

BOOKS RECEIVED.

Mission Tracts by Rev. Thomas E. Sherman, S. J., B. Herdes, St. Louis, Mo., price 5 cts., per hundred, net \$3.50.

Although this is universally considered the age of reading, as far as the doctrines of Holy Church are concerned, the opposite would be nearer the truth. Even Catholics are for the most part satisfied with hearing them preached from Sunday to Sunday, and the ignorance of our separated brethren on the same points, remains proverbial. Father Sherman has done a good work in giving us these short but pithy tracts on well chosen subjects. The very titles will recommend them: 1. The Old Religion; 2. The Church; 3. The Real Presence; 4. The Rule of Faith. We hope to see more of them till the whole field be covered with these splendid weapons of truth.

Eternal Religion: Its Use and Abuse, by Rev. George Tyrell, S. J., B. Herder, St. Louis, Mo., price \$1.00.

This prettily gotten up book has greater beauty and strength in its contents. The author, with a master hand, touches a few great questions which are soon to become burning subjects. Though written for students it will be a valuable addition to every priest's library and no one who essays to preach on the great moral truths can afford to overlook it. Its opening chapters must be carefully studied, since the others are logical deductions from them. Religious communities will find in its pages a new stimulus to understand the essentials of their holy state, while the laity will have the means of overcoming many a doubt as to their spiritual condition. But it is not a prayer-book; it has to be read and pondered over. It is the work of a deep thinker and profound theologian. It is such a work as might be expected from a brilliant son of the illustrious Society of Jesus. We predict a large sale of this book and the Catholic world owes another debt of gratitude to the publisher.

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 "Mary is a radiant star who bore the eternal Light, the Son of God.—
 St. Bonaventure.

PETITIONS.

"Pray one for another."—*St. James, v. 16.*

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 The following petitions are recommended to the charitable prayers of our readers:

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 For good health and recovery, Stratford, Ont.; several conversions, New York; for grace to know vocation; for the conversion of a husband; for spiritual favors. 5; for employment, 6; for success in business 1; for favorable settlement of a lawsuit; for strength to reform, 7; for recovery from sickness, 6; for happy death, 3; for reconciliation of a husband and wife; for reconciliation of a father and son; for peace in a family; for reformation of a husband who drinks 2; for the conversion of a father and son who have not approached the sacraments for years; for peace in a family; for the grace to overcome the temptations for drink for a husband and sons; for the reformation of a person who has become a victim to the use of drugs; for several ecclesiastical students; for health, 7; for temporal assistance, 3; for prosperity in a family; for the conversion of several persons of a family; for the conversion of a husband; for grace to overcome an evil habit; for assistance in finding honest employees, 3; for the recovery of a prelate who is dangerously ill; for a little boy who is in danger of losing a limb; for the return of thirteen persons to the church, together with their families.

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 The name Rosary was chosen to indicate its character. As the rose is composed of leaves, thorns and flowers, so the Rosary supplies subject for meditation on the joyful, sorrowful and glorious mysteries of the Redemption.

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 "Mother, now I'll say my beads,
 For my soul some comfort needs.
 And what better could there be
 Than to raise my thoughts to thee,
 Sweet Mother!"

—FATHER RTSSEL, S. J.