

PUBLICATIONS

Non Mochaberis. By Augustinus Gemelli, O.M. 4th edition, 1912; pp. 269. Price 5s.

The author of this valuable work in Latin is a doctor of medicine and surgery, and a priest belonging to the Franciscan Order in Italy. He is well-known on the Continent as the author of two important treatises on the miracles of Lourdes, and besides being a frequent contributor to high-class periodicals like the *Revue Neo-Scholastique* of Louvain is the editor of an Italian philosophical magazine. A psychologist of the first rank, he writes with authority on this complex subject.

The book itself, written for the guidance of directors of souls and of physicians, may be said to be a luminous exposition from the medical standpoint of the Sixth and Ninth Commandments. It treats exhaustively of the benefits of Continence; the causes, the dangers, and the remedies of Incontinence, while a special chapter is devoted to the serious question of sexual perversions and their cure. Much fuller than Capellman's treatise on the same subject, this book is worthy to rank with Eschbach's *Disputationes*. It is written with perfect delicacy and is full of sane counsels.

We can confidently recommend Dr. Gemelli's book to our clerical readers and to doctors, and we look forward eagerly to the other volumes which the author intends to publish on Matrimony; Scruples, etc.

De Ratione Pietatis; De Ratione Studiorum in Sacris Seminariis. By A. M. Micheletti. Pp. 176 and 326.

We had occasion some time ago to write in praise of Micheletti's book on Pastoral Theology, and we now

welcome his two commentaries on Pius X.'s Decrees in regard to Seminaries. The work is primarily of interest to those connected with the direction of ecclesiastical students; but others will also find very valuable information in these clearly-written and exhaustive studies.

In the first part the writer deals with the ascetical and canonical features of a student's life; the discipline of a seminary; the spiritual direction of ecclesiastics and the work of confessors; priestly vocation. The second part opens with a general survey of ecclesiastical studies and then deals very fully with the various subjects of the course, such as Letters, Philosophy, Theology in its different branches. A good bibliography is given at the end of each chapter. The most original and in many respects the best part of the book is that which treats of the methods of teaching.

The reader of the Commentaries will find that the author constantly refers to the writings of the Fathers, the pronouncements of Councils and Popes on this important matter of the formation of priests. Nor will the reader fail to notice the rare elevation of tone and the practical wisdom pervading the book.

De Vita Spirituali. Pp. 656.

This treatise is a digest of the Biblical Commentaries of Blessed Hugh of St. Cher, who was born about 1200 and who died in 1263. After studying and teaching in Paris, he entered the Order of St. Dominic at the age of 25, and there his talents were soon put to use in the highest offices. In 1244, he was created Cardinal, the first of the Dominican Order, and as such rendered the Holy See important service, especially at the Council of Lyons in 1245. He was the first scholar to draw up a verbal Concordance of the Bible, and he also compiled several works on the Scriptures. These works are illuminated by devout and wise reflections on the spiritual life, which are here

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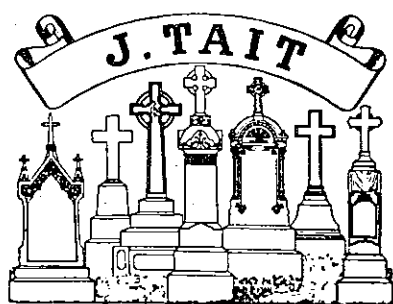
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