

## BOOK REVIEW.

1. JUVENILE ROUND TABLE.— By Catholic writers. Benziger Bros., \$1.00. The well known firm of Benziger Bros., Cincinnati, made it a special business to supply good Catholic literature to families, or rather children, on the occasion of Christmas. And no doubt, such books has a great desideratum in order to stem the pernicious flood of immoral or infidel fiction, which causes so great a havoc amongst our young people.

The collection here published under the title, "Juvenile Round Table," is from the pen of our best writer of belle lettres of varied scope, excellent language, beautiful delineation of character, and calculated to impress children deeply with a love of virtue and hatred of vice. We therefore hope that this book will be found in the Christmas boxes of thousands of children.

2. "BUT THY LOVE AND THY GRACE," by Rev. Francis J. Finn, S.J. The back-ground of this pen-picture is a charity bazaar, the heroine a factory girl, who in humble circumstances, gives examples of heroic virtue, and this contains a necessary lesson for thousands of wage workers. The booklet is written in the masterful style for which the author is so well known and so well liked. For sale by Benziger Bros. \$1.00.

3. THE FATHER'S DAUGHTER, by Catherine Tynan Hinkson. Benziger Bros., \$1.25. The novel is true to feminine nature. The language is graphic, and the development of the plot leaves nothing to be desired. The two sisters, who form the principal character of the story, different as they are from one another, are ever and again blending into an harmonious picture of sisterly affection. The book is to be recommended to the reading public.

4. SPIRAGO'S METHOD OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE by Bishop Messmer. Benziger Bros., \$1.50. By translating into English this book of 589 pages, 7v, Bishop Messmer furnished a most valuable manual to teachers of Catechism. Spirago, an Austrian priest and pro-

fessor, some years ago published a popular catechism, which had an unprecedented sale was soon translated into nearly all the European languages. But not satisfied with thus furnishing the matter to be taught, he supplemented his catechism by the above work, the object of which is to teach the teachers, how to bring the theological matter before the pupils so as to obtain the best possible results. Unlike many of the modern writers who seek notoriety by springing something never before heard, upon the readers, and draw more from imagination than experience, the author emphasizes the necessity of utilizing the combined experience of old and modern educators, who were actuated by pure love of God and their neighbors, and foreigners to vain glory and ambition.

Hence he embodies the respective maxims of a S. Vincent de Paul, S. Francis de Sales, Canisius, and no doubt his own into the well-digested treatise. We hope, that hundreds of priests, brothers and sisters engaged in schools, etc., will provide themselves with a copy, study it well and apply its principles practically. For a thorough study of catechisms is one of the greatest desideratums of our age and country.

5. LITTLE FOLKS' ANNUAL. Benziger Bros., \$0.05 cts.

This is a little almanac with short stories for young children. The question, is, however, debatable, whether such literature for children is desirable and useful. We think otherwise.

We also received for review the following books from B. HERDER, ; ST. LOUIS, 17 S. Broadway.

6. THE LITTLE IMPERFECTIONS. translated from the French by Rev. F. P. Garesche, S.J., (\$0.60.). It is a collection of short conferences on faults, which often are accounted virtues by unthinking people, and yet exercise a very sinister influence upon the character of a man. Matters like following: Self-love, Indolence, Irritability, Inconsistency, Levity, Obstnacy, etc., are critically analyzed, their effects shown and remedies suggested. For one who wishes to