

The opening pages of the *Messenger of the Sacred Heart* are taken up with a delightful itinerary from the pen of Father Mattern, who made a trip to the Holy Land during the summer vacation. The article is well illustrated and gives entertaining descriptions of many places immortalized by Holy Scripture. Under the title of "Some Unknown Artists," there is a thoughtful article which treats of the lives and works of some celebrated painters and sculptors among the Jesuits. The unique feature of this issue is a description of the Newsboys' Home in New Orleans. Thanks to the ever-flowing charity of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of that city, seconded in their efforts by the good Sisters of Mercy, this institution is doing a meritorious work in reclaiming, educating and, I might say, Christianizing that ubiquitous creature whom the cold indifference of the world designates as the "Street Arab." Another article of great merit is the interesting description of the Mission Church at Tadousac. Other articles worthy of interest and consideration are "Reviving Two French Parishes" and the "Annals of the Augustinians in the Philippines."

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In the *Ave Maria* of the issue of February 11th, another chapter of that admirable serial "Weighed in the Balance" is furnished to the readers. The author of "Notes of a Northern Summer" has found the land of Evangeline so inspiring that he diverts us for a few brief moments from the charming description he has so far given us in the pages of this magazine and engages our attention on a thoughtful criticism of that magnificent poem which has immortalized the name of Longfellow. In "A Change of Tactics," the writer gives some sledge-hammer blows to the vacillating leaders of sectarianism. Formerly they were positive in parading what was Christian doctrine or what was not, but now they have thrown dogma to the winds and tell us that Christianity must be freed from this hampering yoke. Having rejected any principle of authority in matters of faith, these time-serving preachers have at length found out that the superstructures which have been erected on the bases of error and corruption are false and unreliable; and that they, without any definite doctrine, are no