

Blackfriars

watching Jesus in His Agony will inspire one to utter an heroic 'Thy Will be done' in time of trial, and another to pray more perseveringly for necessary grace

The book is convincing because written with insight into the Gospel such as comes only from habitual, close contact with Our Lord and His Mother. The thoughts, well and simply expressed, often show a freshness of imagination which is yet happily restrained within the limits of probability. One of the best characteristics of the book is the remarkable aptness with which Scripture quotations are interwoven with the text.

Two slight criticisms. One would like more stress laid on the redemptive value of all suffering that is united with Our Lord's Passion. The Great War showed what response a country's need could evoke, not from a few, but from the majority. Why should not this latent capacity for self-sacrifice and even heroism be awakened by the greater need of humanity whose souls may be saved by those who suffer in and with Christ? And it is a pity a better translation was not used in the quotation from Eugénie de Guérin, pp. 80-81.

The book is well bound, the paper good and the type excellent.

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THE IMMORTAL ENCYCLICAL. By J. B. McLaughlin, O.S.B.
(Burns, Oates & Washbourne; 2/-.)

Fr. McLaughlin's pamphlet will have done good if its reverent enthusiasm for the *Rerum Novarum* proves contagious. The present plight of the Manchester School of Economics—and indeed of every other purely humanistic school—should give Fr. McLaughlin's enthusiasm a chance of catching.

We are wondering why Fr. McLaughlin has seemed to imply that Henry George's Single Tax doctrine is condemned by the *Rerum Novarum*. It should be known that when Dr. McGlynn, the priest-advocate of Henry George's theory, presented a statement to the Apostolic delegate, Monsignor (afterwards Cardinal) Satolli he received the following official judgment:

'Dr. McGlynn had presented a brief statement of his opinion on moral-economic matters, and it was judged not contrary to the doctrine constantly taught by the Church and as recently confirmed by the Holy Father in the Encyclical *Rerum Novarum*—Mgr. Satolli, January 1st, 1893.'

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