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A Review.

"Catholic Social Work in Germany," by Charles D. Plater, S.J., M.A. (Oxon.) Brochure, 185 pp., one shilling net. Sands & Co., 15 King street, Covent Garden, London or B. Herder, St. Louis, Mo., U.S.A. This book may be ordered through Milloy's Book Store, St. Catherine street, Montreal.

THE ARMY IN ACTION. According to official figures, there are in Germany to-day 22,094,492 Catholics; while the Protestants number only 37,646,852. Moreover, the rate of Catholic birth is 20 per cent. greater than that of all others combined. The Catholics are augmenting by leaps and bounds. It is because the organized Army of the Catholics, described in our two preceding papers, has been strongly and successfully at work. While France is withering away, the stalwart beyond the Rhine are augmenting day after day. Let us hope that another Franco-Prussian war is not imminent, for the sake of the poor unorganized Catholics of France.

Yes, the German Catholic "Army in Action" is working wonders. The will of the people has been aroused, and there is strength, and our co-religionists of the Fatherland are giving us a proof of the dictum. Catholics, like all other men, must feel that they are working and striving and succeeding with a multitude. The Congresses have made the German Catholics what they are. "Practically every one who attends them belongs to some one or more of the multitudinous Catholic societies which cover Germany as with a net, and suffer no fish to escape."

During recent years the numbers attending the Congresses have thrillingly increased. The question of providing accommodation has become a very serious one. "At Treves, in 1887," writes Father Plater, "a special hall was built for the general meetings, and this precedent has frequently been followed since. At Munich, in 1895, the only building capable of holding the visitors was the municipal beer store; this was converted into a public hall at a cost of some £2,000. At Dortmund, in the following year, the public meetings had to be divided into two sections. Yet Dortmund is mainly a Protestant town, and possessed at the time the largest hall in Germany. At Mannheim, in 1902, the workmen's meetings were held in four halls simultaneously, one of which held 9,000 people. The Festhalle, specially built for the Cologne Jubilee Congress, was a really imposing building, holding ten thousand men. Nevertheless, seven other halls had to be found in order to accommodate the crowds attending the meetings after the workmen's part of the Congress. The elaborate hall which was specially built for the last Congress (1908), at Dusseldorf, eclipsed all its predecessors. It stood upon an admirable site, lent for the purpose by the municipality, and it cost considerably over £3,000 to erect."

The Congress frequently sacrifices an opportunity of temporary triumph in favor of the general well-being; sometimes Catholic needs must be looked to, rather than mere outward splendor. The very nature, scope, work and endeavors of such an organization as the German Catholic Congress makes it a necessity to spread its influence in the sections most adverse to its aims. This was the case, for example, at Neisse, in Silesia, (1899), a town of but 20,000 where the elaborate setting which would have been supplied at Cologne or Munster was lacking. But what is true of a Congress along social lines, would be impossible in the case of a Eucharistic congress, for instance. Only a great city, with numerous Catholic churches and institutions, could make such a gathering a success. This is plain to any man who stops a minute and a half to think of it.

The visitors to the Congress include, as we have seen, men from every position in life. Clergy and

PROVINCES OF QUEBEC, DISTRICT OF QUEBEC. PUBLIC NOTICE. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given by J. EMILE VANIER, Civil Engineer, of the City of Montreal; ARTHUR ST. LAURENT, Deputy Minister of Public Works of Canada, of the City of Ottawa; ERNEST BELANGER, Civil Engineer, of the City of Montreal; SIR GEORGE GAINEAU, Civil Engineer, of the City of Quebec; and PIERRE CHARTON, Civil Engineer and Provincial and Federal Surveyor, of the City of Montreal, all in the Dominion of Canada; that they will petition the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, at its next session, to constitute them and others under the name of "THE ASSOCIATION OF POST GRADUATES OF THE POLYTECHNIC SCHOOL, Montreal," with power to develop friendly and scientific relations between the Post Graduates of said school; to admit temporary and permanent members, to acquire properties, both real and personal, and for other purposes. Montreal, March 1st, 1910. J. EMILE VANIER, ARTHUR ST. LAURENT, ERNEST BELANGER, SIR GEORGE GAINEAU, PIERRE CHARTON.

Book Notes.

"Père Jean and Other Stories," by Aileen Hingston, Burns & Oates, 28 Orchard street, London, W., Eng., 78 pp. cloth bound, price 2 shillings. (This book may be ordered through Milloy's Bookstore, St. Catherine street.)

