

NOTICES

THE TORCH BIBLE COMMENTARIES have been recently added to by an introduction to and commentary on *Genesis I-XI* by Professor Alan Richardson (S.C.M. Press; 7s. 6d.). Although the author scraps the Mosaic authorship, and even editorship, of Genesis in a sentence, the volume provides a useful summary of non-Catholic biblical scholarship, and that is no light thing. The commentary in its conciseness will be found useful to every type of Christian. The 'days' of creation, for example, 'are to be understood as poetic symbols and not of definite periods of time, whether of twenty-four hours, or of a thousand years, or of a geological epoch'.

THE COMING OF THE LORD by a Religious of C.S.M.V. (Mowbray; 6s.) relates the great event of our Lord's advent to the Old Testament preparations—the thrice-drawn pattern of the Act of God', Creation, Exodus and the return from Babylon—and to the second coming. It is securely based on the Bible and owes not a little to St Athanasius, St Anselm, St Bernard and the other books which the author has so successfully translated.

GILL of Dublin has published two more books on St Teresa of Lisieux. One, *Novissima Verba*, her 'last confidences, May to September, 1897' (8s. 6d.), has already been reviewed in this journal when it appeared in America—this is the same edition of 'the authorized English translation'. The other, *Our Lady of the Smile and St Thérèse of the Child Jesus* (5s. 6d.), is the translation of a work by Père S. J. Piat, O.F.M., concerning the miracle of the statue that smiled on the ten-year-old Teresa and cured her of nervous convulsions and severe pains in the head which seemed to threaten not only her sanity but her life. The author follows St Teresa's devotion to our Lady through her life from this point. An apposite book for the Marian year.

ALSO FROM IRELAND, published by the Mercier Press, comes the work of a German psychiatrist, von Gagern, who meets fairly all the suspicions of and attacks on the use of his science in the Christian life and shows its value in assisting development towards Christian perfection—*Difficulties in Life* (6s.) Also published by Mercier is a handy life of *Margaret Sinclair* by Mary Rita O'Rourke (3s. 6d.). May it assist the popularity and the 'cause' of this Edinburgh girl, born in a slum in 1900 and dying a holy Poor Clare in London in 1925.

MISS EVELYN UNDERHILL's writings have a deserved popularity, so that readers may welcome an anthology of those passages concerning the Love of God which has been compiled by Dr Lumsden Barkway and Miss Lucy Menzies (Mowbray; 12s. 6d.).