

*The Divine Masterpiece* is a scholastic exercise; parts, chapters, and sections are laid out with logical precision, and the theological doctrines presented and developed in strict form. This is the weakness of the book: it is dull, and, in spite of the syllogisms, unconvincing. Father Philipon is more haphazard in his presentation of the theme, but he succeeds in bringing to his work a warmth and lively conviction which is absent from that of Father Roschini. Father Philipon helped himself very much by collecting all *theological notes* in a last chapter.

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## NOTICES

THE EVERYDAY CATHOLIC. By Martin Harrison, O.P. (Blackfriars Publications; 18s. 6d.)

'The reader will look in vain for a scholarly treatise.' So the preface tells us, but I wonder if this is quite true? Is not experience perhaps a better school than any? This book is the fruit of years of experience with souls. Why should truth be of necessity expressed in language that misses ninety per cent of the population? To whom did our Lord preach if not to the multitudes? Were not all his examples taken from everyday life? Is it unscholarly to be simple? This is a splendid book full of common sense. This is the third edition, and may it have many more. 'I give thee praise that thou hast hidden all this from the wise and the prudent, and revealed it to little children.' (Matt. 11, 25.)

AS THE EAGLE. By A Carmelite Pilgrim. (P. J. Kenedy & Sons; \$3.50.)

There can be little doubt that Mother Butler was one of the great modern women. This book gives an excellent idea of her teaching and spirit from her own words. It is always interesting to know that such people have lived in our own times and that sanctity is not a thing of the past impossible of attainment in our own day.

FREQUENT CONFESSION. By P. H. C. Chèry, O.P. (Blackfriars; 2s.)

A very handy and wise little guide. It might well be digested by many who confess frequently and regularly to prevent them from getting into a rut.

THE THEOLOGY OF THE APOSTOLATE. By Mgr. L. J. Suenens. (The Mercier Press; 7s. 6d.)

This small book is a work about the aims of the Legion of Mary. The author, at present Auxiliary Bishop of Malines, is the Belgian national promoter of the Legion. His book will prove helpful to the Legionary and useful to those who want to know something about its ideals.

ST FRANCIS DE SALES IN HIS LETTERS. Edited by the Sisters of the Visitation. (Sands; 9s. 6d.)

This is a revised edition of a valuable little book that appeared in 1933. The extracts from the letters are full of the kindly wisdom of the saint and many will be glad to find Dom Cuthbert Butler's excellent Introduction which places the letters in the wider context of the theology of the mystical life.



## EXTRACTS

### Rapid growth of the Petits Frères and Petites Soeurs de Jésus

THE latest issue of the *Bulletin Fraternité Charles de Foucauld* contains some interesting notes on the quite phenomenal growth of these two Congregations in the past eighteen months. The Petits Frères have opened more fraternities in France. They continue their quiet apostolate in Morocco and Algeria, and have now penetrated into the heart of the French province of Cameroon. Another foundation has been made at Beni, in Belgian Congo. In South America fraternities have been formed at Santiago and Talca in Chile; another in Brazil, and yet another at Aréquipa in Peru. The Little Brothers have established themselves in the Far East, with a house in Vietnam, and another in Baluchistan, the north-west province of Pakistan. We read that last autumn there were thirty-eight novices testing their vocations at El-Abiodh in Algeria, and that they were made up of ten nationalities. More accommodation had to be found for the ever increasing number of Brothers who study theology under the Dominicans at Saint-Maximin in Provence. One of the most interesting developments is the provision of hermitages on the Ile Saint-Gildas (Côtes-du-Nord), for Brothers who wish to lead the solitary life in emulation of Charles de Foucauld, either for a short or longer period. The maritime fraternity at Concarneau still has several Brothers who earn their living as deck-hands in deep-sea trawlers. At Mar Audicho in Iraq there are a few Brothers living in the midst of Moslem natives, working with them in the fields and among their flocks of sheep.

As to the Little Sisters, it is almost impossible to keep pace with their new foundations, which include fraternities in North and Central Africa, North and South America, Central Asia, the Far East, and all over Europe. They have become so numerous that each regional group