

been analysed, canalized, outlined in this book, will help us who have to live our lives for the most part unnoticed, undissected, without the direction and balanced precision which can come from a good spiritual director.

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AMBASSADOR IN CHAINS. By A. Lane, M.M. (Peter Davies; 15s.)

The early part of this life of Bishop Patrick James Byrne (1888-1950), Apostolic Delegate to the Republic of Korea, may be somewhat tedious to those whose interests do not lie wholly in the history of Maryknoll and the early character-forming years of Bishop Byrne, but one is gradually drawn on, in the development of the story, to the section in which the heroic life of the missionary comes into the foreground, an inspiring example of faithfulness to early inspiration.

The magnificent account of his work in Korea (1922), Japan (1934) and once more Korea (at the outbreak of hostilities there) forms the perfect missionary background.

Here is a story, remarkable in detail, of heroism and perfect resignation to the will of God, culminating in a vivid description of the Communists' 'death march' which led to Bishop Byrne's terrible end, in Ha Chung Ri, a few miles north of Chungan-jin. This final tableau is harrowing. He who had served Korea so faithfully in his earlier years and as Apostolic Delegate and Papal Ambassador to Korea, must die miserably in the 'People's Hospital'—a morgue, filthy, unheated, without beds, attendants or food. He who had longed as a little boy to be a missionary, and who said, 'It has always been my hope to give my life for our Faith, the good Lord has given me this privilege', thus found at once fulfilment and death.

Others too died on that 'death march', nuns, priests, soldiers, whose bodies were regarded as 'sport' for the Communists' guns.

It is a story calculated to inspire many a young man to seek suffering, and possibly death, on the foreign missions. The Maryknoll Fathers must be proud of this glorious chapter of their history.

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OBITUARY NOTICES OF THE ENGLISH DOMINICANS 1555-1952. By Walter Gumbley, O.P. (Blackfriars Publications. Paper 19s. 6d.; Cloth 26s.)

This valuable reference work opens with a historical sketch of the Dominican Order in England from 1555 to the present day, which occupies some twenty-odd pages and is followed by brief accounts of all those known members of the Orders, Fathers and Brothers who lived and died between 1555 and 1952. It is a severely factual work, which avoids temptations to ingenious conjecture or pious embroidery. The author disclaims any great credit, acknowledging his indebtedness