William MacQueen, of Johnstown, Ont., and widow also of the late C. T. Palsgrave, of Montreal, in the 80th year of her age. The deceased lady was a sister of Mr. W. J. MacDonell, of this city, Knight of the Order of the Most Hely Sepulchre, and a writer of poetry of great purity and beauty. *Requiescat in pace*.

#### CATHOLIC AND LITERARY NOTES.

During the absence of Mr. William O'Brien from Ireland United Ireland will be edited by T. P. Gill, M. P.

The United States Catholic Historical Magazine, just issued, has been well received by the Catholic press and by historical scholars.

We are soon to have a new work from the pen of Mr. Justin McCarthy. He is busily engaged on a history of "The Early Tudors."

A new church, to be erected in Rome, by command of the Pope, near the Vatican, will be placed under the invocation of St. Thomas Aquinas.

Father Lambert, author of "Notes on Ingersoll," has written a new polemical work entitled "Tactics of Infidelity." It will soon be published.

The Rev. Jean Marie, Abbot of the Trappists of Belletontaine, France, is on his way to Canada, to visit two houses of the Order, one at Nova Scotia, and the other at Montreal.

The execution of the monument to St. Thomas Aquinas, which the students of the Catholic colleges are about to erect at the Vatican, has been entrusted to the sculptor, Aureli. It will represent the angelic doctor seated in his chair, and holding the "Summa" in his hand. The London *Tablet* suggests, relative to the jubilee of the Holy Father, that Englishmen should make an offering to Leo XIII. of a library of all books written by English Catholics during the past fifty years. The *Tablet* offers its columns to subscribers, and heads the list by a subscription of fifty guineas.

The students of the College of Ottawa are hard at work upon "The Death of Wallenstein," the classical masterpiece of the great Schiller. The English translator of the tragedy is S. T. Coleridge. The piece abounds in magnificent scenes. Elaborate preparations are being made for its presentation, and the special scenery necessary is being painted and crranged.

Notice has been given by the members of the Third Order of St. Francis, Montreal, that they will apply to the Quebec Legislature for an Act of Incorporation. The reason for this move is that, some property having been willed to them, they will not be able to accept it legally, when the testator dies, without being incorporated. The Third Orderwas first introduced in Montreal about twentyfive years ago, by Rev. Father Rouselot.

In the list of candidates who passed the late examinations in medicine at Toronto University, we have much pleasure in noticing the name of G. A. Fere, as winner of the first scholarship in the third year. This places him in rank above all third-year students of both Toronto and Trinity Schools of Medicine. It is not the first time this name has appeared in such an honourable position. His past records in this Institution, and before that St. Michael's College and University College are fully in keeping with this incident. The industry and moral earnestness which Mr. Fere unites with a more than ordinary ability may well make the profession he is about to enter proud of such an acquisition. Why have we not more Catholic young men to follow this example?

### BOOKS FOR MONTH OF MAY.

#### OPINIONS OF THE PRESS.

THE PILOT gives cordial welcome to the Catholic Weekly Review, a goodlooking and well-edited journal just started at Toronto, Ont. It is devoted to the interests of the Church in Canada, of which it promises to be a most effective auxiliary. Irish affairs will be prominently considered in its pages; for, to quote from its Salutatory, "especially have we at heart the progress of a cause essentially just and sacred and invested, as it seems to us, with something of the sanctity of religion ---the restoration to the Irish people of their inalienable and natural political rights." Among its contributors are several well-known Catholic writers. It sets out with hearty encouragement from Archbishop Lynch, and many prominent priests and laymen of the Dominion---THE BOSTON PILOT.

We have received a number of the Catholic Weekly Review, a journal which has recently been started at Toronto. This paper is devoted to the defence of the interests of the Catholic Church in Canada, and has adopted as its motto, those words of our Blessed Lord which define so nicely the distinction which should be made between the religious and the civil order. *Reddits* que sunt Casaris; Casari; et que sunt Dei Deo. Mgr. Lynch, Archbishop of Toronto, has written a beautiful letter of felicitation and encouragement to the founders of the work. The number we have before us is well edited and printed. We wish a long life and prosperity to our new confrere.—La Vérité, Quebec.

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