

speaking, done nothing to help them towards "recognition". This is characteristic of the whole system of industrial relations where reliance is placed on strength backed by understanding rather than on law, with a consequent increase of flexibility and adaptability. The true anarchic nature of unofficial strikes—which more often than not are against the union officers and not against the employer—is emphasized when seen against the background of this system of collective bargaining and joint consultation that has been built up over the years. They threaten its whole structure.

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PREMIERS ITINÉRAIRES EN SOCIOLOGIE RELIGIEUSE. By Fernand Boulard. (Les Éditions Ouvrières: Économie et Humanisme; 510 fr.)

It is now almost twenty-five years since an article by Professor Gabriel Le Bras in the *Revue d'histoire de l'Église de France* gave the impetus to research into the religious sociology of the Church in France. The impetus had a delayed effect because his initiative was not followed until ten or more years later, but since then (and one might perhaps date a heightened consciousness of this need from the publication of *France, Pays de Mission?*) the reports of researchers, many of them trained by Professor Le Bras himself, have come thick and fast. Canon Boulard came to this study from his interest in rural problems, and in this book presents a summary of the researches that have been made so far and adds some practical proposals for further work in the same field. It falls naturally into two parts. In the first we find a detailed study of religious practice in all the regions of France except the great towns, with tentative pastoral conclusions. The second part is perhaps of more universal interest, for here Canon Boulard treats in detail of the method of studying a population both from the point of view of religious practice and of other signs of religious vitality, and suggests lines of interpretation. He is a most cautious guide, and very sensibly errs on the side of reading too little into statistics rather than too much. It seems a pity that there is no such guide in existence in English—apart from a rather more superficial questionnaire published some years ago in America in *Sociology of the Parish*—because it could be a most useful tool in the work of the apostolate and in pastoral pedagogy in general.

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DIALOGUES OF ALFRED NORTH WHITEHEAD. Recorded by Lucien Price. (Reinhardt; 25s.)

Sir David Ross in his introduction to this work compares it to Boswell's *Johnson*. It is interesting to try and determine why this is such