but when a man is in a position to prepare such a dictionary as this he has already done the work himself. Nevertheless, this Biographical Dictionary will serve as a useful handbook for the scores of people looking for data on individual friars. And to the Franciscans it will be not merely a reference tool but an inspiring list. Consultants can be sure that everything reasonable has been done to make the list complete and the information as full as possible.


It will not be necessary to offer criticism of this well-known book since reviews were published in the United States at the time of the appearance of the German edition. It is always difficult to translate from the German and at the same time avoid being influenced by the sentence structure which, when carried into English, appears so awkward. The translation is as good as could be expected.