Hingston is a hallowed name for Montrealers, and, indeed, for all Canadians, regardless of creed or nationality. Aileen Hingston, who wrote the neat little volume described above, was the beloved daughter of the late eminent Dr. William Hales Hingston, one of the greatest practitioners America has ever called her own, and a Catholic whose piety was as tender and as genuine as that of a gentle nun within the holy precincts of the cloister; even if the Doctor could show, when occasion demanded it (as once at a banquet in this city), that his faith was very virile, and that the blood of martyrs flowed in his veins. Our readers remember the pathetic story of his gentle daughter's death. We shall not rehearse it.

"Père Jean" is a little jewel of goodly worth. It deals with scenes and glimpses of French-Canadian rural life, and its portrayals are true to life. Miss Hingston knew the French-Canadian peasant, and could appreciate the soul-saving influence of Quebec's admirable French priests. She saw, knew, felt, and had to admire. "Père Jean" is the title-story, but there are three others as well, in the little book; namely, "Le Croche," "When It Came," and "A Christmas Story of To-day." Preceding is a "Memoir" which deals with the life-story of Dr. Hingston and more especially with that of his brilliant daughter Aileen. A poem, too, there is from the trained and loving pen of Miss Mary Hingston; it is "A Memory" of the young authoress of "Père Jean" who, alas! but too soon, was taken away from her loved ones of earth, by God's gentle angels. A little book like Miss Hingston's makes the children of mankind better men and women. Many of our readers will surely secure a copy of "Père Jean."

SPRING REMINDERS OF RHEUMATISM

Raw, Damp Weather Starts the Pain, But the Trouble Lies in the Blood.

Changeable spring weather, often raw, cold and damp, is pretty sure to bring a time of misery to people who suffer from rheumatism. But it must be borne in mind that it is not the weather that causes rheumatism, the trouble is rooted in the blood—the damp, changeable weather merely starts the aches and often almost unbearable pains going. The trouble must be reached through the blood, and the poisonous rheumatic acids driven out. This is a medical truth every rheumatic sufferer should realize. Liniments, outward applications and so-called electric appliances, never did, and never can, cure rheumatism. The sufferer is only wasting valuable time and money with this sort of treatment, and all the time the trouble is becoming more firmly rooted—and harder to cure. There is just one sure way to cure rheumatism—Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. They act directly on the impure, weak, acid tainted blood. They purify and strengthen it and soothe out the cause of rheumatism. Mr. John Finamore, Marysville, N.B., says:—"I was laid up with rheumatic fever for a year, and for eight months of that time I could not get about. My blood had seemed to turn to water, and the pain I endured was at times almost unendurable. Notwithstanding I was under the doctor's care I was not regaining my strength and I decided to give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a trial. I took altogether nine boxes and they simply worked wonders in bringing back my lost strength. I still take the Pills occasionally as I am working in a saw mill where the work is pretty heavy." "Not only rheumatic sufferers, but all who have any trouble due to weak, watery blood, will find a cure through Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. It is because of their direct action on the blood that these Pills cure such troubles as anemia, indigestion, general weakness, neuralgia, and the aches, pains and secret troubles women folk alone know. Give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a fair trial, and they will not disappoint you. Sold by all medicine dealers or by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

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Lent and the Doctors. Physicians used to tell us that in winter time, through comparative inactivity and heavy feeling, the blood becomes thick and the circulation stagnant, hence, when the warm spring weather comes upon us, lighter food and some cooling and blood-thinning medicine is indicated. They recognize, too—those whose information is not limited to pills, powders and appendicitis operations—the real hygienic importance of the regimen prescribed by the Catholic Church for its faithful members during the season of Lent. Some of these doctors, with undeveloped religious humps, have the impression that long ago, perhaps when Galen was occupying the limelight of medical assurance, their predecessors had been called in to prognose the requirements of humanity and the Church acting upon their suggestion formulated the regulations of Lent.

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sions. Self-denial, abstinence from certain foods and amusements, mortification and retirement are the medicines that always brought about this desirable result. Catholics who take their religious obligations seriously recall the words of St. Paul: "I chastise my body and bring it under subjection; lest perhaps, when I have preached to others, I myself should become a castaway." (1 Cor., ix., 27.)—Catholic Advance.

to be a treat for fish-speaking people "Musica Spirituata," to be given by Union, when they choir "Seven Last" in St. Ann's Friday, March 25th. Rev. Edm. Flynn, C. W. Each word with scientific relations between the Post Graduates of said school; to admit temporary and permanent members, to acquire properties, both real and personal, and for other purposes. Montreal, March 1st, 1910.