

## NEW PUBLICATIONS.

Catechism of the Christian Doctrine, by a Jesuit Missionary of St. Ignatius College, Chicago, Illinois. Price, paper 5 cents, 100 copies \$3.00. Sample copies free on application. B. Herder, 17 South Broadway, St. Louis, Mo. This model Catechism is sound in doctrine, complete in scope, logical in arrangement, short and crisp in method, simple in style. It avoids with scrupulous care the use of every unnecessary long and uncommon word. Destined for use in the United States it is written by an experienced priest who is born to the manner and language, and who understands the genius of the children, thus being able to marshal his phrases in words that trip easily on the tongue. Recognizing that the employment of question and answer in catechising renders the imparting of knowledge easy then only when the question thoroughly suggests the answer and bears its own part of the burden, he seldom repeats the question before the answer. This new Catechism relegates such few words as need definition to a general vocabulary at the end of the book. This method has advantages; for the long vocabularies now found at the head of chapters, confuse the eye-memory, and divert attention from the main thing—which is the doctrine. Amongst the preliminaries of the new Catechism we are pleased to find a good clear argument for the existence of God. This Catechism is thoroughly conservative, aiming only at setting forth more clearly what has been found praiseworthy in the older catechisms. It retains with scrupulous care the old phrases lisped at the knees of parents, consecrated by the tongues of pastors. We recognize as a feature of usefulness in this Catechism that it offers many and valuable references to the Holy Writ for the help of inquiring minds. In a word, the Catechism of the Jesuit Missionary embraces, we believe, all the best features of a model Catechism. Whilst it embraces the general outlines of the Butler, Deharbe, and Baltimore Catechisms, it has the advantage of being charmingly simple and easy. We think the children will hail the book as a dear friend in the hour of need. The new Catechism is small in size and will retail for five cents. In its preparation the Missionary made good use of the unusual opportunities which he enjoyed and submitted the Catechism to more than a score of widely experienced pastors and theologians both amongst the secular and regular clergy, all of whom predicted for it a useful career in the classroom, in the home-circle, and in the missionary-field. The new Catechism has the *Imprimatur* of John J. Kain, Archbishop of St.

Louis, and Patrick A. Feehan, Archbishop of Chicago.

From the very start the one idea of the publishers of Benzinger's Magazine seems to have been to make the last number better than the one that preceded it. Following this out, the September issue, which has just appeared, comes to us in a full-fledged popular illustrated family paper, destined, we believe, to take the place in Catholic homes of the "Journals," "Companions," and similar publications often found there. While preserving its old form it is, in every way, a new magazine. It now appeals not to any one of the Catholic family, but to *all*, particularly the mother, the wife, and the daughter. Its special articles are original, terse, and well illustrated; its women's department contains the latest and choicest in fashions, home adornment, and household matters. Its fiction—both serials and short stories—is the best to be had for the money, for it is by such well-known and well-liked writers as Father Finn, Marion Ames Taggart, Katharine Tynan Hinkson, "Theo Gift," Maurice Francis Egan, Mary G. Bonesteel, Marion J. Brunowe, Mary C. Crowley, Eleanor C. Donnelly, Mary T. Waggaman, Katharine Jenkins, Sallie Margaret O'Malley, Anna T. Sadlier, Magdalen Rock, Esther Robertson, etc. A new illustrated novel by Katharine Tynan Hinkson begins in this number. Nor are the father, the son, and the brother forgotten; sports, popular science, and the newest inventions will hold their interest; while games and amusements for younger folks, and short stories and jolly plays for the little tots show that all have been considered. And yet the price remains the same, one dollar a year. What more can be asked? Live agents, men and women, can make easy money by getting subscriptions for this magazine, and we advise them to write the publishers.

## PETITIONS.

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

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

Success in undertaking; communion; employment; spiritual and temporal favors; restoration to health; for wayward brother; a very special intention; sick 1; means 1; special 2; a husband.

Any of our readers having copies of the last number (September) of the Carmelite Review to spare, will oblige us by mailing the same to our address.