

SHORTER NOTICES

THE DIVINE MAJESTY. By Erich Przywara, s.J. Translated by Thomas Corbishley, s.J. (Mercier Press; 7s. 6d.). Readers of the first issues of *LIFE OF THE SPIRIT* will be pleased to find this translation in permanent form. It was sponsored in serial form by this review because of the brilliant manner in which it revealed the essence of St Ignatius's spirituality, which was the type of work that this review set out to do.

THE HEART OF MARY. By Heinrich Keller, s.J. (Clonmore and Reynolds; 4s. 6d.) reflects the warmer side of a canon lawyer. The author professed the law for the greater part of his life, but reveals in these pages a delicate understanding of the devotion which holds such a central place at Fatima and which has led to the institution of a feast to our Lady under this title. We need such books in English because the phrasing of these devotions is not easily assimilated in our northern climes. But we still wait for a truly English formulation of the basic doctrines implied in the devotion.

THE CATHOLIC HOME, by Fr Aloysius, O.F.M.CAP. (Clonmore and Reynolds: 4s. 6d.) leads up to a view of the 'Home that God built': in the words of 'G.K.', 'The House from which the heavens are fed . . .' And the urgent desire of so many Christian families today to be able to found such a house, when so much is against them, will send them to this book. It is, however, rather patchy. Not many young married people need to read about the dangers of drunkenness and of loitering in hotels. Other parts are, however, of help.

OUR LORD. By Gerard Lake, s.J. (Burns Oates; 8s. 6d.). During the war, the author tells us, he looked in vain for a straightforward life of Christ which he could offer to anyone entering the forces. He has now supplied the need, following the chronology worked out by Lagrange and prefacing the story with a word about Israel. After the texts themselves, such gospel 'digests' are bound to sound rather half-hearted; but it is to be hoped that it will send the readers to the full vigour of the gospels themselves.

HOW TO STUDY (Blackfriars; 1s. 6d.) has proved of immense value to all engaged in teaching or learning. It consists of the short letter of St Thomas to a young man starting his studies, together with a brilliant essay by Fr Victor White expounding the meaning of the letter to the modern reader. This, the fourth edition, reveals its popularity and its usefulness.

ST THOMAS MORE, by Sister Mary Matthew, O.P. (Bloomsbury; 1s. 6d.), popularises the life of the great Englishman for the young who speak his language.