

and, after examining some conciliar documents which indirectly affect the missions, he concludes by affirming that the Church is prepared to enter into dialogue with all men of good will. In parts two and three respectively, quoting profusely from the council's documents, he examines the church founded by Christ as a "sacrament of intimate union with God, and of the unity of all mankind", and considers the vital problem of making her queen, mother and teacher in every culture and consequently of forming authentic Christian communities which, endowed with the riches of their own national socio-cultural values, represent the universal Church and are a sign of God's presence in the world. — What ought to be the attitude of the missionaries with regard to the formation of an indigenous clergy and to the liturgy which should be adapted to effect what the author termed a "spiritual decolonization". Such are the topics treated in parts four and five. In parts six and seven he occupies himself with the missionary aspect of ecumenism and with the usual appeal to the faithful "quorum nomina sunt in libro vitae" (*Phil.* 4, 3) to cooperate with and support the societies dedicated to missionary activities. — The author makes some stimulating remarks about the urgency of having a native clergy, especially because under some circumstances it alone can alleviate the sorrows of the *Ecclesia patiens*. Would it not be better for us Christians to examine our consciences to see whether we have not in some cases unfortunately caused or at least occasioned unnecessary *passio*? Furthermore, it is a great waste to continue to pretend that being zealous co-operators consists just in giving; it is strange but true that one can offer his whole life for another without really loving him. — The book suffers from being a not very systematic collection of articles written on various occasions and as such there is an unnecessary repetition of central ideas.

Lokoja (Nigeria)

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Monsterleet, Jean, S.J.: *Bilan et prospective du catholicisme au Japon*. Spes/Paris 1967; 141 p.

This is a short survey of the Catholic Church in Japan. It is a very readable account and will give at least some understanding of the problems the Church is facing in that country. Evidently the author writes for the general public and does not intend to study in depth the problems he mentions. There are some inaccuracies which could have been eliminated by better proofreading. It would also seem that too much time passed between the writing and the publication of some parts of this volume.

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Mundadan, A. Mathias, C.M.I.: *The Arrival of the Portuguese in India and the Thomas Christians Under Mar Jacob, 1498—1552*. With a Foreword by G. Schurhammer, S.J. Dharmaram College/Bangalore (India) 1967; 163 p., maps, \$ 3,—

Man wird von der Doktorthese (Gregoriana) des Karmeliten aus Kerala, die er dazu in einer Zweitsprache schreiben mußte, nicht souveräne Beherrschung des delikaten Stoffes verlangen dürfen. Hingegen erfüllt die Studie über die ersten Jahrzehnte der Konfrontation von Portugiesen und Syromalabaren (Thomas-Christen) die Erwartungen in bezug auf Erschließung archivalischer und literarischer Quellen. Vf. bedauert selbst, daß indische Dokumente weitgehend fehlen. So bleibt die Darstellung der äußeren Abläufe des Geschehens zwar sorgfältig