

Miss Brittain brings into considerable prominence the antagonism of Bunyan and his flock to Fox and the Quakers, even though Bunyan and Quakers languished in the same jail. But I cannot agree that 'there was no essential difference between John Bunyan and George Fox'. Miss Brittain regards Quakerism's Inner Lights as a protest against formalism, but it is very much more than that and an influential school of Quakers would not agree that Quakerism is Protestantism carried to its logical conclusion but is rather a post-reformation development in a Protestant atmosphere of late mediaeval mysticism.

Catholic readers will be particularly interested in the photograph of the Holy Well below Stevington Church, a place of mediaeval pilgrimage. It becomes the Sepulchre in the Progress by the Cross where Christian's burden of sin rolled away.

But I am still a little doubtful about the Valley of the Shadow. The fact is that there is another theory about the background of the Progress—the weald of Kent and Sussex, flanked by Heith Hill and the South Downs. The charcoal and iron industry which made it a seventeenth century Black Country is more like the Valley than are the gentle valleys of the Ouse and the other five rivers.

For the rest I commend the well chosen illustrations, the index and the bibliography. Equipped with this book I am going to re-examine the complete works of the Bedford Tinker.

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CORNELIA CONNELLY 1809-1879. By A Religious of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus (Longmans; 12s. 6d.)

This is a new and revised edition of the life of the foundress of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus. Many are familiar with one aspect of her remarkable life—that she was originally married, that her husband obtained a dispensation to become a priest on condition that she became a religious, that when this had been accomplished and she was already a foundress he repented his decision. But the details of the life should not be taken for granted, for not only are they essential for the understanding of the above outline, but also they reveal a far wider horizon than a merely canonical tussle, emphasising the fact that such strange events were only instrumental to the working out of God's plan in a most outstanding leader in education as well as in religious life and in a very holy American woman. The biography is attractively written.

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