

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

Any of our readers wishing to get the best in the line of religious pictures for the holidays, should not be duped by "fake" houses. Send your orders to a man who is honest himself, and as a matter of conscience strives to give his customers perfect satisfaction. We refer to Mr. Philip A. Kemper, 19 West Second street, Dayton, Ohio. Some years ago (and it is true to-day) the Editor of the *Ave Maria*—unsolicited, said editorially: "Mr. Kemper is not only a man of fine artistic taste, but an enthusiast in this branch of his business to devote the time and thought necessarily required for the composition and selection of the handsome variety of pictures constantly issuing from his establishment. They run into hundreds of styles, including pious pictures suitable for prayer books and other purposes for which small pictures are needed, Christmas, New Year, Feast Day, and many other exquisitely fine double ornamented cards, etc. Mr. Kemper is constantly exploring the principal cities of Europe for the best productions in the religious pictorial art of the smaller sizes—not the larger ones for framing—adding his own ideas, together with those of the Church and the Saints for their general improvement. Paris, we are told, to a large extent furnishes him with the pictorial part, several cities of Germany the foundation laces, and Berlin and Leipzig the floral or double cards and covers. When we add that the work is done largely *Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam*—in a Christian apostolic spirit,—we need not wonder at the excellence of Mr. Kemper's productions. They are beautiful and their tendency is Catholic." Be sure to send in an order this month, and we assure you that you will not be disappointed.

Amongst the best new holiday books suitable for young and old, we have before us Sara Trainor Smith's pretty story of "Old Charlmont's Seed-Bed." It is a bright, sparkling book of which wise old Santa Claus will put in a good supply. A companion work written by that princess of charming story-tellers, Miss Anna T. Sadlier, is en-

titled "The Mysterious Doorway." Both books are finely printed, have attractive illuminated covers, and are kept within range of poorly-filled pocket-books. The price of each is only forty cents. Messrs. Benziger Bros. print, publish and sell these books. Sent to any postoffice for the price mentioned.

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Catholic teachers contemplating Christmas entertainments can find something new, easy, cheap, and good in "Tara," a drama adopted from the opera "Finola" by Charles Dawson, and Moore's Melodies by the New York Ursulines of St. Teresa. Price only twenty-five cents per copy. To be had by addressing the publishers, William H. Young & Co., 27 Barclay street, New York.

A pretty fairy tale has been dramatized by Mrs. Cora Semmes Ives, author of "The Princess of the Moon, etc." In her preface the author says: "As I dearly love good children, it is my pleasure to make them happy. Although fairies do not really exist, these little creatures of my imagination are intended to teach lessons that will encourage you to be good and a joy to all that know you." The book has an attractive cover and sells at 25 cents. Sold and published by W. H. Young & Co., 27 Barclay street, New York.

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A "centenary edition" of St. Alphonsus Liguori's well-known "Visits to the Most Holy Sacrament" has been put on sale by Benziger Bros. of New York, Cincinnati and Chicago. Handsomely bound, with round corners, and of a very convenient size for the pocket.