

## NOTICES

FR TIMOTHY HARRIS belongs to the Maynooth Mission to China; and every Catholic knows that to be a trade mark of excellence. So no further advertisement is required for his *Christ, Our Life, Our Love* (Clonmore and Reynolds; 10s. 6d.) which follows the plan of Abbot Marmion's *Christ in His Mysteries*, considering the great events of the liturgical year that the reader may thereby enter more fully into the life of Christ. The author lacks something of the biblical inspiration of the Benedictine; yet the Bible, both Old and New Testaments, are plentifully represented and elaborated here and there by authorities like Aquinas or Bonaventure. The treatment of Corpus Christi is, however, disappointingly meagre.

LIFE BEGINS WITH LOVE (Clonmore and Reynolds; 8s. 6d.) does not signify for Dr E. Boyd Barrett the Word breathing forth love and thus giving life to the world. For him the phrase is the explanation of the reality of ordinary day-to-day life with its give-and-take among men. The book is built up from the recollection of the innumerable acts of kindness he has received or witnessed through a long life open to the charity of others. Once the reader has overcome the disappointment at not finding the full treatment of divine love he will find much useful illustration here of human devotedness, mercy, pity, kindness—the external fruits and signs of the form of all the virtues. But there is not lacking the suspicion of fanaticism; for fanaticism takes certain manifestations of goodness and virtue and identifies them with goodness itself, ignoring the hidden spring whence the verdure derives its life.

CHRISTIAN VIRGINITY (Pio Decimo Press, St Louis, Mo.; \$1.00) is a handsomely produced pamphlet compiled by M. V. McMenemy from the writings of Rembert Sorg, o.s.B., and James Kleist, s.J., and forming a commentary on the beautiful Roman Preface for the Consecration of Virgins, the text of which is given in English as an appendix. It is a brief and pithy outline of the Christian teaching and relates virginity to marriage in itself and as a sacrament of the union between Christ and the virgin.

The third edition of Canon C. Barthes's account of the happenings at Fatima has been competently translated by Sister M. Dominic of Syon Abbey as *THREE CHILDREN* (Clonmore and Reynolds; 15s.). Together with his previous work *Our Lady of Light*, the publishers claim it as the authentic treatment of Fatima. This may be an exaggeration, but anyone who has first read Fr Martindale's careful sifting of the evidence will find this book a refreshingly simple narrative of the events. We need to bear in mind the relative importance of the evidence, but we also need to have a general view of all that happened at Fatima in 1917 and after. This book makes easy reading so that we can see it as the dramatic story which it really was.