

be at peace in this vale of tears? Where is peace? Who can give it to us? Let us hear again the message of this time which is also Advent time, the time of the Coming of the Prince of Peace. He came not only to redeem us but to bring us peace. That was the angelic message which the shepherds heard on the slopes of Bethlehem. That is the message which he gave and gives to those who follow him. 'My peace I give to you'. It is from him alone that we can obtain true peace. He will give it but we must ask. It is, maybe, that we have asked for the wrong thing, that we have looked for the wrong thing. 'Not as the world giveth, give I peace'. What then is the answer? *In la sua voluntate è la nostra pace*. In his will is our peace. Around these words of Dante, the author of this little book under review builds five simple essays or meditations on the nature of peace and the way of peace. He examines with keen insight the difficulties that confront the soul in its search for peace and shows where it is that their solution lies. Five chapters simply, clearly and beautifully written. They will help equally the learned and the unlearned. In a true sense the author has worked out a simple and practical philosophy of life in these pages. You should read this little book and keep it by your bedside.

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#### C H R I S T M A S C A R D S

WESTBROOK'S cards are becoming a familiar feature of many Catholic homes at Christmas time. His energy and perseverance have won him a deserved place on the mantelpiece from Christmas Eve till Twelfth Night. For 1946 he offers some new designs of his own, but he has in particular sought a Catholic public by combining with other designers in producing a great variety of greeting cards. He now includes in his catalogue a set of the well known Prinknash Cards executed by the Benedictines; also among his stock the interested reader will find the work of Philip Hagreen, Brenda Rutherford, Doris Paulthorpe and Gilbert Sheedy. The catalogue, free on request, may be had from: *Edward R. Westbrook, 11 Dorset Road South, Bexhill-on-Sea, Sussex.*

For another selection the reader should apply to the headquarters of the Catholic Action Girls' Organisation (22 Brainham Gardens, S.W.5), as they are making a drive for 'Only Christian Christmas Cards', a campaign which might be disastrous if Christian art were restricted to the sentimental repository art of the past, but which in the hands of C.A.G.O. will be directed to a successful issue.

SONGS OF THE GREAT 'O'S. By Tom Piper (from M. Bleaden, 36 Chepstow Villas, W. 11; 7d. post free).

This should be an acceptable Christmas card for priests and religious, consisting as it does of a translation of the O Antiphons and a sequence of verses inspired by them.