

## BOOK NOTICES

*Boronia Babics.* Angus and Robertson, Sydney. 1/6.

An attractive little Christmas booklet artistically illustrated by May Gibbs.

*A Guide to Social Students.* The Catholic Social Guild, Oxford. 1/- net.

A very useful little book, which will be found helpful to students of social problems.

*Mountains of Help.* Burns and Oates, London. 3/-.

This little book by a Dominican Sister contains admirable spiritual reading for all times, and especially for time of retreat. Father Plater says of it: "It will make you happy because it will show you how to get the better of all the things that make you unhappy."

*Living Temples.* By Father Bede Jarret, O.P. Burns and Oates. 2/6.

*Living Temples* is a book for boys, and a good one. It is a volume of pensieri on all sorts of subjects such as the Sea, St. Patrick, School, Friendships, Tidiness, Tips, Hobbies, and Loyalty. Every paragraph is full of meat, and it is a most suitable gift for any thoughtful boy.

*The Priesthood of Christ,* by the Right Rev. Dr. Phelan, Bishop of Sale. The Australian Catholic Truth Society, Melbourne.

Catholics of Australasia will be grateful to Dr. Phelan for giving them this book, in which he brings home to them what a treasure the Catholic Church possesses in its priesthood. Here are nine admirable studies of the priesthood in simple, eloquent English that any reader can follow with pleasure and profit. It is a worthy book on a great subject, and will do much good.

*Commentary on the New Code of Canon Law,* by Rev. P. Charles Augustine, O.S.B., D.D. Herder, London. 10/6 net.

We have received from Herder's the third volume of this work, the preceding volumes of which we noticed last year. The new volume treats of ecclesiastical persons, and of religions and laymen. Cardinal Gasquet has written an introduction, and he says: "I have little doubt that the *Commentary* furnished by so competent a canonist as Father Augustine, O.S.B., will be found of great assistance to those who wish to understand the New Codex." This part of the work contains much of great importance and interest. The second section deals with particular pious associations, such as Third Orders, Confraternities, etc., and will be found useful to pastors and directors.

## ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, OAMARU.

On Friday afternoon, December 12, the pupils of St. Joseph's Primary School, Oamaru, conducted by the Dominican Nuns, held their annual break-up ceremony. Besides the Right Rev. Mgr. Mackay there were also present Fathers O'Connell and Foley and many parents of the children. A short programme, consisting of choruses, recitations, and action songs was excellently rendered.

## PRIZE LIST.

Standard I.: Class prize, Michael Carrington; writing, George Firth; Christian doctrine, Cecil Ford. Standard II.: Class prize, Gracie Brown; arithmetic and drawing, James Curran; recitation, Mona Hanley; drawing and hand work, Mauries Tripp; attendance, Arthur Jordan; Christian doctrine, Margaret Foley. Standard III.: Drawing and brushwork, Eileen Lawrence; needlework and attendance, Edna Hanley. Standard IV.: Class prize, Harry Carrington; reading, recitation, and spelling, Freda O'Connor; composition and writing, Winnie O'Reilly; reading and composition, Kathleen O'Connor; arithmetic, Violet Johnston; reading and comprehension, Peggy McKinnon; writing, Nellie Luxon; history and geography, Thomas Harney; Nature study, Ian Kearns. Standard V.: Class prize, Mary Maxwell and Kathleen Harney (equal); history, geography, and science, Willie Firth; English literature, Richard Costigan; drawing and brushwork, Irene Davies; physical culture and attendance, Frank Jordan. Standard VI.: Arithmetic and reading, Hannah Harney; composition and attendance, Annie Hanley; needlework, Delia Connell. Special prizes: Class singing and attendance, Mary Ny; best all-round boy, Stanley Kearns (gold medal); horticulture, Mortie O'Brien; Christian doctrine—Junior division, Vera Kitto (silver medal); senior division, Mary Ny (gold cross), second in merit Margaret Vaile; good conduct, Marjorie Brown (gold medal); dux of school, Mary Ny (medal).

The Dominican Nuns wish to thank those who so kindly donated prizes.

