

A New Book.

The Bible for the Sick.—From the French of *Frederic Ozanam*. By Rev. Father Joseph Bruneau, of St. Joseph Seminary, Dunwoodie, N. Y.

The New York Christian Press Association Company has just published a translation of the volume known in France as "*Le Livre des Malades*," written by the late Frederic Ozanam, a well known Catholic author of this century. It is a well printed little book of about 127 pages, which deserves to meet with wide appreciation.

Ozanam was a profound student of the Bible. In the word of God he found wisdom and consolation, and not content with reading, he made copious notes. After his death his wife arranged those notes and had them published in bookform. It is a collection of passages from the different parts of the New and Old Testament, which are specially suited to inspire the sick with patience, steadfastness and trust in the Divine mercy.

The book is divided in four parts bearing the following titles :

- I. The foundation of faith and hope.
- II. The sick in the Old Testament.
- III. Counsels, sentiments of piety, prayers.
- IV. The sick in the New Testament.

Under these titles are to be found consoling words that will answer all moral needs of the sick and help them to suffer their misfortunes with fortitude and hope.

In the first part, the origin of suffering is explained. The divine complaint, the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, his death, are amongst the best quotations. Extensive notes are borrowed from Job's misfortunes, from his complaints, his hopes and his cure. How to accept trials sent by God, sentiments of contrition, trust in God. During convalescence are chapters that contain noble thoughts which bring comfort and strength. The book should be eagerly read, not only by those suffering physical diseases, but by all those mentally ill-fated as well.

