

prayer and some other main topics of doctrine and religion, not forced into synthesis but shown in unity as though under the influence of the Gift of Understanding. There is no other modern English work we can call to mind in which wide theological reading is turned so well to spiritual account, the dry bones filled with so much marrow, and it is likely to remain a permanent help to souls in this life, as well as, indirectly, to those in the next whose service was the author's vocation.

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ALL MY DAYS FOR GOD. From St Alphonsus. Selected and Edited by J. B. Coyle, C.S.S.R. Vol. III: 13 Sundays after Pentecost. (Gill, Dublin; 6s. 6d.).

These daily meditations continue and the publishers are keeping up to time for the first year of their appearance. The Bishop of Down and Connor in a Foreword calls attention to the inclusion in this volume of a letter written by St Alphonsus to a young man on the advantage of making a retreat in solitude and silence. There is also a brief sketch of the life of a Dominican Tertiary who died in Ireland in 1869 devoted to St Alphonsus; her meditations have been incorporated for the Saint's feast day on August 2nd.

ST BENEDICT'S RULE FOR MONASTERIES. Translated by Leonard J. Doyle. (St John's Abbey Press, Collegetown, Minnesota; n.p.)

This is a new translation of the Rule of St Benedict from the Latin text as edited by Dom Cuthbert Butler, late Abbot of Downside. A similar translation was made by Dom Justin McCann in 1937, and the impression is given that the present translator kept as close an eye on Dom Justin's work as he did on the Latin. His aim is to exclude archaic forms like 'thee' and 'thou' and 'saith' and 'to use the modern American language throughout, but in its literary rather than its colloquial form'. In this case the modern American turns out to be no different from ordinary English, and good English at that, smooth, clear, vivid. It will be questioned whether the division of the matter into 'sense lines' serves any useful purpose, or whether it is proper treatment for a document like St Benedict's Rule. But on the whole it is a competent and pleasing translation and not unworthy of what Pope Pius XII has called 'an outstanding monument of Christian and Roman prudence' and 'a powerful means to encourage many to virtue and lead them to sanctity'.

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VISITATION, the Film Story of the Medical Missionaries of Mary. By Andrew Buchanan. (Our Lady of Lourdes, Drogheda, Co. Louth; 5s. 0d.)

Mr Buchanan gives an interesting account of the making of *Visitation*, the film which deals with the marvellous work being