

PRAYER FOR ALL TIMES. By Pierre Charles, S.J. (Sands; 15s.)

This volume comprises a number of reflections and colloquies on prayer. Previously they have been edited in three volumes, and unless the reviewer is mistaken were originally published in pamphlet form. With this edition the material has been gathered into one volume, introduced by Fr Martindale, S.J. Prayer is not an aside to God, a moment or period sparingly even grudgingly made over to him. Nor is prayer an act isolated and cut off from the many other and diverse acts that make up our day. Rather is prayer a habit, a permanent disposition of the soul to its Creator. There is no moment in which the soul cannot be united to its Maker; there is no task or deed (save sin) which need distract man from God. In this book Père Charles gives us a series of reflections on the truths of faith, anchoring his reflections to a scriptural text, showing thereby how the soul ruminating the word of God can draw forth treasures old and new. That this book, since its initial appearance in 1929, has been issued seven times is surely evidence of its wide appeal.

TERENCE NETHERWAY, O.P.

SENDUNG DER KATHARINA VON SIENA. By Marianus Vetter, O.P. (Pp. 47; Dm. 2.)

GLORIA ALBERTI. By Marianus Vetter, O.P. (Pp. 64; Dm. 2.40.)

DAS BUCH VON DER ANFANGEN DES PREDIGERORDENS: Translation by Mechthild Dominika Kunst III, O.P. of Master Jordan's *Libellus*. (Pp. 68, Dm. 2.40.)

DER HEILIGE DOMINIKUS. By Hieronymus Wilms, O.P. (Pp. 160; Dm. 4.)

DER GOTTESFREUND. A monthly for Dominicans (yearly subscription Dm. 7.20). Publishers of this Dominican series: Verlag Butzon & Bercker, Kevelaer.

'Fortiter, fratres', cried St Dominic as he came out of his stall to encourage the brethren in singing the Divine Office, moving up and down the choir as he did so. And after seven hundred years his children still respond with the same joyfulness as they showed in those early, uncertain days when they announced 'the Saviour of the joyful news' to a people sick in its soul. In a land which has suffered bitterly under the blight of pessimism his German brethren are singing to the glory of God and his saints with as deep a conviction as ever; guests at their flourishing modern house of Walberberg can witness to it, and so, now, can anyone reading the books listed above. Each of the books is an act of devotion. Indeed, Fr Vetter's two slim volumes on St Albert and St Catherine make no other claim, directed as they are towards interpreting the saints' messages for the twentieth century. Similarly, Sister Mechthild Dominika's translation of the *Libellus* from the sixteenth volume of the *Monumenta* simply allows Blessed Jordan to tell his story as only he knows how. Even Fr Wilms's biography of St Dominic,