

'WORLD SCOUTING': 'Missionnaires' (Duckett; 9d.)

This special edition of *Missionnaires*, an international missionary review edited by the Society of Jesus, was specially brought out for the Jamboree which has just taken place in France. It gives a vivid pictorial account of the Scout movement throughout the world and particularly on the mission field. It is good to hear of the more serious side of scouting as a method of education and social service. The French have been quick to discover the potentialities of scouting as a movement of Catholic action. It has produced many vocations to the priesthood and it plays quite a notable part in their national life. The next few years will be crucial for the movement, for it is experiencing serious growing pains. Is it a mere passing enthusiasm or is it called to play a responsible part in the reconstruction of a war-broken world?

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E X T R A C T S

MAN'S DELIVERANCE is the theme of the latest *cahier* published by *Jeunesse de l'Eglise* (Petit-Clamart, Seine: 160 francs). Two hundred large pages provide an ample arena for a discussion which has those qualities of intellectual alertness and apostolic confidence which mark so much French Catholic writing today. Marxism, Existentialism, intellectual freedom, the artist's self-sufficiency: all these are described. And the answer: God the deliverer, considered in modern Protestant theology, Islamic tradition, Hindu mysticism, and, above all, in the Christian life of grace.

The life of the spirit can too easily in the imagination be shut off from the life of the created world, which, in its degree; no less certainly reveals the providential work of redemption. Prayer itself is never ultimately private, and the sacramental mystery affirms for all time the unity of all the things that God has made—one in their need of deliverance, one in their dependence on its single source. And history itself has its part, as Père Montuclard emphasises in his introductory essay on 'The Mediation of History and the Mediation of the Church'.

'The Church and History draw mankind in different directions, directions that are sometimes contradictory. But there is only one salvation for humanity and we have the assurance that it is towards that salvation that the Church is infallibly advancing. Where then does History lead us? Towards the abyss, towards destruction? Are its works only ephemeral and useless? Is History condemned, because it follows its own ways which are not those of the Church, to remain wholly outside that design through which God accomplishes the true realisation of mankind and of the universe? Or