to a number of his brethren, beginning with that assiduous scholar, the late Fr Raymond Palmer, to whom all subsequent historians of the English Dominicans are indebted. Nevertheless the present work is plainly the fruit of meticulous care and industry over many years, and all who are interested in its subject will be grateful to Fr Walter and will turn to this book again and again. Browsing through its economical, unemotional statements is a fascinating way of forming an impression of the character and achievements of the English Dominicans since the Reformation.

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