

be of most help to simple people whose lives, hard as they may be, are not complicated by any deep, reflective thought.

It is to be hoped that the authors of the volumes that are to be specially written for the series will support the view that the best way to invite non-Catholics to an acceptance based on love as well as knowledge of the fulness of the faith within the Catholic Church is by presenting the teaching of the Church in a way designed to help Catholics appreciate and understand better what they already believe.

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CHRISTIANS AWAKE. By Fr Gordon Albion. (Longmans; 12s. 6d.)

I hope no one will be put off by the outward appearance of this book. Its glossy plastic cover and even its title seem to be preparing us for something in the evangelical, 'muscular Christianity' line, something perhaps a little superficial and flashy. But open the book and you will find a mine of good things. Truly evangelical Fr Albion certainly is—both by the faithfulness with which he re-tells the Gospel story, and by his burning desire to spread its Good News. The book is a collection of his broadcasts, addressed as he says, primarily to the 'Great Unchurched'—but which (I may add) should not be overlooked by those of the Household of Faith. His aim throughout has been to foster in us that *awareness* of God which will lead us to love and serve him; so, except for one chapter at the end, a discussion of denominational differences lies outside his scope. The titles of the various sections will give some idea of his approach: 'God and You'; 'You and God'; 'You and Your Neighbour'; 'Just You'; 'Can God do without You?' Both language and matter are clear, personal and direct; and as befits his purpose, he is more telling in concrete and narrative passages than in the abstract. The section on Prayer ('You and God') is especially helpful. While this book will be of great value to Catholics, we may hope that it will be far more widely read. It should do much to deepen the life of faith and prayer of those who, though sincere Christians, are still outside the Visible Church.

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BRAVE WINGS. By Doris Burton. (Burns and Oates; 12s. 6d.)

There is no obvious attempt here to edify. Just the simple story of a most varied collection of people of eight nations. But it is quite inspiring. Perhaps if the youth of today would read it they would be the better for these splendid examples of simple unaffected brave piety. There is nothing mushy about any of these heroes. It is good solid wholesome meat. Thanks to Doris Burton the good is not interred with their bones, we hope.

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