

her the princely patronage accorded by successive Pontiffs to letters, to her the preservation of the Bible and even of ancient secular literature, to her the salvation of Christendom from falling into hopeless anarchy during the chaotic struggles of its beginning. Education, not purely secular instruction, but the education of heart as well as mind, of conscience as well as intellect has ever been her watchword.

A distinguished American Jurist, Chief Justice Dunne, who has made study of the subject, declares that, "during the temporal reign of Pius IX. the city of Rome possessed a better system of schools for the education of the masses than this country (the United States) has ever seen." Much information on education and kindred topics may be got by inquiring Protestants from the recently published work of the Paulist, Father Young, on "Protestant and Catholic Countries compared."

In the untiring work which the Church has done for education and in which all her splendid religious Orders have had their share, Dominicans, Benedictines, Oblates, Franciscans, Sulpicians, Oratorians, Brothers of the Christian Schools, and scores of others, the Jesuits have been, since their foundation, pre-eminent. Half a hundred glorious names at once rise to the imagination. The deeds of innumerable others have been less widely chronicled. Read the story of their martyrs. Why, they have enriched the calendar of the Church with a very harvest. Read the annals of science and of human learning. What page fails to record the name of at least one Jesuit. Read the history of heathen nations from the ice-bound North to the torrid South, everywhere the intrepid soul, the fiery heart of the son of Loyola. Open the history of our own country, self-sacrifice, devotion, martyrdom. Examine the rivers and the lakes of America, their shores were first trod by Jesuit feet. See their colleges and their free schools, their seminaries and their leper hospitals. Behold them directing the noblest souls upwards and onwards or ministering to the lowly at fever stricken pillows, instructing the pagan catechumen. In every field of heroism a Jesuit is sure to be found, upon his lips the deathless war-cry of the sublime Ignatius, "Ad maiorem Dei gloriam. To the greater glory of God!"

Protestant intelligence, virtue and fair-mindedness have time upon time admitted the claims of the Jesuits to the common gratitude of humanity. But, alas! time upon time has vulgar ignorance, presuming upon still more lamentable ignorance, repeated the oft-refuted calumnies against the company of Jesus. "The Jesuit," says the Abbe Darraz, in his Church History, "being specially destined to counterbalance the influence of Protestantism on the Church, has always appeared an object of terror to Protestant minds, which can view it only as an equally frightful and odious bugbear to mankind. Even within the pale of the Catholic Church itself, truth and justice have not always shaped the judgments formed of the illustrious Order of the Jesuits, which has awakened so many storms of hatred, only because it has ever waged a relentless war against every human passion."

Be it remarked that Abbe Darraz is not a Jesuit. In conclusion, if such orators as the gentleman from Verdun would advise their listeners to inform themselves as to the true history of the Jesuits, by reading the recent magnificent life of Ignatius, published by Stewart Rose, or any other authorized life, "The Jesuits," by Paul Feral, or even the partial, prejudiced and unwilling testimony vouchsafed by such writers as Parkman, he would find, indeed, his occupation gone, but have been guiltless of transgressing that sacred ordinance, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor."

A. T. S.

A NEW CHURCH.

A HANDSOME STRUCTURE TO BE SELECTED IN THE EAST END.
The Jesuit Fathers have resolved to complete their church in the parish of the Immaculate Conception, Montreal, and with that end in view they have signed a contract with the firm of Messrs. Tanguay & Vallee, of Quebec, architects, authorising them to push the work through as rapidly as possible. This church will be the only one of its kind in Canada, as the interior will be built without a single column. The body of

the church will be supported by an iron structure which will be entirely concealed from view, by the woodwork. The width of the church will be eighty feet, and it will be built of Canadian stone, with the latest improvements. The pews will be of a characteristic design and the seating capacity of the church will accommodate four thousand persons. The organ will be operated either by electricity or water power, while the body of the church will be lighted by electricity. A handsome steeple will be built, and an electric clock will be erected therein. There will also be a splendid chime of bells, which will probably be imported from France. Work will be started within the next few days and pushed through until completed. The church will be an ornament to the east end of the city, and its construction will cost in the vicinity of \$100,000 to \$150,000.

A SIGN OF THE TIMES.

LORD ACTON AS PROFESSOR OF HISTORY IN CAMBRIDGE.

