

Answers to Correspondents

H.J.—Your letter on the dangers of walking in Dunedin streets nowadays is too long. We sympathise with you. A lady would be safer as the wife of Henry VIII. than trying to dodge the motors here at present. We are carrying paving stones in our pockets to throw at every cyclist and motorist who swoops down on us and sounds no warning. Don't you try that, however, as ladies are generally bad shots.

READER.—Hildebrand (Gregory VII.) was the Pope who brought Henry IV. to Canossa. He is buried at Salerno, not far from Naples. Yes, there is also a town called Canosa. It is in the south of Italy. Canossa is in the north. If you get T.W. Allies' works on the early years of Christianity you will find them satisfying and delightful.

J.J.—The Germans did not bombard Rheims cathedral. The Germans did not murder priests in Belgium, but the English did in Ireland. We held from the first that Lord Grey was the man most responsible for the Great War, and a great many writers are beginning to have the courage now to say so. The campaign of British calumny during the five years was one of the most shameful things in history. The editors of the daily papers lent themselves to it as though lying was an honorable thing.

S.M.E.—Use Father Carey's book as a text. Supplement it by notes of your own. You will find Sullivan's *Story of Ireland*, and Magee's *History of Ireland* adequate. The examination papers will be sent out to all the schools in due time. This year, in addition to medals and books, we will give certificates to students who pass with honors, fifty per cent. being deemed an honors' pass.

BOOK NOTICES

Hymns of the Liturgy. By Rev. John Fitzpatrick, O.M.I., Burns, Oates, Washbourne, London. Price, 3/6.

This work will be a boon to many priests and students who have a difficulty in translating some of the beautiful Latin hymns of the Sacred Liturgy. The hymns of the Divine Office and the sequences of the Mass are among the noblest examples of poetry we have, and it is always a pity if any of their meaning should be lost to readers through want of skill in rendering the Latin into English capable of fully expressing the thoughts of the authors. Father Fitzpatrick's volume is admirable for its faithful rendering of the meaning and even of the spirit of the original; and what is rare in such works, his verses flow freely and naturally.

The Forgotten Paraclete, translated from the French of Mgr. Landrieux, by E. Leahy. Burns, Oates, Washbourne, London. Price, 3/6.

Every day we repeat in the Creed the article: I believe in the Holy Ghost! Yet how very few Christians know even the rudiments of the Catholic teaching about the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, and how fewer still practise devotion to Him or live in active communion with Him. He is the animating spirit of the Church; He is the sanctifier of souls; the inspiration of fervor and light and grace; and yet He is neglected. While numerous books are written by pious people to promote far less important devotions, works on the Holy Ghost are few and far between. Hence this translation of Mgr. Landrieux's sound and edifying book is most timely and ought to have a wide circulation. We recommend it warmly for spiritual reading. Spiritual books of this kind, based on sound theology, are the most profitable for all Christians.

Fidelis, by Jane Abbott. From Robertson and Mullens, Ltd., Elizabeth Street, Melbourne. Price, \$1.75.

Mrs. Jane Abbott has a great reputation in America for her girl's stories. She has the gift of entering into the girl-mind, and of telling an interesting tale in which she depicts lovable characters that have the ring of reality

about them. *Fidelis* is a charming novel written by a woman who understands girls and loves to offer them clean and entertaining reading for their hours of recreation. Ricka is one of the most delightful of the author's heroines.

The Ecclesiastical Review. Linehan, Melbourne. Price, 20/- yearly.

The July number of the *Review* maintains the high standard of this important periodical for the clergy. The first article, by Father Le Taille, in answer to his critics is particularly interesting to students. As usual it is full of stimulating ideas, and the latest Roman documents and decisions are given.

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

August 29.

Rev. Father O'Leary leaves on Tuesday for Sydney to go on the Missions in Australia. From the Great Barrier to the southern provinces Father O'Leary is known and remembered. He possesses the gift of adaptability and a great love for his fellow-man. His kindness and humor make friends spring up along every path for him. New Zealand's loss is Australia's gain.

The jumble sale for the Brothers brought in the sum of £13, and to-morrow Mrs. J. J. L. Burke tells me another is taking place. Perhaps it won't be the last. There are no recipients more practical or more grateful than the Brothers. Brother Louis said on hearing the result, "That will bring two more bags of cement." The playground should soon be a fact if the present spirit is maintained.

A distinguished visitor to Wellington last week was his Lordship Bishop Blanc of Tonga. Born of a stock of admirals and fighters, his Lordship left his native France to come and evangelise the heathen in the Southern Seas. With his brave band of priests, Brothers, and nuns he is bringing the grace of God to the Tongans and carrying on the fine tradition of his predecessors in office. His Lordship is a scholar of wide reading and culture who has translated the Apocalypse into French verse and has other literary works to his credit. His father translated the whole of Shakspeare into French—a task indeed. The other day his Lordship addressed the Maoris at Otaki in Tongan and was delighted to find that he was understood as to his main points at least. That day he spoke in Tongan, in French, and in English. He conceived a great admiration for the city of Wellington though he found its winds cold after Tonga. From the Wireless Hill the wonderful view of the harbor delighted his eye. His return journey will take place in a week's time.

Two brilliant victories for Guilford Terrace Convent School-Choir at the Competitions. Honors are falling thick upon this school and its teachers. Ninety-two marks were secured in the first contest and ninety-one in the second, a wonderful result. On the second night the audience was so sure of the result that an outburst of clapping greeted the judge before he could complete the announcement of his decision.

Another series of Retreat sermons at the Monastery last week—for the ladies this time.

A great fancy dress dance is to be held by the Irish Society on Thursday, September 25. Every character is to be Irish and this will be a novelty worth beholding. The members have thrown themselves into the plan with zest and a fine pageant of Irish personalities is to be expected. More of it later.

The first annual meeting of the St. Joseph's Lawn Tennis Club was presided over by the Rev. Father Cullen. The report showed that the membership stood at 60. Another court was to be laid down during the season approaching. The balance-sheet showed a credit of £35 8s 6d. The following office-bearers were elected:—Patron, his Grace Archbishop O'Shea; president, Rev. Father Cullen; vice-president, Rev. Fathers O'Donnell and Edwards, Messrs. G. Carter, B. Doherty, M. Gleeson, J. J. L. Burke, M. McParland, W. Gamble, Mrs. O. V. Ellis and Mrs. Gleeson; secretary, Mr. Carroll; treasurer, Mr. W. B.

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