear in a lighter print, giving the book