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"Truth is Catholic; proclaim it ever, and God will effect the rest."—BALMEZ.

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SPIRITUAL BOOKS.

(Warras vox Tas Resurs.)
Apropos of a notice of some good books in this issue, we would like to make an appeal to all Catholic readers to supply thomselves promptly with some of these nids to piety and religion. The ability to read, now so common, is a great addition to our responsibilities, for as the number of cutrusted talents is within the contraction of the contracti for as the number of currence atoms; as multiplied, so is the expected return increased. To be able to read is a talent surely of wonderful value to make a due use of it, as it will, undoubtedly, be an added item in the judgment of such as

et us look at it this way. Why does Lot us look at it this way. Why does our Divine Lord insist so strongly on the necessity of prayer? Is it that we can make known our wants better than lo knows them alread? No, for all things are naked and open to His eyes. Or is it, again, that He might know us in the constant sense of our dependence upon Him? Only in part, for this end could be more effectually gained by refusing us the right of appear to petition altogether, by making us, so to say, come no more one-cuany gamen by refusing us the right of speech or pctition altegother, by making us, so to say, stand out in the cold, and wait, without encouragement or even permission to say a word, while He wrought out His will in regard to us. If this had been this last will one the will be used to be sorvants, indeed, as we must always be, but not stop at that; He would have us friends, with a friend's right and privilege, not morely of outering into the palace of His Sacred Heart but of speaking, and holding, the intercourse of friendship with Him. For this there are two obvious reasons, so running into each other that they may be treated as one. ahip with Him. For this there are two obvious reasons, so running into each other that they may be treated as one. The first is that all love—which is the essence of religion—must first originate in the intercourse of the lover and his beloved; for no man can have sentiment of any kind for something he does not know. And, secondly, it must be sustained by intercourse, or tend at once to languish and die. The warmest friendablips, even the most fiery passion, cool rapidly enough in the atmosphere of separation, which soon becomes the atmosphere of indifference and forget-fulness. If we don't pray we shall sooner or later practically forget God, and live as if He were not; for prayer is the medicine by which, as on the one hand we rise to Him, so He, on the other, flows back into our souls for their samtification. And the spirit of a friend, who is never so pleased as when spaking to or of His friend; and thus always strengthioning and deepening the affectionate sentiment that binds them to each other.

NEW DEVOTIONAL WORKS

(Warrey for The Redorfan.)

We have received from Benziger Brothers, printers to the holy Apostolic See, a book which we think a great many have long been wishing for Whatever be our fortune in life, there is one thing we may be infallibly assured of; and that is, that we shall encounter sickness, whether in curselves or others. That, though inevitable, brings with it a class of duties which every one ought to know how to discharge. We have dectors and medicine and unrace with their skill to minister in illnesses of the lody. From both long and careful thoir skill to minister in illnesses of the body. From both long and careful study and practice are required before they are competent to take charge of a sick-room. This is zurely as it ought to be. But what about the soul in the meantime? Does it not need careful looking after as woil? Has it not its maladies, its weak and fainting spolls, in which it needs expert attendance? The priest can visit only occasionally. Whoe his immediate and divine work is done by the administration of sacraments, who is to carry out the prescriptions he gives for the right conducance of pain and sufforing? Who indeed but the relatives, triends, neighbors, upon whom field has dovolved this burden of charity?

If all wore born with natural spituled for so pious a duty as helping the sick the matter would be simple enough. But surely this is not to be expected, and as all or any may be called upon, at a moment's notice, to take charge of the suffering, a treatise like this ought to be in the hands of as many as possible. For it gives compendiously, and yet with detail enough, all the internation considered to the sure of the sure

A Pretty Exhibition.

Henry Austin Adams in Montreal.

A LETTER FROM SPAIN.

The Name of Archbishop Cleary Recalled by the

(Sercial to due Recentes)

(SPECIAL TO AN INCOUNTS).

SALMANGA, Spain, March 80.—" Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of the just." On the glorious feast of Our Lady's Annunciation, at the early age of 55 years, departed this life, in the midst of the tears and sorrows of his children, the students of the El Colegio de los Nobles Irelandeses, Dr. John Cowan, its over-rovered Rector—one of the kindest of hearts and the most approachable of superiors, for as most approachable of superiors, for as all great men are, he was as simple as a all great men are, he was as simple as a o'ilid, with a winning awectness and attractive charm of manner. In this the "Athens" of Spain, in the halls of its world-famed university, the late Rector of the Irish College, was looked up to as foremest amongst its theologians; and as a cauonist he had few poers. During his collegiate years he had in its halls, as a follow-student, the late Most. halls, as a follow student, the late Most Rev. Dr. Cleary, Archbishop of Kingston, the Jetails of whose death were read with such unusual regret in the pages of The Resisten by Irish Cathonics at house and abroad. Dr. Cowan was a native of County Down, and a diocesan of Dromore. To-day, surrounded by the askes of many a noble Irish son, but far from the land that bore him, and the home that loved him, he sleep; his last rest in the hope of a joyous resurrection. R. I. P.

THE POLITICAL ASPECT OF SPAIN. Last week the old world, at least