

REVIEWS

JE CROIS A L'ESPRIT SAINT DANS LA SAINTE EGLISE POUR LA RESURRECTION DE LA CHAIR. A study of the history and pedagogy of the Creed. By P. Nautin. (Cerf: Blackfriars. *Unam Sanctam* Series 17; 5s.)

For the non-specialist perhaps the most valuable part of this scholarly little treatise will be the light it casts on the deep doctrine held by the Early Church of its own nature. Behind the simple phrase, 'I believe in the Holy Spirit in the Holy Church for the Resurrection of the flesh' lies concealed a magnificent synthesis of the *mysterium Christi* which is the Church.

Carefully establishing the authenticity of his text by the collation of all the relevant versions of the *Traditio apostolica* of Hippolytus, the Abbé Nautin seeks to date it and interpret it in the light of the historical background. Each phrase is examined, compared with the teaching of contemporary writers, and made to yield up its rich meaning. Once more Irenaeus is shown to be the fountain-head of so much that was best and most constructive in early Christian thought. The author, and rightly we think, finds the origin of the teaching of his text and its best interpretation in St Irenaeus, and attributes the literary form of the phrase to Hippolytus, who took so much from him. In a final summing up the Abbé Nautin shows convincingly how the conclusion of our present Apostles Creed came to be.

This was a piece of historical work well worth doing, enabling us to appreciate the Catholic union in the Holy Spirit and the doctrinal bond between the Church, the resurrection of the body and the Holy Spirit. It is a worthy addition to a great series. J. D. CRICHTON.

LE PARDON. B. A.-N. Goichon. (Cerf: Blackfriars; 4s. 6d.)

The war posed many anguishing moral problems for the Christian and of these the Christian attitude to the enemy was, especially in France, peculiarly difficult. As the author observes, the problem was most acute for the relatives and friends of those who had been killed or tortured, and one of the wonderful features of that sad time was the readiness on the part of scores of young men and women, both Christian and Communist, to pardon their enemies and to die with a smile. It is with a sense of the psychological complexities of the situation that M. Goichon, the author of the best book on Ernest Psichari, has sought, with understanding and tenderness, to answer the anxious questions of many suffering souls in this little book.

Drawing on the resources of Scripture, the Liturgy and St Thomas, the author sets forth the age-old principles of charity and justice and reconciles their respective rights. Perhaps the purely moral aspects of the case needed to be more acutely argued but if he comes down on the side of charity, meekness and pity, and insists