The selection of Lord Acton, a Catholic, by the Premier to fill the vacant Chair of Regius Professor of Modern History in the University of Cambridge, is a noteworthy event as indicating the progress of a fairer and more tolerant spirit toward Catholicism in this country. It is stated quite correctly, we believe, that he is the first Catholic who has, since the reign of James II., held high office in either of the great Universities. The Times, no doubt, declares that "his opinions are generally of a kind that do not commend themselves to the authorities of his Church, or even to the great majority of its lay members in these islands." What are the precise grounds for this assertion we do not know. No doubt, in former times, Lord Acton took up positions which were not approved of by the majority of his fellow Catholics. He was believed to be one of the directors and moulders of the policy of the very ably conducted Home and Foreign Review, which called forth the censures of Cardinal Wiseman and the severe criticism of Dr. Ward; and it was felt that in his attitude with regard to the question of Infallibility he was too much governed by the inspiration of his teacher, Dr. Doellinger.

But all these controversies are past and gone, and within the more recent years there have not been, so far as we are aware, any indications calculated to throw doubt on Lord Acton's orthodoxy. Of his fitness for the responsible post to which he has been appointed no doubt can be entertained. The Times correctly describes him as "one of the most learned of living Englishmen." Not only is his store of erudition great, but he is master of a graphic and vigorous style which places him in the front rank of English writers. But whilst his language is forcible and picturesque, his honesty and the thoroughness of his knowledge are a guarantee that he is free from the defects of historians such as Mr. Froude. As a Christian of strong and earnest convictions his influence must prove highly beneficial at Cambridge, where, as we stated last week, there is now a reaction against agnostic tendencies.—*Liv. Cath. Times.*

MORE FAVORABLE COMMENTS.

THE TRUE WITNESS has done itself credit by the issue of its St. Patrick's Day Number. The Souvenir is beautifully gotten up, the illustrations and letter press being exceptionally fine and very appropriate to the occasion. The number, which is really a work of art, will be warmly appreciated, not only by Irishmen in Canada, but also by those who have never seen the country.—*The Metropolitan.*

The St. Patrick's Day Souvenir Number of THE TRUE WITNESS, of Montreal, is studded with literary and historical gems and illustrated with consummate art. It reflects credit on the learning and discriminative power of its editor and on the enterprise of its proprietors.—*Michigan Catholic.*

A feature of the Paris exhibition of 1900 will be a section devoted to the history of Christianity from the beginning to the present day, with representations of the Temple of Jerusalem, the scenes of the life of Christ, Pagan and Christian Rome, Constantinople and the lives of the saints.

MAGAZINES AND PUBLICATIONS.

THE CANADIAN MAGAZINE.

The current (April) number of that excellent and most successful national review and magazine, The Canadian Magazine, exhibits in its contents that interest and variety which has characterized it since its inception, and which is more strongly exhibited on the whole as the years go on. The present number, the 26th of the issue, is very full of engaging reading, not only to Canadians, but to foreigners, almost every contribution being of general world-wide interest. Amongst the contents of the present number is an article by Hon. David Mills, dealing with the policy of Russia, and contending that the political ruling of the world, with all which that involves, is in danger of passing to the rule of the Czar, and urging a thorough co-operation of the various parts of Great Britain (and also the United States), in upholding British power and all that it represents in the development of freedom, trade, and civilization. The article is one of the most powerful that has appeared for years in any of the magazines. The Boys' Brigade, a new movement of our times, is ably treated by J. Castell Hopkins. O. A. Howland, M.P.P., writes entertainingly of the spirit of art. O. R. W. Biggar, Q.C., in a beautifully illustrated article, "Home Revisited," deals with the art of the Vatican, and with the changes that have occurred in the old city since his visit twenty years before. Under the pen name of Professor Tadmor, one of the leading men of Canada, it is conjectured, describes a corner in a little Canadian village, and relates therewith a story, by a local character, of intense interest. The article is illustrated. Amongst the other contributions are "The Lost Colony of Roanoke," by E. Y. Wilson; "The Mysterious Spotley," by Bernard McEvoy; "Old Ben," by V. O. McGie; "Sunday Morning at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem," by Thos. Conant; "One of the Few," by Kay Livingstone; "A Glimpse of Robert Barr," by C. Stan Allen, and a good variety of poems and humorous anecdotes. The Canadian Magazine is published by the Ontario Publishing Co., Ltd., Toronto; \$2.50 per annum; single copies, 25 cents.

INTERNATIONAL ART PRINTER.

A first copy of this elegant and artistic publication has just reached us, and it certainly is a valuable addition to Canadian publishing enterprises. It is gotten up on the finest of paper and is illustrated with a profusion of the Art Printer's samples. It comes from Owen Sound, and it speaks volumes for the progress being made in that new but flourishing locality. It should find its way into all Canadian and American publishing houses.

THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW, APRIL, 1895.

The attention of the readers of the April number of the Review is directed to the opening article, "A Last Tribute," by the Hon. T. B. Reed. It is written in the ex-Speaker's trenchant style, and from a Republican standpoint throws the search-light of criticism upon the labors of the recently ended Fifty-third Congress. A valuable contribution to naval literature is contained in the paper by Admiral P. H. Colomb, of the Royal Navy, on "The Future of the Torpedo in War." The article in the March number of the Review by Senator Cushman K. Davis, of Minnesota, on "Two Years of Democratic Diplomacy" achieved such widespread publicity that the Review, true to its policy of giving a hearing to both sides of every important question, presents in this number an article by Senator George Gray, of Delaware, who replies to Senator Davis, setting forth and defending the course of the present administration in its conduct of foreign affairs. A thoughtful and vigorous paper is that by I. Zangwill on "The Position of Judaism." Mr. Zangwill is well known as a successful novelist and magazine writer. Dr. Cyrus Edson pays his respects in a few last words to Lady Henry Somerset, Mrs. Harriet Prescott Spofford and Marion Harland, who, in the last number, criticised his opinion of "Nagging Women." A theme of absorbing commercial importance is discussed by the Hon. Lorrin A. Thurston, the Hawaiian Minister at Washington, under the caption of "The Growing Greatness of the Pacific." Dr. Paul Gibier, director of the Pasteur Institute, New York City, writes on "The Physician and the Social Question."

"Does Fire Insurance Cost Too Much?" is the question asked by George U. Crocker, in a valuable contribution to this number. A scholarly contribution, entitled "The Outlook for Parliamentary Government," is furnished by the Hon. Hannis Taylor, United States Minister at Madrid, whose well known work on "The Origin and Growth of the English Constitution," is used as a textbook in several universities. The fourth instalment of the "Personal History of the Second Empire," by Albert D. Vandam, author of "An Englishman in Paris," also appears in this number.

PRINTERS' INK.

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL AND HOME MAGAZINE.

The first number of the fourth volume of the Catholic School and Home Magazine is a good specimen of the work which this unique monthly is striving to do. The name alone of the editor, Rev. Thomas J. Conaty, D. D., is a sufficient guarantee of its worth. Every Catholic teacher in the country should see this publication. How they can do without it, after having but once glanced over it, passes our comprehension. If any generous Catholic is casting about for an opportunity of doing an act of public benevolence, which will do an untold amount of good, we advise him to furnish the Rev. Editor with the means to put a sample-copy of his magazine into every Catholic home in the country.

ST. ANTHONY'S MESSENGER.

St. Anthony's Messenger for March, in an article on "The relations of the Franciscans and other Religious Orders and Institutes," mentions the part which St. Peter of Alcantara bore in the reformation of the Carmelites. Long before that, Franciscans and Carmelites worked hand in hand. It was a Carmelite Saint who predicted the stigmata to St. Francis, and to whom St. Francis in turn prophesied the crown of martyrdom—St. Angelus. There is a room, once occupied by St. Dominic, in the Dominican Monastery on the Sabine hill of Rome, which is now used as a chapel. In this room there is a painting of the three holy friends—St. Dominic, St. Francis and St. Angelus, who spent a whole night in this cell of St. Dominic conversing of heavenly matters.

DONAHOE'S FOR EASTER.

The Easter Donahoe's comes in a cover brightly suggestive of the great festival. Of the longer articles there is an excellent variety, able, thoughtful, and readable. The leader is a delightful account of the oratory of Wendell Phillips in the form of a "Reminiscence," by Rev. John Talbot Smith. Michael J. Dwyer reviews "Foreign Critics of American Manners," contrasting the close, analytical work of the French novelist Bourget with the flip-pant, and often unjust comments of many of his predecessors, especially the English writers. "A Kansas Lawyer" adduces strong and telling arguments against what he terms the "roaring farce" of the prohibitory laws in Kansas. This paper is to have a sequel next month. An interesting serial story, entitled "From Love to Martyrdom," dealing with the early history of America, is begun by Laure Conan, the talented Canadian writer. "Ste. Anne de Beaupre in Winter," with illustrations, is an especially attractive sketch of America's Lourdes, by G. M. Ward (Mrs. Penne). Other excellent features are "History as told in Coins," "What is Minority Representation," a study of the late Sir John Thompson, the Canadian Premier, and the American Catholic Historical Society, by its President, Dr. Lawrence F. Flick, of Philadelphia. The short stories and poems, and the several "departments" are practical and timely.

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