

The danger of 'ingrowing nationalism' to Catholicity could hardly be made more plain. And all the blame cannot be put on a fanatical minority among Central-European immigrants. The representatives of other and more influential elements have not always shown the tact, sympathy, understanding and sense of universality that would be expected of them. The earlier, and even the later, history of the Ukrainians and Ruthenians in America, for example, is very far from being a uniformly edifying story—on either side.

A curious by-product where the P.N.C.C. is concerned is the matter of liturgical language. Polish was adopted, not because it was their spoken tongue, but because it was *Polish*. And Polish is becoming less and less known, so that we have the rather comic spectacle of increasingly more americanised young aspirants to the priesthood in the Polish National Catholic Church having to learn Polish in the seminary as their liturgical language.

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ESSAYS IN THE CONCILIAR EPOCH. By E. F. Jacob. (Manchester University Press; 25s.)

This is a second and enlarged edition of a book which received great praise on its appearance in 1943. The original ten chapters on conciliar and cognate matters and on the spirituality of the Low Countries have now been supplemented by two new chapters on the florid style of some fifteenth-century letter-writers, and on petitions for benefices from English University clerks particularly during the Great Schism. As is usual with Professor Jacob, the treatment is thorough and documented. His wide knowledge of the great body of continental writings on the Conciliar Epoch is evident throughout, and his control of German sources has opened up what might be called the *terra incognita* of many English students. A most attractive feature of the book is the author's ingenious method of bringing up to date or modifying some statements of the original book. This takes the form of a gloss in which the results of later research have been brought to bear on certain words or passages.

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FAMILIAR PRAYERS. By Herbert Thurston, S.J. (Burns Oates; 16s.)

The contents of this fascinating volume appeared as articles in *The Month* between 1911 and 1918, and the author at the time of his death in 1939 was busy preparing them for publication in book form, but the task has now been completed by Fr Philip Caraman, S.J., with the advice and assistance of Fr Thurston's close friend, the Bollandist Fr Paul Grosjean.