

and that thereby we come to the knowledge of the Truth is rather disconcerting for the ordinary reader, for whom most obviously this book is intended, and may produce the very idea the author is trying to destroy, that the Holy Ghost is the preserve of mystics; and to insinuate that we neither know nor appreciate the Holy Ghost, after Manning, Landrieux and Kearney, seems to drive unnecessary wedges between the Persons of the Trinity. 'Who sees me sees the Father' is, I think, more than a statement; it is a principle as well that we ought not to try and separate the Trinity even in our own minds. In the present instance, that principle might be translated: 'Who loves God loves the Spirit of God', or 'Who knows Jesus knows the Spirit of Jesus'. It might be necessary to emphasise that we do not always advert to our knowledge, love and honour of the Holy Ghost, but it is false to insinuate that we know nothing about him, and know that we know nothing about him, and do not care.

TERENCE TANNER.

THE CHURCH AND THE SAILOR: A Survey of the Sea-Apostolate Past and Present. By Peter F. Anson. (Gifford; 7s.6d.)

Not for the first time Mr Anson has written a book which makes us wonder why no one had written it before. This straightforward account of the sea apostolate, prefaced by notes on seafaring saints and early work by priests at sea and containing sensibly large quotations from important documents which are otherwise hard to come by, has an obvious value as a work of reference. It is more than that, for it brings before its readers such relatively unknown delights as *The Wanderings of Brother Felix Fabri*, and by information, comment and suggestion gives much to think about in connection with Catholic Action. There is a fair supply of misprints which includes a pleasing sentence about St Francis Xavier sailing 'two thousand miles of stormy, pirate-ridden seas to the lands of pepper and clover'.

A.R.

EYES OF MERCY. By Edwin Essex, O.P. (Irish Rosary; 7s.6d.)

During the past twenty-five years Fr Edwin Essex has been a distinguished contributor to 'The Irish Rosary'. Through a happy suggestion of the Editor, a selection of his stories and sketches has now been published. These will delight his many admirers and make many new ones, for these stories and sketches have a charm at once simple and irresistible.

K.M.

THEY BUILT ON ROCK. By Diana Leatham. (Glasgow, The Celtic Art Society; 15s.)

This is a delightful and original book, delightful in the lively and colourful picture of the Celtic saints which it gives, and original in its use of legends and historical monographs so that, neither embarrassing the other, they combine to make a sufficiently accurate account without losing the spirit and atmosphere conveyed by the legends. Miss Leatham shows the unity of the monks of Scotland, Ireland and Wales with each other, with those of Gaul, and through Gaul with those of Egypt. The saints discussed at length are Martin,

Ninian, Patrick, David, Brendan, Kentigern, Columba, Columban, Cuthbert and Brigid. Without going into the controversies which are carried on in learned journals, Miss Leathem used those books most widely respected when she was writing, so although some will quarrel not unreasonably with this or that, especially in connection with SS. Ninian and Patrick, the general reader for whom she writes will gain in knowledge and can hardly fail to increase in devotion to the Celtic saints. Only rare sentences show that the writer is not a Catholic, and they will be obvious to Catholic readers. The publisher and the illustrator have done their work well. A.R.

IDEAL MOTHERHOOD. By Dr Mary Kidd. (Burns Oates; 2s.).

This is the third edition of a very practicable book for expectant mothers written by a Catholic doctor. It is full of necessary and useful information.

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA. By Alice Curtayne. (Mercier; 5s.).

It is a pleasure to find Miss Curtayne appearing again as the popular hagiographer. The present volume is not intended to be so impressive as her renowned 'St Catherine', but it is very readable and gives a strong impression of St Anthony without the maze of surprising detail usual in the 'lives' of saints. That is Miss Curtayne's genius.

ST MONICA. By Wilkinson Sherren. (Organ; 2s.6d.).

The only source of value for the life of this great example of married sanctity is the work of her son. But St Augustine is not easily read by all and, besides, to have a clear idea of what she was like it is necessary to know something of the North African Roman society of the 4th century. The author of this short biography has set out to make St Monica a living person for the simplest of readers. He is successful in the attempt and does not stray too far from his sources.

ENGLISH PRAYER BOOKS. By Stanley Morison. (Cambridge University Press; 12s.6d.)

This third edition of 'An introduction to the Literature of Christian Public Worship', to quote its subtitle, has been enlarged by an additional hundred pages and several well-produced plates. It will be amusing to some, aggravating to others, to find the serious reference to Canon Smith's work as coming from 'a papist seminary' in the first (1943) edition has only become 'a Papist seminary' in the present volume. This example of the author's canonisation of a nickname occurs in the 'Postscript' which in some ways is the most attractive section of the book, being a kind of 'common place book' of all sorts of information regarding the liturgy and its history with many suggestions and hints for further study. Most of the additional matter concerns the appearance of Anglican worship in the sixteenth century and will contribute to the literature in honour of the centenary of the Book of Common Prayer, but the whole book is full of interest and erudition. Stanley Morison has affinities with Edmund Bishop in this field and deserves the attention of