

with more detail, on the main features dealt with in *Poets' Grammar*, but as it is his work shows great promise, though he still has much to learn from other scholars in this field.

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THE STORY OF THE HOSPITALLERS OF ST JOHN OF GOD. By Norbert McMahon. (Gill; 16s.)

This is a story indeed, and well told by Brother Norbert McMahon. It is so full of incidents, as well as names, that it seems a pity the work was not crowned with an index.

What a history it has had, this Order of Hospitallers, with its saints and blessed, its heroes and martyrs, in early times and in modern (ninety-eight were massacred during the civil war in Spain), but also its setbacks.

Spain was its birthplace, Italy its first field of labour across the frontier, and now it is world-wide. Thirty years after its foundation, the Order was split in two, a rupture that was to last almost three hundred years; and for a while it was even deprived of its right to be called an Order. Nevertheless, under the providence of God it prospered.

'This is the flower that was lacking in the garden of the Church', said St Pius V of these Hospitallers. And this is the book that was lacking in the English-speaking world, and now provides us with all we want to know about St John of God and his Brothers.

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JOHN WESLEY AND THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. By John M. Todd. (Hodder and Stoughton; 15s.)

This is primarily an attempt to analyse the exact relationship between early Wesleyanism and Catholicism, and to estimate not only the character of its founder but the character of his spirituality. Mr Todd emphasizes the heroic self-sacrifice of John Wesley's life and the fundamental orthodoxy of his Christian message. It is possible to disagree with some of Mr Todd's interpretations. It is impossible not to admire the spirit of Christian charity that informs them all.

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CHRISTIANITY AMONG THE RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD. By Arnold Toynbee. (Oxford University Press; 8s. 6d.)

Dr Toynbee delivered the Hewett Lectures in 1955 and chose as subjects the criteria for comparisons between religions, the characteristics of the contemporary world, the relation of Christianity to present Western civilization, and the ideal Christian approach to contemporary non-Christian faiths. These have now been revised and