

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

PUZZLED.—Don't worry.

E.G.—Consult any ordinary book of reference, and remember that you have more time for doing so than we have.

ALINE.—No demand for short stories at present. In view of the approach of the spring we also warn spring-poets not to break out in our direction. Send your efforts to your local Member of Parliament. If they are any good they may improve him; if they are not he deserves what he gets.

READER.—You are quite right. People who are particular about such things do not say "serviette." Napkin is the word to use. "Serviette" is in the same class as wearing cuffs with soft shirts and ready-made ties rather than the proper kind.

BOOK NOTICES

Some Fell Among Thorns. By Rev. M. V. Kelly, C.S.B. (Catholic Truth Society of Canada).

In these letters there is sound advice against rushing into city life as soon as luck or labor has left a comfortable balance in the bank. From Horace to Father Kelly many have written on the advantages of country life from every point of view. Many of our people might read this warning with profit.

American Ecclesiastical Review. (Linehan, Melbourne.)

The May number of this excellent review is particularly good. The article on the late Cardinal Gibbons calls for special attention.

The Soldier's Song. (Linehan, Melbourne; price 1s 6d.)

Here is the song of the marching men who brought Lloyd George to Canossa this week. It played a great part in the fight during the past three or four years and it ought never be allowed to die. Get it and sing it, and pitch your music-hall tosh to Jericho. It offends us to the soul to hear grown-up Irishmen whining the latest British nonsense and sickly sentiment while there are songs like this to sing.

RIGHTS OF SISTERS.

Members of Catholic Sisterhoods are eligible for employment as teachers in the public schools of Indiana, U.S.A., according to an opinion of Mr. U. S. Lesh, Attorney-General of the State. The opinion includes statements to the effect that, in the absence of any regulation prohibiting the wearing of a religious habit by teachers in the public schools, the wearing of such distinctive garb does not make the employment of the wearers illegal nor does the fact that they may be required to turn the money received for teaching into the treasury of their Order, alter the validity of the contracts under which they are employed.

The opinion of the State Attorney-General was occasioned by a claim made against the trustee of Jefferson township, Dubois County, for 300 dollars alleged to have been paid out illegally for teaching in the public schools. The teacher was a Sister of Charity who had been licensed and regularly employed by the appropriate school authorities, according to the opinion.

MAGNIFICENT MAUSOLEUM.

The Catholic Community Mausoleum in Holy Cross Cemetery, San Francisco, which was dedicated on April 10 by Archbishop Hanna, is the most magnificent in America. The exterior is of marble and bronze and the facade is surrounded by a central pylon rising to a height of 65 feet. The interior is finished in white Brocadillo marble. There are 1150 crypts, 18 private sections, and four private rooms, all within splendid corridors of marble and bronze converging on the chapel, which occupies the central space of the edifice. Work on the edifice was started in 1919, and it cost over 300,000 dollars.

Commercial travellers of cheerful voice and sunny countenance are much in evidence throughout New Zealand now, thanks to "NO RUBBING" Laundry Help.

N.Z. CATHOLIC FEDERATION

GISBORNE BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Gisborne branch of the Catholic Federation was held in St. Mary's Schoolroom after devotions on Sunday (writes our own correspondent, under date July 14). The president (Rev. Father Lane) presided and there was a good attendance. The following executive was appointed for the ensuing year:—President, Rev. Father Lane; vice-president, Rev. Father Murphy; treasurer, Mr. D. J. Parker; secretary, Mr. J. H. Reidy. Messrs. Dower and Bergamini were elected representatives of the parishioners on the executive, Mr. Bowman representative of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Mesdames D. J. Parker and Kearney of the ladies' branch of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Misses Cassidy and Walls, of the Children of Mary, and Mrs. D. J. Barry and Miss Neill of the choir. Representatives of the Hibernian Society have still to be elected. It was decided to adopt the envelope system of collecting the annual subscription.

Petone

In the essay competitions, the following pupils from the Petone Convent School have been successful in winning prizes at the South Taranaki Winter Show this year (writes a correspondent):—Standard VI. (girls), "The Life of a Teacher": Mary Sullivan 1, Maizie Gaylor 2, Maggie Keating 3; Standard VI. (boys), "The Maoris, their Origin, Customs, Religion, etc.": Tom Parsons 1, Claude Collett 3; Standard V. (boys and girls), "Summer Sports": Tom Culshaw 1, Kitty Culshaw 2, Jim Laracy 3; Standard IV. (boys and girls), "Our School": Raymond Ryder 1, Lucy McLaughlan 3; Standard III. (boys and girls), "A Flower Garden": Zita Bates 1, Maizie Wells 3. With the above fine record the school (conducted by the Sisters of the Missions) has won the challenge shield, valued at 10 guineas. This trophy was awarded on points, and the Petone Convent won with the fine total of 53. This is the fourth shield won by the school for 1921.

THE PATRIOT DEAD.

Breathe balmy airs, ye fragrant flowers,
O'er every silent sleeper's head;
Ye crystal dews and summer showers,
Dress in fresh green each lowly bed.

Strew loving offerings o'er the grave,
Their country's joy, their country's pride;
For us their precious lives they gave,
For freedom's sacred cause they bled.

Each cherished name its place shall hold,
Like stars that gem the azure sky;
Their deeds, on history's page enrolled,
Are sealed for immortality.

Long where on glory's fields they fell
May Freedom's spotless banner wave,
And fragrant tributes grateful tell
Where live the free, where sleep the brave.
—SAMUEL FRANCIS SMITH, in *New York Truth*.

IMPROVING CONDITIONS.

A distinct improvement in the economic situation—as applied to Farm Implements, is at last indicated by the substantial reduction in prices recently put into effect by that well-known firm, BOOTH, MACDONALD & CO. LTD., whose line of Carlyle Farm Implements has established itself throughout the Dominion as one of the factors essential to success in N.Z. farming methods. Catalogue and latest price list will be posted on application, and the firm will be obliged if this paper is mentioned when enquiry is made.

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