

All lovers of historical truth will hail with joy any reliable document covering the turbulent times which witnessed the birth of the so-called "Reformation." Janssen's *Geschichte des Deutschen Volkes*, (Janssen's History of the German People), is an opportune, reliable and interesting work. We have the second volume, the first part of which treats of some of Luther's true and pseudo friends in which is painted a living picture of things as they appeared to an unprejudiced mind. The second and third part of the second volume has captured our undivided attention. It is an X-ray view of the times and persons who figured so boldly in the 16th century. The central character is the learned and saintly Carmelite Doctor, Aloysius Postina. Having drawn pleasure, instruction and edification from this work, we earnestly pray that the same be soon done into English for the benefit of our readers who have not the good fortune to be familiar with the German language. This work is published by Messrs. B. Herder, 17 South Broadway, Saint Louis, Mo.

By an oversight on our part the interesting sketches of Very Rev. Father Blakely were crowded out of our March number. This is our first opportunity of explaining matters. The esteemed clergyman, whose lectures and writings have interested so many in America, is prompt in despatching his copy, and is, perhaps, too lenient with the printer and his accomplices.

Those who appreciate a good story treating of Kentucky in the early eighties should read Henry S. Spalding's "Cave by the Beach Fork." Benziger Bros. publish it.

Father Klauer's new revised edition of the Baltimore Catechism, which is complete in three numbers, is self-commendatory. It gives practical ways and means of indelibly implanting Christian doctrine in the minds of dull as well as bright children. The books are worth a trial. They are given out by a priest who has had practical experience with Catechism classes and ought to know the defects of the multiplicity of theoretical books on Christian doctrine. Father Klauer's cheap little books are graded. No. 1 sells at \$2.50 per hundred; No. 2 at \$3.50 per 100; and No. 3, (representing the Manual for use in elementary schools in its entirety), is put at \$15.00 for a hundred copies. The publishers, Messrs. Benziger Brothers, 36 Barclay Street, New York, N. Y., or their houses in Chicago or Cincinnati, will promptly fill your order when you write them, and will be glad to send samples to prospective buyers and up-to-date teachers of the most sublime of sciences.

Priests and seminarians looking for a book treating of the "Month of Mary" which is appropriate to the spirit and requirements of priestly life, should by all means get the new edition of Father Renandet's work adapted to the use of ecclesiastics. It costs but forty cents, and can be had from W. H. Young & Co., (27 Barclay St.,) New York.

The regular article by *Enfant de Marie*, Some notes on new books, and "petitions" are reluctantly omitted this month, and we beg our readers to be indulgent with us.