Library Table

Readers' Guide

By Rev. Benedict Ehmann of St. Bernard's Seminary

The following new books have recently been added to the Catholic Children's Library:

Everyman's Theology, by Leo Von Rudloff, O.S.B.

. . . a fine, unpretentiously simple account of our holy religion, which gives one a bird's-eye view of revealed truth, with its secondary criterion radiating from the primary centre: ground for inquirers into the Faith, and for those of the Faith whose knowledge of it is sketchy and piecemeal.

Men of Mango, by Jamel Mageur.

. . . a panorama of Haitian history from the Conquistadores to the Revolution, seen through the lives of its leaders, and written by a man whose Faith gives him insight and sympathy to enhance his knowledge of Latin-American affairs.

Time of Peace, by Rex Ames Williams.

. . . a novel of the years between the two World Wars, featuring the struggles from the years of a father who fought in the first to the years of a son whom we leave fighting in the second. Well recommended.

The Screwtape Letters, by C. S. Lewis.

. . . an imaginary correspondence in which a senior Devil on the retired list coaches his nephew on the firing line concerning the comfortable foibles of human temptation: highly amusing, if only because the author so deftly probes our human weaknesses which the infernal Fifth Columns knows well how to capitalize on for our damnation. Not result of reading: a sharpened sense of the very personal and invisible enemies who watch us like cats for the mice which are their food; and a heightened sense of awe for the good, ever-ruling God against whom such implacable enemies are ranged to steal His darling Man.

Great Modern Catholic Short Stories, compiled by Sister Mariella Gable, O.S.B.

. . . the very ticket for pleasant summer reading. Not all the authors are Catholic, and you might at first sight be shocked at one or two or three of the names you see with 'author'; nor are the stories all Catholic in bearing, that is, with a "whole" and supernaturally conditioned view of life; nor are they all "great" stories; and a few are not short. Having quibbled that much, let's hurry to assure you that there is much entertainment for you here; that we have long needed a book like this to give a lot of good stories from oblivion; that all these stories show priests and monks and nuns as "people" and not as chiaroscuro of a quite dubious artistry; and that there are some choices here which you will surely admit are the best you've ever read: wait and see.

The Catholic Passport, by Thomas Woodlock.

. . . no Catholic layman in this country is achieving quite the effective liaison between the Church and the minds of non-Catholics as Mr. Thomas Woodlock with his lucidly persuasive books and articles on the Catholic religion. This book is his latest, a most attractive presentation of Catholic faith and practice, in simple terms, and brief space.

Rogelook, by Mikel Vance.

. . . placed in the Library because it was given recommended ratings by Catholic reviewers: it is a novel of action and realism in the setting of wounded France.

The Third National Liturgical Week, 1939: Proceedings.

. . . in one volume, all the papers that were delivered last October during the National Liturgical Week held at St. Meinrad's Abbey, in Indiana. The theme was The Psalms of God; all those papers dealt with it comprehensively, and some of them scholarly. This book will give you a wider and deeper view of that glory of God which should be the mainte-thought of our lives.

Beneath Another Sun, by Ernst Lothar.

. . . a novel of Tyrolese in Czecho-Slovakia, until the Nazi occupation. "To understand the horror of Hitler," says Francis X. Connolly, "it is not sufficient that it were here the right mental and moral adjustments. There are enough to make us hate him. But to understand his policy, one must have his roots in Europe; one must have known and loved the things which is Europe. There are better writers than Ernst Lothar, but no contemporary author has done for established his ability to understand that European thing, and consequently no one has written a book quite so moving or so meaningful as his 'Beneath Another Sun.'"

They Were Responsible, by W. T. White.

. . . the book about the exploits of the now famous PT boats built by Catholic Elco.

Five and Ten Years Ago

(From the Files of the CATHOLIC COURIER)

[illegible] June 25, 1933, Bishop A. Joseph Mikel Schrems Pontifical Mass for repose of the soul of the Most Rev. John Francis O'Hern, third bishop of Rochester who offered by the Most Rev. Dennis J. Dougherty, Bishop of Charleston, S. C., in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Mr. Shrembeck, the priest Rev. Archbishop Thomas E. Molloy went to the seminary.

[illegible] June 25, 1938, Bishop Schrems presided over ordination ceremonies in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Rochester, when Rev. Joseph A. O'Hare, C.S.C., was ordained to the priesthood.

In a single day's shopping, according to Mayor Thomas, Rochester housewives saved $1,000 by patronizing stores which had advertised bargains in the Courier-Journal.

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