

NOTICES

PREPARING FOR EASTER (Burns, Oates; 6s.) was designed by its author, Fr Clifford Howell, S.J., as a double course of sermons, morning and evening, by which priests might prepare their congregations for a more intelligent and fruitful participation in the ceremonies of the restored Easter Vigil. The sermons are planned to begin on Septuagesima Sunday, but the book was published too late to achieve that object this year. It is still, however, not too late for those who wish by spiritual reading to prepare themselves for the Easter Vigil, and this book lends itself readily to such use and contains many good things to assist that preparation.

SPIRITUAL READING of the best sort, simply written, full of sound doctrine, and based immediately on the Scriptures, is provided by a little booklet entitled *The Interior Life*, by a Carthusian. Written originally in French, it has been rendered into very readable English and is to be had from St Hugh's Charterhouse, Partridge Green, Horsham, Sussex, for 1s. 6d.

TRANSLATIONS FROM THE LATIN, by a Religious of C.S.M.V., have been commended more than once in these pages. Now from the same gifted Sister we receive *The Pastoral Prayer of St Aelred of Rievaulx* in its first English translation, together with the Latin text hitherto available only in a collection published by the late Dom Andre Wilmart. The publisher is the Dacre Press, and the price 1s. 6d. Another Cistercian writer, William of St Thierry, has been well served by the two translators of his short soliloquy, *On Contemplating God* (translated by Geoffrey Webb and Adrian Walker) published by Mowbrays in their Fleur de Lys Series at 2s. 6d. In the same series is an English rendering by an anonymous 'Friar of the Society of St Francis' of St Bonaventure's *The Mystical Vine* (Mowbrays; 3s. 6d.).

IN ESSAYS IN CHRISTIAN UNITY (Blackfriars; 13s. 6d.) Fr Henry St John, O.P. has brought together a number of articles concerning the Ecumenical movement, written over the past twenty-five years. He has added an introduction and two valuable Appendices, of which the first contains the two leaders which began and ended the famous *Times* correspondence on 'Catholicism Today' in 1949. We hope to include a full-length review of this book in our next issue.