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A CHRISTIAN GENTLEMAN. By the Committee on Politeness of De la Salle College. Manila, 1960. 44p.

This booklet is intended to help De la Salle students develop those external qualities which should be the mark of every educated Christian gentleman. But it is equally helpful for students of other Colleges, for it gives basic rules on courtesy and politeness in situations where a student generally finds himself—on campus and off campus. Its format is readable and its table of contents is an easy guide to the rules applicable to each particular situation. Though good common sense dictates how a student should behave in any given set of circumstances, still these definite rules, when followed, give him an assurance that he is acting as a gentleman.

However, if general motivations were mentioned before every topic treated in the booklet, a student would be trained better to act from proper Christian motives rather than by mere rules on gentlemanly conduct. The purely natural values set forth in the beginning of the booklet are not enough to form a *Christian* gentleman. Teachers, it is true, can preface each topic with a few remarks on motives; but one would be more likely to remember these important remarks if they were also put down in print.

The rules are generally easy to remember as they are subdivided by captions in bold print. However, the more the rules emphasize what students should do rather than what they should not do, the more readily will such rules be welcomed by them. Still, 'don't' rules are unavoidable. The Committee that worked on this booklet has rendered a good service to all students. Perhaps a little rephrasing of some of the rules and a much clearer emphasis on Christian motives would make this booklet even more valuable.

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CHRISTIANITY AND CULTURE

THE HISTORIC REALITY OF CHRISTIAN CULTURE. A Way to the Renewal of Human Life. By Christopher Dawson. New York: Harper & Brothers Publishers, 1960. 124 pp.

"The events of the last few years", writes Mr. Dawson in his **RELIGION AND CULTURE**, "portend either the end of human history or