

perhaps set some souls on the way to conversion, who otherwise would never have considered the Faith at all. *The Barque of Peter* is beautifully printed in large, pleasant type on good paper. We would make one little criticism: the authoress seems to our taste over fond of the pluperfect. We wonder how many times the word 'had' occurs. However, that is a small point.

*Mary's Rosary* is quite excellent. We wonder in how many books, much less booklets, the explanation of the actual word 'Rosary' is given, as here. There are many quotations from Papal Encyclicals, also some fresh meditations. The objection 'Vain Repetition', so often made to the prayers of the Rosary, is dealt with in a masterly manner, and the real usefulness of the repetition of vocal prayers in the Rosary is shown.

G. B.

SAINT MUNGO'S BAIRNS. By Marion Lockhead. (Moray Press; 8s. 6d.)

Saint Mungo's Bairns is the story, told for children, of the growth of the city of Glasgow. Its history is seen through the eyes of the children of the town. Each period introduces different children with their own little story to tell, thus showing how the ordinary people lived, as well as the chief historical events. So many different characters may prove rather confusing to young readers, but on the whole it is a good and original way of presenting history.

S. M. F.

NAZARETH. By Dom J. K. Scheuber, O.S.B. Translated, etc., by Archdeacon N. S. MacMahon. (Eason & Son, Dublin; prices from 6s. to 13s. 6d.)

This well-produced book of prayers and instruction on the sacrament of marriage contains translations of several prayers and liturgical customs not easily found elsewhere, e.g., the betrothal prayer, and blessing of the mother-to-be. The Catholic ideal of marriage and married conduct is clearly outlined but with the exception of the brief extracts from Pope Pius XII's addresses to the newly-wed, one could wish the language was a little less artificial. The book is particularly addressed to women but no man can fail to learn from it something of practical assistance for the realisation of a happy and successful marriage.

N. T.

MARRIAGE PRELIMINARIES: THE INSTRUCTIO 'SACROSANCTUM', 29 JUNE 1941, WITH A COMMENTARY. By E. J. Mahoney. (Burns Oates; 6s.)

The new instructions concerning marriage, called for by the disturbing conditions of the post-war period, are very complicated. but it is of the utmost importance for the clergy to master them.