

## NOTICES

**OBEDIENT MEN**, by Denis Meadows (Longmans; 12s. 6d.), is an account of ten years as a Jesuit, written by one who, although his vocation lay elsewhere, can still write with affection and discernment of the Society of Jesus. It gives an attractive picture of the inner side of religious life and should help to satisfy the immense curiosity of the general public as to what really goes on 'within those walls'.

**THE EXTERNALS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**, by John F. Sullivan (Longmans; 18s. 6d.), is a handbook of Catholic usage, for long popular in America and now made available in an English edition, with suitable modifications. It is a useful guide to the government and organization of the Church as well as to its public worship. It is marred by a shiny, though presumably washable, binding.

**THE CONSOLATIONS OF CATHOLICISM** (Gollancz; 15s.) is an anthology by Ralph Woods, with a preface by Father Gerald Vann, O.P., who commends it not only to Catholics, whose faith it should stimulate, but to those non-Catholics whose hostility or even unease can be so often due to a merely external view of the Church. Mr Woods draws on a wide range of writers, from the Fathers to modern authors, and one must welcome this fresh and discriminating book.

**A SAINT OF THE WEEK** (Blackfriars Publications; 15s.) is a selection of lives of the saints, made by Father Desmond Murray, O.P., arranged to provide one saint for each week of the year. The saints included are not always the expected ones—for although we find St Paul and St Philip Neri, St Benedict and St Dominic, we find too St Fillan and St Eanswide, and the inclusion of British and English saints gives a topical interest to the book.

**THE CHURCH: A DIVINE MYSTERY** (Mercier Press; 15s.) is a translation of a useful French Manual by Abbé Roger Hasseveldt, primarily designed for use in schools and colleges but valuable for any reader wanting an introduction to the development of the Church.