

basis for western concern in Near Eastern affairs will be either exterminated or eliminated from the Turkish Empire." That means nothing if it does not mean that the British Empire has surrendered ignominiously to the Turk.

BOOK NOTICES

The Church and Culture, by Rev. Wilfrid Ryan, S.J., M.A., Australian C.T.S. Price twopence.

The "Political Soul" of Catholics, by Rev. Vincent McEvoy, O.P., Australian C.T.S.

Both these recent publications are addresses delivered by the writers who are well known to Catholic readers in Australasia.

Mary Alanna, by Rose Lynch, M. H. Gill and Son, Dublin. Five shillings net (post free, 5/5).

Mary Alanna is a beautiful Irish story written by an artist who has had her eyes open when living among the simple people on the western coast. That gentleness and inborn courtesy which belong to the Catholic peasant of Ireland, and which no amount of external polish can replace, impressed the author as it did no less a person than Arthur Balfour. The book is a picture of life in Catholic Ireland, painted by a skilled hand, with insight and sympathy. The letter press and the illustrations do credit to the famous Dublin publishers.

Answers to Correspondents

F.L.—Papers, books, etc., for the Leper Settlement can be sent to Brother Dutton, Baldwin Home, Molokai Leper Settlement. It is a kind thought to remember these poor sufferers.

READER.—It is not an evidence of much general knowledge of the world to call an entertainment for charity a *café chantant*. Ask anybody who knows what a *café chantant* is and he will tell you enough to convince you that it is as far from religion as a P.P.A. parson.

INQUIRER.—The first copy of the *New Zealand Tablet* bore the date, "May 3, 1873." The first editor was Bishop Moran. Messrs. Dungan, Perrin, Dr. Cleary, Mr. Scott, and (for a short time) Father P. M. Lynch, have been editors in the years that passed since the paper was founded. People who think it has been on the strong side for the past seven years ought to read the articles of Mr. Perrin during the years when Bishop Moran himself inspired it. There were giants in those days.

BACKBLOCK READER.—The Kaiser was a nephew of King Edward's. Hence he was a grandson—and the favorite one at that—of Queen Victoria's. Signor Mussolini has given no proof that he is hostile to the Vatican, rather the contrary is the case. The smile that was smiled when Mr. Massey said that he never forgave the P.P.A. for opposing Sir James Allen was one that looked like never coming off. Arthur Griffith was not of Welsh descent. He came of a Wexford family. We do not know the name of the chairman of the Lake County Council. We are prepared to order for you any Catholic or Irish book that we have not in stock. Will that be all for the present, mister?

VEGETARIAN.—Your letter is too long for insertion, and, in any case, it would not convert readers of the *Tablet* to vegetarianism. There is much to be said for your point of view. It is as ancient as Nebuchadnezzar who grazed among the cattle. It is also said that the Chinese, who eat but little meat, do not suffer from blood pressure. For ourselves, we will be content to restrict our gourmandising in accordance with our Lenten regulations, but every man to his taste, as the Irish terrier said when he caught the tract-thrower by the calf of the leg.

INQUIRER.—Reiffenstuhl, Schmalzgrueber, Busenbaum, and Maccheroni are silent. Modern canonists are all shy. Trudel, Augustin, Woywood, and Pagliacci shun the problem. Possibly it is because the question of the

rights and wrongs of a sacristian is one that can be adjusted best by local authorities. It has been from time immemorial a custom for people to see the priest in the sacristy on business, and even a sacristan would be rash to say they shall not.

Australian Catholic Truth Society

BRIEF OF HIS HOLINESS PIUS XI.

Seeing that (as Our Venerable Brother, Daniel Mannix, Archbishop of Melbourne has reported to Us) there has been for several years in the archdiocese a canonically instituted association of the faithful known as "The Australian Catholic Truth Society," the fruitful object of which is the diffusion among the people of good literature at a low price, and seeing that the Archbishop has addressed to Us an earnest request that We bestow on the said association from the Church's treasury divinely entrusted to Us, some indulgences and privileges. We, who regard it as of the highest moment that the people be imbued with wholesome and salutary doctrine, have freely and willingly decided to gratify this pious desire. Wherefore, having consulted with Our beloved son, his Eminence the Cardinal Grand Penitentiary, and relying on the mercy of Almighty God, and on the authority of His Apostles the Blessed Peter and Paul, We grant

(1) A PLENARY INDULGENCE,

(subject to the performance of the works of piety herein mentioned) to each and all of the members of the said association, on the day of their admission to the association, and on the annual festivals of the Most Holy Trinity, of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady, of St. Joseph, her Spouse (namely the 19th of March) of the Apostle St. Paul, of St. Francis de Sales, and of St. Patrick (to wit, the 17th of March), or, at the free choice of each, on any one of the seven days which immediately follow the days just mentioned, having confessed and communicated, provided that they visit any public church or chapel at any hour between mid-day of the preceding day and mid-night of the day on which they wish to gain the indulgence, and that (during the visit) they pray for concord among Christian Rulers, the extirpation of heresies, the conversion of sinners, and the exaltation of our Holy Mother the Church;

(2) And to all those who are actually enrolled, or who will be enrolled in this association, we grant to each of them a Plenary Indulgence at the hour of death (*in articulo mortis*) provided that, having confessed and received Holy Communion (or if that should prove to be impossible, if instead they devoutly invoke the Name of Jesus with their lips, if they can, but otherwise with the heart) they accept death with resignation as coming from the hand of God, and as the penalty of sin.

(3) Moreover, to all those actually belonging to the association, or afterwards to be admitted to membership, We grant 300 days' indulgence, as often as they visit the Blessed Eucharist lying hidden in the Tabernacle, and with a contrite heart pray devoutly for the increase of the association in accordance with its special aims;

And likewise, when, on any day throughout the year, they shall with a contrite heart devoutly recite the antiphon, versicle, response, and prayer which follow:—

"Come, O Holy Ghost, fill the hearts of the faithful, and enkindle in them the fire of Thy Divine Love.

"Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created;

And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth."

"Let us pray.

"We beseech Thee, O Lord, that the Holy Spirit which proceeds from Thee, may enlighten our minds and bring them to all truth, as Thy Son has promised, Who with Thee liveth and reigneth in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, God, world without end. Amen!"

(4) And likewise, we grant 100 days' indulgence to members on any day on which they shall have co-operated in any manner whatsoever to the diffusion of Catholic truths through the aforesaid association, provided they recite devoutly and with a contrite heart the Doxology. "Glory be to the Father, etc."

Moreover, We grant that all the aforesaid indulgences, both plenary and partial, excepting the plenary *in articulo*

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