

The Harmony of Religious Life, by Herman J. Heuser. Benziger Brothers, \$1.25. These conferences first appeared in the Dolphin over the name of Fra Arminio. The author compares the religious community to some grand musical instrument e.g., an organ and the individual members to the separate keys. And, as it is required, in order to have good music, that each key give its proper sound at the proper time, so in a religious community, the harmony and perfection depends on the purity of intention and prompt obedience of the individual members. Moreover, just as a variety of sounds when produced in order renders the music harmonious and beautiful, so in a community the different characters and temperments of the individuals does not destroy, but serves rather to enhance the harmony and beauty of the whole.

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Political and Moral Essays, by Rev. Joseph Rickaby, S. J., B. Sc. Oxon. Benziger Bros., N.Y. Net, \$1.50.

This book contains a collection of essays by the well known author of Ethics and Natural Law, now used as a text book in many Catholic schools. In the first essay which takes up more than half of the volume, and was written for the degree of B.Sc. at Oxford, he shows the origin of society from history and defines its extent in relation to other societies, as the church, etc. The other subjects discussed are Savages, Casuistry, the Catholic Doctrine of Lying, and Equivocation, Socialism and Religious Orders, Morality without free will, an illustration of the value of sentiment in Ethics, to which are added some occasional notes. The subjects are ably treated and exhibit much knowledge and diligent research on the part of the author.

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### *Petitions Asked For.*

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A subscriber requests the prayers of our readers that she may be cured from an internal trouble without an operation, that her brother may obtain a situation which he expects, and fill it competently.

### *Our Lady's Own.*

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Scapular names have been received for registration at Falls View, Ont., from Trinity, Nfld.; Mankato, Minn.; St. Mary's Church, Oswego, N. Y.; Ruth, Huron Co., Mich.; St. Joseph's Church Snyder, Ont.; Brooklyn, N.Y.; Shepherd, Ont.; St. Dominic's Monastery, San Francisco, Cal.; St. James' Church, Kenosha, Wis.; Trinity, Trinity Bay and St. Nicholas Church, Olympia, Wash.; St. Charles Church, Shoshone, Idaho, Cataldo P.O., Idaho; St. Johns, Nfld.; Brook village, N.S.; Dickinson's Landing, Ont.; Big Rapids, Mich.; Bothwell, Ont.

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A drop of ink may make a million think.

To love God is not to have a will of your own.

It is easy finding reasons why other folks should be patient.

The most ferocious natures are soothed and tamed by innocence.

God pardons like a mother that kisses the offense into everlasting forgetfulness.

An unkindness has no remedy at law, let its avoidance be with you a point of honor.

To rejoice in goodness and be grieved by its opposite is an essential mark of a well ordered mind.

As we grow older we set a greater price upon fidelity; and where is there such faithfulness as in the Cross?

The farther the author holds himself from the crowd, the more may he hope to find thought in which are hidden germs of immortal life.

Let us correct the habit of believing in men, and of placing our hopes in them; let us not correct ourselves of the habit of loving them.

He who intelligently attempts what is beyond his power must leave undone his own proper work, and thus his time is wasted, be he ever so closely occupied.

However great the distance, we should make it with pleasure, in order to have the happiness of assisting at the Holy Sacrifice of Mass and the sacred mysteries.