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Cruithneacht agus Ceannabháin. Tomás

Bairéad. Dublin: Talbot Press, 4/6 net.

HERE is another collection of short stories, nor, in choosing a title, has the author strayed far from the current convention of alliterative contrasts. In this case, however, the suggestion of contrast in the title correctly indicates the variety of the stories. If any is to be singled out, it is, perhaps, "Giolla an Droichid," not so much for its general merit as for the atmosphere of wistfulness which informs the tale. Being rare in current Irish fiction, this quality is all the more appreciated when met.

Humour, too, is represented, notably in "Buaidh na bPáidín" and "Lóisín na hOidliche," against which stands out the vigorous tragedy of "Boiadh an Amhrúitíe."

This book will probably be classed as the best which An Bairéadach has yet produced, and certainly equals the best of recent publications. In short, an excellent work, written in lively Northern Connacht Irish, and very pleasurable reading.

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CNUASACH NUA O SHAR-UDAR

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Cruithneacht agus Ceannabhaln, Tomás Baireád do sgríobh (Clóluacht an Talbóidigh. 4/6.)

An t-é léigh na leabhra eile chuir Tomás Baireád amach cheana, ní orm a rádh leis ach gur cnuasach gearr-sgéal é ón ughdar céadna fá sa leabhar seo, agus go bhfuil chulle cheana díobh ar íneabhas, mar is gnás leo bheith aige. An t-é nár léigh na leabhra eile fós, tosmuigh sé leis an gceann seo, agus geallaim dhó nach mbéidh sé ag dul amach ag ceantach nó ag goid na ceann eile—ciaca dhéineas sé nuair theas-tuigheas leabhar uaidh.

Ní amháin go bhfuil sé ina phintéir leis na focla, ach go bhfuil céard an rionnaire aige ché mairh. Táthar ann, agus tugann siad an moladh seo do sgríobhadh áirithe de na Gall-Ghaedhil nach bhfuil—mar dubhairt an Céitinneach fá n-a-sean-aithreacha—ach ag dul chart ar nós an phroimpioláin, nach gcomann ar mhion-sgoilth sa macaire, nó ar bhliáth d'a mbí i lubh-ghort, ach ag fuairdreach leis go dteagmhann buailtrach bó nó otrach capall go dtéigh d'a unfairt féin ionnta.

Ní h-amháin ar ndó don Bhairéadach, ach a mhairt ar fad. Tá úire agus fairsinge, fiathúlacht agus críostalocht na tíre seo, táid sin uile is na sgealta díreach mar táid ionnta féin. Sé an Píarsach a chuireas sé i gcumhne dhom ar uairibh, ach amháin go bhfuil saidhbheas focal agus calmaí ag an mBaireádach nach raibh ag an bPíarsach.

Feith An Chrinn.

Tá feith an ghrinn ann freisin. Féach an píosa seo:—

“Eist do bhéal,” adair an fear tanaidhe.

“Dún do chlab tusa. Ní thóg dTéin-le-Gaolín tá tú nóis. Ar ndó ní dhéineadh bairtheoir gnaoith-camhail ar bith a leithead de chleas, adubhairt an fear beag.

“Cuir ó bhualadh é,” adair an fear taobh thiar diom i n-árd a ghlotha.

“Cuir amach as a' bpatric ar fad é—ní mairh leo leigint ortu féin an fear beag.

“Cá bhfuil na sé dhuine dhéag?” adubhairt an fear mór.

“Cá bhfuil do shúille? Nach bhfuil a' mhoiréir gaibh? A mhoiréir! Tuirge nach goireann tú ort a' gheansaigh? arsa an fear beag.

“Breágh luath tá sibh a' call-eadh croidhe 'gus a' tosaigh a' leagaint a' mhilleáin ar dhuine eiginne, arsa an fear árd, tanaidhe.

“Cosamhlacht é go bhfuil siad buailte, adair an fear mór.”

Cé chleachtuigh páirc pheille nó iomanulochta riamh nach auaia an chaimt chéadna fá chéad?

G. MAC E.

Books In Brief

The Personality of Christ. By Abbot Anscar Vonier, O.S.B. (Burns, Oates and Washbourne, 6/-).—This is the fifth impression of this well-written and scholarly work which is described by the reverend author as “a very unconventional rendering of the most important points of the third part of the Summa.” It is neither exegetical, he says, nor apologetical, nor devotional, but strictly theological.