

BOOK REVIEW

AN IMPORTANT WORK OF CHURCH HISTORY

(MANN'S LIVES OF THE POPES).

AFTER a careful perusal of Dr. Mann's *Lives of the Popes of the Middle Ages*, we are prompted to say that it is the most valuable work of church history that has appeared in the English language. After reading a few chapters one begins to realize the years of patient research and study such a work must have cost the author. It has received the encouragement of the Holy Father who in graciously accepting a copy of it from the hands of Dr. Mann said: "You must make the Popes known."

No priest's library can be regarded as complete without this excellent work which possesses a character of interest and instructiveness peculiarly its own. It shows forth in a thorough, unbiased, scientific way the vivifying and energizing influence which the Papacy has exercised upon the world. The preface tells plainly that Dr. Mann left no stone unturned to get at the original sources of information.

His life of Gregory I, has not one dry page in it. It holds, in a most fascinating interest, the attention of the reader from beginning to end. To the Christian and to every earnest seeker after truth the work is especially acceptable. It brings out the splendor and the glory of the Catholic Church illustrated in the lives of its great Shepherds, the true successors of St. Peter, and describes the mighty obstacles against which they had to contend, and over which they gloriously triumphed. The *Sentinel* takes great pleasure in commending this true history of the popes of the Middle Ages to the clergy and laity. We do not hesitate to express our opinion that the work is destined to become a classic. We hope the author will soon finish his other volumes.

The work is published by B. Herder, St. Louis. Price \$3.00.

"The Danger of Youth and a Tried Antidote."

WE welcome the booklet of Rev. Jos. Jordan, S. J. entitled "The Danger of Youth and A Tried Antidote." We wish we could see the work in the hands of every youth in the land. There is no subject upon which it is so difficult to treat as purity, yet none which demands such plainness of speech. Because of its