

BRIEF NOTICES

Catechetics today are concerned with restoring the Bible to its proper place of prominence in religious instruction. Herder, in accord with this desire of the catechists, has published a praiseworthy paperback catechism series for youth: *Come to Jesus*, (\$1.25) a picture-book primer with vivid illustrations, introduces the young child to prayer and simple explanations of the life of the Church concurrent with the liturgical year; *Message of Joy* (\$1.50), a sequel to the primer, shows the interconnection between Scripture and Liturgy revealing their close relation to a true Christian life throughout the liturgical year; *In God's Care*, an extension of the earlier stages, presents for the young Christians of today simply and animatedly the meaning of Scripture for their daily life as members of the Church. The series makes splendid use of the picture-word relation method of pedagogy in presenting theological truth.

Father Joseph Goldbrunner, noted German authority in the field of depth psychology and catechetics and editor of the University of Notre Dame Press Series, *Contemporary Catechetics*, makes another contribution toward attaining the goal of modern catechetics with the use of the kerygmatic approach in: *The Use of Parables in Catechetics* (\$1.25), by Franc Mussner, which explains the secular story as well as its theological parallel, and thereby, uncovers in Christ's parables a body of Christian truths concerning the Kingdom of God, conversion, the parousia, and man's lack of faith which have too long remained lost in allegorical context. Following this first of the series is *Christ and the End of the World* (\$1.25), a Biblical study in eschatology by Franz Mussner, which reawakens interest in "the last things" by revitalizing the message of Chapter 13 of St. Mark's Gospel for modern man, who seldom turns his thoughts to the end of the world and its meaning for him. *Israel in Christian Instruction* (\$1.25), edited by Theodore Filthaut, is an attempt to show the true relationship between Old and New Testament for a better understanding of the importance of the Jews as God's "Chosen People" and not merely "the people who murdered Christ." These supplementary readings in theology succeed in their aim to offer a here and now significance to the eternal verities of God found in the Scriptures.