

A POPULAR MAGAZINE.



QUARTER of a century ago the name of Patrick Donahoe was a familiar one to the ears of the Catholics of the United States. As editor and proprietor of the Boston *Pilot*, head of a reliable banking house, and leading Catholic publisher of the country, he was a prominent figure and did as much as any other layman to better the intellectual and moral condition of his exiled fellow countrymen. Three times was his business destroyed by fire, and notwithstanding heroic efforts to recover his losses he found himself at length a poor man. The *Pilot* had to be relinquished into other hands, the bank and book store no longer existed, and yet Mr. Donahoe was not crushed. He established a magazine which is now exceedingly popular, and to the editing of which he still gives personal supervision though in his seventy-third year. *Donahoe's Magazine* is an eclectic periodical like *Littell's Living Age* and the *Eclectic Magazine*, but unlike these it contains many valuable and interesting original articles. Among the special contributions in the two last numbers we

find a vigorous essay on "A Nation's Individuality," by Thomas Hamilton Murray. "The Waldenses," a valuable chapter in ecclesiastical history by Dr. Reuben Parsons, "Swedes and the Pure Teachings of Luther," by Peter McCorry, and "A Bostonian in New York," by W. J. Donovan. Among the selections are Cardinal Manning's important paper on "The Church Its Own Witness," from the *North American Review*, "The Empire Route to the East," by E. M. Clerke from the *Dublin Review*, and "Shakespeare on Purgatory," by F. C. Burnand from the *Month*. The names of these articles and their writers show how judiciously the venerable editor performs his work. The prospectus for the coming year announces original articles from Anna T. Sadlier, Rev. Jas. H. Gavin, L. W. Reilly, William Collins and many others. The juvenile department of the magazine is one which must appeal to all the youngsters. Such stories as "Yankee Bob and Irish Tom," will surely delight all little boys—American little boys at least. *Donahoe's Magazine* is to be highly recommended for reading in all Catholic families.

AGAIN.

With this issue the OWL completes its twelfth number: The year through which it has passed has, like every year, produced its joys and sorrows. Now we wish to begin the second year with the best possible prospects and to place this journal upon the highest plane of university literature. To do this, good-will on our part is not of itself sufficient; we must have the co-operation of our friends. Hence we request those whose subscriptions expire with this number to lose no time in balancing their accounts and notifying us to mail the OWL to them for another year. This is also an excellent opportunity for those who have not yet subscribed to send in their names. We hope that the words of this appeal may fall on fertile soil, and give a plentiful return.

"UNITED CANADA."

The above is the name of a new journal published in this city in the interests of the Irish Catholics of Canada. The first number which appeared on Nov. 24th, tells us that the paper is to be edited by Rev. John F. Coffey, M.A., LL.D., one of the most distinguished graduates of the College of Ottawa. The rev. gentleman's literary abilities are such as to ensure the success of his journalistic venture. He will have the assistance, moreover, of Rev. Prof. Fillatre, J. A. McCabe, Esq., Rev. M. J. Whelan, of St. Patrick's; Rev. F. J. McGovern, of the Basilica; H. J. Cloran, Esq., of Montreal, and many others as editorial contributors. We bid the "United Canada" welcome, and hope for it a long life of usefulness in the cause of Catholicity. John D. Grace is business manager.