

As to special prayers, read the Act of Consecration, published in this month's number.

E. McD., Toronto. — Your request has been inserted among those handed in to be laid near the shrine of the Apparitions. May the Sacred Heart grant, in its fullness, all that is asked by the members of the Apostleship here in Canada !

M. W. C., Halifax. — Your letter has been transferred to the Directors of the Canadian pilgrimage, Fathers Kavanagh and Pichon. If you want gold crosses, you stand a better chance of getting them by writing directly to this office. The Directors of the pilgrimage are thankful for your kind offer to pray for their safe return.

MUSIC AND BOOKS.

— *Ave Maria*, with violin obligato, by Belle Menard. — This exquisite composition of Miss Menard will be a welcome treat for many, either in church or at home. It is written within easy range ; and is melodious and devotional. The violin obligato makes it very effective. We recommend Miss Menard's *Ave Maria* to the readers of the MESSENGER. (Boston : Oliver Ditson Company.)

— *The Paraclete* ; a Manual of Devotion and Instruction, by Rev. Marianus Fiege, O. M. Cap. 352 pp. in 32. This admirable little manual is destined to spread devotion to the Holy Ghost, and thus carries out the wishes of the Holy Father who in his encyclical of May 9, 1897, wrote that "all preachers and those having the care of souls should remember that it is their duty to instruct their people more diligently and more fully about the Holy Ghost." Father Fiege gives us in this little pocket manual all that is needful of doctrine and piety regarding the Third Person of the Most Holy Trinity. Special exercises, litanies, novenas, etc., to the Holy Ghost take up over half of the book ; and every one may find in this handy manual what will foster devotion. (Montreal : Free Library, 146 Bleury Street. New York : Benziger Bros.)

— *Pauline Archer*, by Miss Anna T. Sadlier. A pure Catholic story throughout, and one that will make good reading for children. It is the story of a sweet little girl, with an invalid mother and a father who gave but little attention to his child. Her life is in a sense a lonely one, and she becomes quaint in her manner and sayings. Throughout she is an admirable character, portrayed in Miss Sadlier's best style. (New York : Benziger Bros.)