

those who are influenced, one way or another, by the Servite spirit (particularly tertiaries). It might have been more dramatic, but it could not well have been more true to character. There is something domestic, familiar, a family-atmosphere, about everything truly Servite, and the author has, perhaps unconsciously, exemplified it from beginning to end. It will be a useful book for parents who are about to send girls to convent schools and who are thinking more of the spirit which informs the teachers than of the amount of homework the child will have to do. A teacher who is nothing but a teacher is incompletely equipped for the work. Mother Antonia and her nuns loved the children. That is a thing which cannot be learnt by Government subsidy. The work of these nuns in the class-room is enriched by their contacts with the everyday work of everyday parishes. May they never go academic. G.M.C.

THE CURE OF LA COURNEUVE: L'ABBE JEAN EDOUARD LAMY. By Senator Helena Concannon, M.A., D.Litt. (Gill & Son, Ltd., Dublin; 5/-).

The Publishers are to be congratulated on producing in war time so attractive a book at such a price, likewise the author who has sketched in a charming fashion the life of a very holy, and extremely hard-working parish priest, and founder of a religious congregation. We are vastly captivated by the good priest's youthful life, and greatly edified at his big love and great work for souls. The book should be an incentive to loving more and doing more. G.B.

OUR LADY OF YORK, MOTHER OF MERCY. By Rev. David Quinlan (from St. Wilfrid's Church, Duncombe Place, York).

The restoration in 1943 of the statue and shrine of our Lady at St. Wilfrid's, York, has occasioned this brief history. The statue was the centre of devotion and pilgrimage in Flanders in the 17th century. Already old, it was then in the care of Dominican fathers and later of Dominican nuns who were supported at Menin by the civic authorities on condition that they maintained this devotion to the Mother of God and Mercy. After the persecution of Napoleonic times it passed by a series of bequests to York. The shrine should now be a centre for the return of England to our Lady, which is an essential feature of the conversion of England. C.P.

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