

NOTICES

PATERNOSTER PUBLICATIONS are doing a quiet and useful work in producing cheap and popular works for practical use in Catholic life. Thus Miss Doris Burton writes of holy women who have been successful Christians: *Great Catholic Mothers of Yesterday and Today* (8s. 6d.) ranges from St Perpetua confessing her faith while yet she suckled her baby daughter and who was described at her martyrdom as 'the darling of God', to Mme Martin the mother of St Teresa of Lisieux, who is described by her as 'that little puss Teresa, one cannot tell how she will turn out, she is still so young and thoughtless; she is a very intelligent child, but has not nearly so sweet a disposition as her sister and her stubbornness is almost unconquerable'. And *Sainte Emile de Rodat* (8s. 6d.) describes the life of the first saint to be canonised in the recent Holy Year, who founded the 'Holy Family' nuns, the year after the battle of Waterloo. Miss Burton writes clearly and her words bring these women to life and she avoids the danger of making them all the same. *Teaching the Religious Lesson* (5s.), by the Rev. Kevin Cronin, has some confusing and very unattractive designs, suggestions perhaps for pictures on the blackboard, but luckily the text is extremely practical and useful. Among a wealth of detail it includes hints on dramatisation and mime, which might have been given greater prominence.

FATHER GEORGE BURNS, S.J., writes of St Francis Xavier as *Saint Under Sail* (2s. 6d.—from the author, St Gabriel's, Harborne, Birmingham). It would not be difficult to write of so romantic and vivid a saint, and Fr Burns does him justice in a short space and encourages the desire to know more. *Heart to Heart* (6d.) by the same author gives a method of 'Adoration, Love, Asking and Reparation' for after Holy Communion. It contains many beautiful and well-tried prayers. For those who depend on others' prayer at such a time it will be most constructive; for others who are able to remain at rest with God it will provide a helpful preparation to be read before Mass.

From CLONMORE AND REYNOLDS comes *Adoption* by Cecil J. Barrett, C.C. (6s.), a book for the adoption worker who has 'one purpose: to bring together under the most ideal conditions possible the homeless child and the childless adult'. The author has had wide experience and the work is one that needs to be brought to the notice of the generous Christian. Also from these publishers: *Eucharistic Reparation, the Life of the Ven. Marie Thérèse du Coeur de Jésus, foundress of the Congregation of Adoration Reparatrice*, by Line de Thioles (3s.)—yet another French foundress of the first half of the last century.