autobiographies, and one which is not often adverted to by those who give way to the strange impulse to set before the world the experiences of their own past histories. The weakness, too, does not necessarily make a book of this nature less readable. Miss Graef's account of her life is certainly readable.

God's Tree: Essays on Dante and other Matters. By Kenelin Foster, O.P. (Blackfriars Publications; 10s. 6d.)

Of the fourteen essays reprinted here, five deal directly with Danth others with Italian history and literature, two with French literature and there is a speech for St Thomas's day on 'The Tact of Said Thomas'. The author has brought them together because his implied concern throughout has been to gain some insight into the reach, so the

say, of the human soul'.

I can best place these essays by saying that they have the third argument and careful presentation of specialist studies yet are brid and light enough for the studies are the and light enough for the reader with no specialist knowledge. This true even of the 'exploratory' papers on Dante, written primarily for people familiar with the argument of the Divine Comedy, but useful for introducing others as for introducing others to a way of reading the poem. Fr Kenelly method of studying and are the studying are the studying and are the studying are the studying are the studying and are the studying and are the studying are the studyi method of studying authors in relation to the contemporary theological interests enables him to Contemporary theological interests enables and the Contemporary the Contemporary theological interests enables and the Contemporary theologic interests enables him to form many original judgments which really deserve greater elaborator in the contemporary theory of the contemporary the contemp deserve greater elaboration. He offers them with a certain delicacy and an unfailing courteer. an unfailing courtesy.

GUILLAUME DE SAINT-THIERRY: LETTRE D'OR. Introduction, Traduction et Notes par I M Della et Notes par J. M. Déchanet, o.s.B. (Desclée de Brouwer; n.p.)

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