

wisdom and here too can be found the highest authority for many propositions still regarded by some as daring innovations. It would have been a help if the references could have been given from the AAS or the *Clergy Review* rather than from the *Documentation Catholique*, which must be accessible to few among English-speaking readers.

Chapter III is a paper by Father de Lestapis, S.J., on the promotion of woman in the modern world. The examples and statistics concern France and one might query the wisdom of leaving this chapter in the English edition. At first sight one might be tempted to make the same remark about Chapter V on the adaptation of secondary and university courses of men to the teaching of women by a Religious of the Sacred Heart, but in fact the chapter is one of the most valuable in the whole book. Though the problems are discussed and solutions proposed in a French context, there is much here to interest educators in English-speaking lands. There is also a paper on doctrinal training of contemplatives. The whole collection is worthy of a place in our libraries alongside its predecessors.

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JESUS THE SAVIOUR. By Fr James, O.F.M.CAP. (Gill & Sons; 12s. 6d.)

Fr James may have written a better book than this. If so, I have yet to read it. This one is certainly better than anything of his I have yet read or scanned and does more to justify the huge proportions of his public.

It is, first of all, written, nearly all, with a fine economy of words which seems to suggest an increased facility in the marshalling of thoughts: and his thoughts are worth marshalling. It is scriptural, it is thomistic, it is easy reading. In short, it is a substantial and palatable spiritual reading book recommendable to anyone who desires to dwell upon the chief themes of our holy faith and will not be put off by an occasional obscurely technical phrase.

The main subjects are the love of God as shown in the Incarnation, the meaning of the life and work of St John the Baptist, Transfiguration, Redemption, Ascension. The chapter on Redemption is masterly, but will be best appreciated by those who have a little theological reading behind them. There is something inspiring in the chapter on the Ascension. The chapter on St John the Baptist is outstandingly good as a devotional and scriptural sketch. Not the least valuable part of this valuable book is the first chapter entitled 'Incarnation' which might be sub-titled 'In praise of St Thomas Aquinas'.

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THE GIFT OF ONESELF. By Joseph Schryvers, C.S.S.R. (Longmans; 9s. 6d.)

This reasonably priced presentation of a well-known work on self-