through mental prayer, and he advocates a method that has led many
to sanctity.

This latest volume of Father Nash should prove helpful to any
beginner. Certainly seminarians will find the book inspirational for it
skillfully applies the gospels and the epistles to the problems of their
daily life.

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St. Bernard on the Love of God. Translated by Rev. Terence L. Con­
$2.75.

This book, first published in 1937, is the work of one of the great
Doctors of the Church, St. Bernard. A Doctor of the Church is a man
eminent in learning and orthodoxy, possessed of a high degree of
sanctity, and declared as such by the Church herself. Who, then, would
be better qualified to treat of so specialized a subject as the Love of
God than a Doctor like Bernard?

The book, although entitled “On the Love of God,” treats of this
work of St. Bernard in but 65 of its pages. The remaining 167 pages
contain fragments from St. Bernard’s Sermons on the Canticle of
Canticles. The first section of the book treats of the motives which
should impel us to love God; the degrees and perfections of love of
God; and finally a brief summary of the degrees of love. All fifteen
chapters of this first section are quite short and thus lend themselves
to the daily spiritual reading of those who find long, involved chapters
tedious.

The second section of the book is composed of fragments of ser­
mons of St. Bernard on the Canticle of Canticles. The chapters repre­
sent compilations of various sections taken from sermons on the Can­
ticle of Canticles and grouped according to the point of which they
treat. The references indicate the sermons from which the selections
have been taken and also the section of each particular sermon accord­
ing to the redaction entitled “Fragments from a Fragment,” done by
Coventry Patmore and his wife. The last twenty-six pages of the book
contain a set of excellent notes for each of the two treatises.

Father Connolly has indeed done us a service in translating the
original work of St. Bernard which has long been a classic on the sub­
ject. His translation has been done with the same artistic sense and
sound judgment manifested in his standard edition of the works of
Francis Thomson. Let us hope he doesn’t stop here.