Perhaps the quaintest of all the books on Louisiana and the Mississippi Valley is that of Father Charlevoix, in the form of his letters to the Duchess of Lesdiguieres. The Indian missionary Father visited portions of the Mississippi Valley about the year 1720, and in his numerous letters has given a "full and accurate description of Canada and

the neighboring countries."

Father Charlevoix speaks of the previous affairs of Canada as of ancient history. He would perhaps not recog nize the places of which he speak such familiarity if he were to visit them now. For instance, he says:

THE CHICAGOU OF "Fifty years ago the Mianas were settled at the south end of lake Michigan, in a place called Chicagou (Chicago), which is also the name of a contract of the same into the lake. little river which runs into the lake and the spring of which is not far from that of the Illinois. They are at present divided into three villages, one of which is on the river St. Joseph (St. Joe), the second on another river which bears their name, and runs into Lake Erie, and the third near the river Qualagehe. and the third upon the river Ouabache (Wabash), which runs into the Missis-

Here is Father Charlevoix's account near Marquette's grave changed its passage "as out of respect." to all sacred professions.

return thanks, and prayed the two men kindly." who managed the canoe to leave him

alone for half an hour.
"This time being expired, they went to seek him, and were greatly surprised to find him dead; but they recollected that upon entering the river he had said that he should finish his journey there. Nevertheless, as it was too far from thence to Michilimackinac to carry his body thither, they buried him near the side of the river, which from that time has retired as out of respect, to the cape at the foot of which it now

"The year following one of the two men who had performed the last duties to this servant of God returned to the place where he had buried him, took up his remains and carried them to Michilimackinac. I could not learn, or I

between the dramatists and the Roman Church. That Church had been the friend of the drama in nearly all age and countries. The English drama in its earliest forms had probably been made by monks and priests, and the morality plays were almost certainly intended as illustrations to the teachings of the pulpit. When the drama widened its scope and embraced scenes of secular life the Catholic Church still clung to it, encouraged it and guided it.
The Church had not been responsible for what the drama had done in later and more licentious days, but even at the drama's lowest, the Church had held on to it and tried to lift it up.
It would be allowed by students of the
drama that the dramatists had reciprocated the good will of the Roman Church. Even the most liberal of them had rarely or never used the drama as had rarely or never used the drama as a vehicle for abuse of the Church or of its ministers. On the con-trary, they had nearly always treated the priests or Bishops, the services and offices of the Church with becoming reverence. In this connection Mr. Hall Caine instanced Shakespeare, who, he said, was probably not a Catholic. Might it always be so. If the Church was to be dealt with in the drama, if its offices were to be indicated or its ministers Here is Father Charlevoix's account of the death of Father Marquette. In it be with the reverence that was due to all sacred things and to all the great

near Marquette's grave changed its passage "as out of respect."

THE MARQUETTE MIRACLE.

"Father Joseph Marquette, a native of Leon, in Pieardy, where his family still holds a distinguished rank, was one of the most illustrious missionaries of New France. He traveled over almost all parts of it, and made many discoveries, the last of which was the Mississippi, which he entered with the Sieur Joliet, in 1673. Two years after this discovery, of which he published an account, as he was going from Chicagou, which is at the bottom of Lake Michigan, to Michilmackinac (Mackinac), he entered the river I am speaking of, the entrance of which was then at the right at entering it. He set up his altar here and said Mass. After this he went a little distance to return thanks, and prayed the two men thanks and the private particular to the

LORD BEACONSFIELD'S BIRTHPLACE

To the Editor of the Mail and Empire:

Sir-The paragraph in your issue of 13th inst regarding the birthplace of Loid Beaconstield recalls to mind an interesting if almost forgotten tact, linking together two of the greatest names of the last century. In the first decade of the century two youths might have been often seen playing together in Bioomsbury Square, the one a slenner child of sedate demeanor and fair English count rance, in striking contrast to his companion whose black curly locks and pronounced racial features procisimed him as of the royal race of Israel. The first was John Henry Newman, future prince of the Church, and greatest modern master of English speech; the other Bejamin Disraell, suther of numerous novels and twice Prime Minister of Britain. The house in which he almost of Britain. The house in which he later resided with his parents in or near Bloomsbury Square. But the interesting fact of the early association of these two great men might be fittingly commemorated on the tablet to be placed upon the walls of 22 Theobaids Road, the birthplace of Lord Beaconsfield.

MARRIAGE. To the Editor of the Mail and Empire:

CORNER STONE LAID OF ST HELEN'S CHURCH,

with you until the consummation of he world Jesus died for all manking and invited all manking and invited all manking to enter the Church which He founded for our salvation.

Rev. Father Boubat, P. P., of Ridgetown, conducted the singing. The following is a copy of the document which was placed in the cavity of the corner stone:

"This corner stone of the Church of St. Helen was laid and blessed by His Lordship. Fergus Patrick McEvay. Bishop of London, on Sunday, Sept. 21, 1992 Leo XIII. reigning in the throne of Peter Most R. v. Dr. O'Connor, Archbishop of Toronto. Etward VII. ruler of the British Empire. Hon. Wiffred Laurier, Prime Minister of Canada. Lord Minto Governor General, Hon. Mr. Ross, Premier of Ontario. Mr. Jabel Robinson, member for the local House."

The contractors were Messrs. Dovle & Dodswell. The architect, Mr. Rea'th of St. Thomas. Copies of the 'Artholic Record and the local newspapers and a few of the current coins were also deposited in the corner-stone. The church is dedicated to the great St. Helen, the founder of the True Cross and mother of Constantine the Great.

In the course of the Bishop's address His Lordship complimented the pastor, Rev Father Quintan, on the splendid result of his carnest endeavors for the spread of truth and the successful culmination of his toil in the starting of the new church He also thanked the people, Protestants and Cutholics for their hearty and practical sasistance in this regard, and hoped they would soon have the happiness of assisting at the celebration of the Divine Service in the beautiful structure is contemplation.

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On Sunday, Sept. 14, the Sucrament of Confirmation was administered by His Lordship, Right Rev. R. A O Connor, and the handson stations of the Cross, the gift of the Misses Ma'kenzle, were erected at Kirkfield. In mediately after High Misss, which was sung by the pastor, Rev. Jos. O'Sullivan, His Lordship confirmed forty four children carefully prepared many weeks before by the pastor. The children assembled in the hall opposite the church where they were carefully prepared many weeks before by the pastor. The children assembled in the hall opposite the church where they were carefully prepared many weeks before by the pastor. Rev. Jos. O'Sullivan, His Lordship confirmed forty four children carefully prepar

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purpose, the first signature being that of Mr. Clergue. While the addresses werein progress several gentlemen went through the gathering and took a collection which it is stated to have totalled the magnificent sum of \$300 for the building fund.

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