

## SHORTER NOTICES

THE VATICAN COUNCIL, by Fernand Hayward (Clonmore and Reynolds; 4s. 6d.), is the only short history of the Council available in English, and it therefore provides a useful complement to the large work by Abbot Butler. In its small compass the doctrines defined at the Council cannot be considered in themselves, but the history is very well summarised. The Earl of Wicklow has translated it with skill from the French.

THE SECRET SCRIPTURE OF THE POOR (Clonmore and Reynolds; 7s. 6d.) was written thirty years ago by Fr J. Henaghan, who afterwards became a missionary in the Philippines, where he was put to death by the Japanese in 1945. He thus fulfilled in his own life what he sets out here in plan, namely, to find in the Gospels the secret of life triumphing over suffering and death.

THE REVIVAL OF THOMISM, by Aegidius Doolan, O.P. (Clonmore and Reynolds; 2s. 6d.), includes a welcome sketch of Fr Vincent McNabb, O.P., and his work in re-establishing interest in St Thomas. These valuable lectures were originally broadcast on Radio Eireann in 1949.

Aquinas Papers Nos 17 and 18 have now appeared from Blackfriars Publications. No. 17 is Dr E. F. Caldin's SCIENCE AND CHRISTIAN APOLOGETIC (2s. 6d.) and is a most valuable essay linking these two often opposed assessments of truth: worthy of special mention is the author's appeal for new imagery in the Christian presentation of truth. No. 18 is THE MEANING OF EXISTENTIALISM by Dr D. J. B. Hawkins (1s. 6d.), in which the awkward consequences of this philosophy are shown among other things in the realm of ethics, as it inculcates a type of freedom which cuts man off from objective values almost entirely.

S.M.C. has appeared again as a biographer, this time in a short sketch of that valiant founder of an English Dominican Third Order, MOTHER MARGARET HALLAHAN, O.P. (10d. from Catholic booksellers). It is a 'trailer' for a large work to appear next year. There are some good pages on her prayer and spirituality.

AT THE BEDSIDE OF THE SICK (Burns Oates; 9s. 6d.) was written for the general assistance of Catholic hospital nurses by the Superior of the Pasteur Hospital in Paris, Mother Catherine de Jésus-Christ. This is the second impression in English, and that suggests that it is successful.