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It is not a book to be read through in one sitting. Its pace is a chapter a week. The Catholic layman, who before or after Sunday Mass, with missal open near him, reads the pertinent chapter each week, will invariably find a thought to ponder over for the good of his soul, and will have his understanding of the day's epistle deepened and enriched. The busy priest faced with the inexorably recurring Sunday sermon may discover just the kind of priming needed now and then to start the fountains of his own eloquence flowing free.

The author was recently appointed Rector of the Holy Cross College, Worcester, Massachusetts. But it is not the Rector's hand that appears in these pages. It is rather that of the spiritual director and the English scholar. Before his appointment as Rector, Father Donaghy had been director of retreats in New England, professor of English at Holy Cross, and contributor to the Catholic weekly, *America*. Frequent and familiar contact with souls has enabled him to pack much spiritual fruit into very brief compass, and through a truly remarkable command of English he can propose that fruit in most palatable form. His clear, flowing colorful prose is a delight to read,

Although any and every class of reader can profit much from reading this book, the language and allusions of the author are such that only readers with the equivalent of a college education will appreciate it fully.

J. J. KAVANAGH

JESUIT FOUNDER

OBRAS COMPLETAS DE SAN IGNACIO DE LOYOLA. Edición manual. Transcripción, introducciones y notas del P. Ignacio Iparra-guirre, S.J., con la *Autobiografía de San Ignacio*, editada y anotada por el P. Cándido de Dalmases, S.J. — Madrid, Biblioteca de autores cristianos, La Editorial Católica. 1952. Pp. 1075. 85 pesetas.

In reviewing this book in *Revue d'Ascétique et de Mystique*, (29:1952, pp. 70-72) the late Ferdinand Cavallera of Toulouse, the well-known authority on the history and theology of spirituality, remarked that he did not think that "there has been until now a volume of this kind on St. Ignatius and his writings, nor has there been one presented with equal masterliness." Anyone who takes up this manual will realize what riches it makes available to those interested in the person and teaching of Ignatius of Loyola. There is no excuse now for not knowing the founder of the Society of Jesus; in these 1075 pages we have "the essential Ignatius."

The work opens with a general introduction which incorporates the results of all the recent research on the life and work of the saint: sources of Ignatius' life; the first biographies which portrayed him as *fundador providencial* and *modelo ejemplar*; the later works of a more strictly historical character; the various scientific studies published since the early nineteenth century, among which the Ignatian volumes of the *Monumenta Historica Societatis Iesu* take first place. A short section discusses the work of "secular" writers like Fuelop-Miller and Unamuno. A chronology of the saint's life follows, and P. Iparraguirre, over-all editor of the work, concludes the introduction with a statement of the purpose and proper limits of the volume: it is not meant to be an exhaustive commentary on Ignatius' writings; its modest desire is to present in manual form a careful edition of the text, with whatever notes were thought necessary for the reader's utility and convenience. The valuable classified bibliography which forms the third section of the introductory material is excellent. We may remark here that one of the most notable merits of the work, in general, is the excellence and thoroughness of its bibliographies and references.

The *Autobiography* of the saint is the first of the documents presented. For the introduction, the notes which serve mainly to clarify historical allusions, and for the bibliography of this first section we are indebted to P. Cándido de Dalmases of the Jesuit Historical Institute at Rome.

The second document, the *Spiritual Exercises*, is presented by P. Ignacio Iparraguirre, member of the Jesuit Historical Institute at Rome and professor of Ecclesiastical History at Oña (Spain), one of the best-informed authorities on things Ignatian, perhaps at present the leading Spanish authority on the *Spiritual Exercises*. P. Iparraguirre's introduction indicates the value and influence of the book of the *Exercises*, its nature and purpose, the attitude of the Church with regard to it. The discussion on the sources and on the composition of the *Exercises* provides us with an invaluable survey of recent studies on these questions. The seven-page bibliography which follows, together with the footnotes that accompany the text itself (there is an abundance of references to periodical articles) make up an indispensable tool for further research in seminars and private work. The brief *Directories* which complement the text are loose notes summing up some of St. Ignatius' own ideas on how to give the *Exercises*.

The saint's own detailed and moving account of the birth of the Society of Jesus and his "deliberation" regarding poverty in his Order precede the *Diario Espiritual*. This brief diary, in spite of its disconcertingly laconic entries, is undoubtedly one of the most precious legacies the saint has left to his sons. The *Constitutions* of the Jesuit Order and the various *Rules* drawn up by its founder follow: this is the first time, perhaps, that these

important documents have been made so *easily* accessible to the general public. Each of the sections just enumerated is preceded by a brief introduction and accompanied by a few judicious notes.

The concluding section, *Cartas e instrucciones*, reproduce 155 pieces selected from the saint's voluminous correspondence. Each item is introduced by a short historical note and footnotes clarify otherwise obscure allusions. If we may single out a few better-known pieces: the precious directive to Father Borgia, the instruction on perfection to the Jesuit Scholastics at Coimbra, pointers on the ministry to Jesuits engaged in preaching missions, the celebrated letter on obedience to the scholastics in Portugal, the courtly message to the Negus of Ethiopia — these are all here. These letters reveal perhaps ordinarily unsuspected features of the saint's personality, and should do much to increase not respect only, but affection also, for one who has so often been caricatured and misrepresented.

The detailed index which concludes the work takes up over a hundred pages and is a model of its kind.

This review can only indicate the contents of the book; we have no space to enumerate its many and great merits, which even a quick perusal of its pages will reveal. Not the least of these merits is its extremely moderate price.

We can only guess at the immensity of the labor — so obviously a labor of love — which went into the preparation and editing of this *monumentum Ignatianum*. The book is itself a superb tribute to the editors, P. de Dalmases and — especially — P. Iparraguirre, who have so generously made available to us the rich fruits of their splendid scholarship and their filial devotion to the saint. We can only hope that this volume may have the wide circulation it deserves; for anyone who wishes to study the work and spirituality of Ignatius of Loyola it is henceforth *the* indispensable introduction.

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