

The compiler gives us a short extract for each day of the year. Unfortunately, no method or order is followed in the selection and all the passages but one are taken from either the *Introduction to the Devout Life* or the *Treatise on the Love of God*.

One cannot help comparing this present work with the *Daily Readings from St Francis de Sales* published by the C.T.S. in 1911 and now out of print. There the passages were chosen with some regard for the liturgical seasons of the year and also from the whole gamut of St Francis's works. Still, Fr Smith's volume does supply a need. The spirituality of St Francis de Sales is eminently suitable for the present day. None can encourage or hearten as he can. Every word is pregnant with meaning and living with that seed of devotion the 'Doctor of Devotion' could not help sowing in every line he wrote. 'There is nothing finer, stronger or more impressive', said Pius IX one day, 'than a sentence of St Francis de Sales.'

As for the translation: the author has used that of Dom Mackey, O.S.B., for the *Treatise*. The extracts from the *Introduction* seem to be taken—with some slight alterations—from an American translation edited by Fr Reville, S.J., and published in 1923.

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THE ARMOUR OF CHRIST. By Bernard Kelly, C.S.Sp. (Clonmore and Reynolds; 8s. 6d.)

Starting from man's utter dependence on God as creature, and his adoption by grace to sonship and a share in the divine life, the author goes on to examine each of the theological virtues and how they may strike deeper root in us. Basing himself on this general framework he shows the need for and the place of other kindred virtues. This allows him to give a fairly full picture of the Christian life. The whole is then seen not merely as the life of the Christian, but as Christ himself. 'I live now not I; but Christ liveth in me!' The book is rounded off with a chapter on 'Mary, Mother of the Christian'. Fr Kelly has given us a clear exposition of the life of the virtues written in a pleasant and readable style. He seems to suggest on p. 67 and elsewhere that papal encyclicals are infallible. And though they are of great importance it is perhaps a little exaggerated to say they 'are of much the same importance to us' as the Scriptures. (ibid).

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LA REVELATION DE LA GRACE dans St Paul et St Jean. By Paul Denis, O.P. (La Pensée Catholique, Liège; n.p.)

This short book will be useful as an introduction to the N.T. theology of grace and to modern French writing on the subject. The author claims no originality but gives ample references to his sources. A brief preface sharply contrasts the characters of the two Apostles, and the two patristic currents, Latin and Greek, they may broadly speaking be held to have originated. The bulk of the