

Book Reviews

and those who seek to become as such.' Its sub-title is 'Roses in mid-winter,' and its story is founded on the authenticated facts of a miracle wrought through the intercession of St. Theresa of Lisieux, in a convent at Gallipoli, in Italy, in 1910.

The sixty stanzas that describe the miraculous discovery of money, when the convent funds were exhausted and creditors pressing, are written with the simplicity and delicacy of style that befits their subject, and a helpful explanatory note is prefixed to each. Perhaps children will find the frequent scriptural allusions a trifle bewildering, but in spite of these and a few clumsy verbal inversions, they will certainly enjoy the story itself.

The fine production of the book makes us marvel at its cheapness. But we dislike the woodcuts intensely. E.E.

THE DOMINICAN SAINTS. By Father Raymund Pius Devas, O.P. (S. Walker, Hinckley; pp. ix, 1-51; 1/6.)

The Book of Life, in which are written the names of all those who have won the Kingdom of Heaven—with room to spare for those who are to come between now and doom's day—must be a prodigiously gigantic tome. (Or have the recording angels adopted the card index system?) The Book of Life is always growing; it follows, therefore, that our 'Collected Lives of the Saints' must be subject to constant revision. The Bollandists, Surius, and Butler have periodically to be brought up to date: and Father Raymund Devas points out that since 1901, when the volume entitled *Short Lives of the Dominican Saints* was first published, sixteen more *Beati* have been added to the Dominican list. Fr. Raymund in this little volume has given short lives of these new *Beati*. Our only regret is that they are so short. There are two very valuable lists which must have entailed a very considerable amount of minute research—a chronological list of all the Dominicans who are honoured as Saints or *Beati*, and then another list of the same names arranged alphabetically with their dates and feast days. This list will be a revelation to many. How many of us, for instance, knew that we had a martyr, Bd. Francis, aged 5, and another, Bd. Dominic, aged 2?

The book really is worth the modest one and sixpence, and it ought to be procured at once by everyone who is interested in the Dominican Order. Cannot Fr. Raymund be persuaded to follow up the work so admirably begun by bringing out a revised edition of *The Short Lives of the Dominican Saints*? It certainly needs doing. O.P.