## ST. THOMAS' ACADEMY, OAMARU.

On Wednesday afternoon, December 10, the students of St. Thomas' Academy, Oamaru, conducted by the Dominican Nuns, brought the year's work to a fitting close, when the Right Rev. Mgr. Mackay presided at the distribution of prizes. The pupils were assembled in the spacious recreation hall, and items of a musical and eloquent character were fully appreciated by those present.

The following is the report of the Academy:—"The scholastic year just ended has been most successful, both as regards the number of pupils and the progress made in the various branches of studies. The roll for 1919 has been a record—50 boys being in residence. All the boys were presented for the Government inspector's examination. One sat for proficiency and was successful. The progress in music has been very marked. A keen interest was taken in the various sports proper to the seasons. Swimming received its due attention, and each morning the boys visited the baths. The conduct, discipline, and manners of the boys have been excellent throughout the year. Twelve of the juniors had the privilege of making their First Holy Communion."

## PRIZE LIST.

Junior School.—Grade I.: Number and politeness, Pat Matthews; reading, Stanley Murphy; writing, Denis Kelleher; hand work and spelling, Tertius McKinnon; general improvement, Desmond Nolan; reading, Lawrence Nathan; French and recitation, Harry Goodger. Grade II.: Reading and drill, Freddie Smith; number, Bertrand McLaughlin; French and spelling, Billy Talbot; reading, Hughie Kennedy; recitation and singing, Jimmie Jones. Grade III.: Class prize (silver medal), Bruce McKenzie; writing and spelling, Sam Talbot; reading, Frank McCormack; number, Frank Toomey 1, Lennie Mangos 2; drawing, Kenneth Bennell. Grade IV.: Class prize (silver medals), Rupert Cuddon-Large and Lex McKinnon (equal); arithmetic, Dick Talbot; reading and spelling, Jack Gavegan; gardening, Geoffrey Thomas and Jack Shand.

Senior School.—Grade I.: Number and politeness, Brian Toomey 1, Willie Quirk 2; arithmetic, Bernie Mangos 1, Rex Kelly 2; spelling and general improvement, Pat Murphy; recitation and tables, Pat Kelleher. Grade II.: Class prize (silver medal), Teddy McCullough, second in merit Jim Farrell; marked improvement in studies, Denis Toomey; history and geography, Teddy McCullough. Grade III.: Class prize (silver medal), Roy O'Malley; writing and diligence, Jack O'Malley; reading and history, Tom Quirk; English and geography, Harry Kempston. Grade IV.: Class prize (silver medal), Ralph Usherwood; arithmetic, Frank Blatch; composition and reading, Harry Galhen; recitation, Clarence Campbell; arithmetic, Frank Mangos.

General Prizes.—Music prizes: Junior division, Jack Gavegan 1, Kenneth Bennell 2; senior division, Harry Kempston (silver medal) 1, Ralph Usherwood 2; singing, Jack O'Malley (silver medal) 1, Jim Daly 2. Christian doctrine prizes: Junior School, Geoffrey Thomas (silver medal); Senior School—Junior division, Jim Farrell (silver medal); senior division, Harry Kempston (gold cross). Games and outdoor sports: Jack O'Malley (gold medal). Politeness: Roy O'Malley (silver medal). Good conduct: Harry Kempston (silver medal). Dux of the school: Frank Mangos (gold medal).

## THE WATCHER.

In toward Dingle a boat comes tackin',  
Dippin' her bows in the sea an' foam,  
An' here I sit in the yellow bracken  
Wouderin' will my lad come home.

Out he went in the gay spring weather  
Ere ever a blossom was on the whin;  
Many a day have I sought the heather  
Watchin' to see his boat come in.

Will it be to-day, will it be to-morrow,  
An' at what turn of the evening tide?  
An' still my heart cries out in sorrow—  
"Where do ye bide? oh, where do ye bide?"

But ever the wind flings back my sighin'  
In a plaintive, pitiful, keenin' way,  
So here I sit, with the daylight dyin',  
Lookin' out over Dingle Bay.  
—CLINTON SCOLLARD, in *Scribner's Magazine*.

In every person who comes near you, look for what is good and strong. Honor that; rejoice in it, as you can; try to imitate it, and your faults will drop off like dead leaves when their time comes.—Ruskin.

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