

church builders will always be sure of a friendly support and advice from the League, which however will do nothing that savors of business.

There is a good deal of Gaelic in the January *Gael*: the topics treated, nearly all belong to Irish literature, ancient and modern. There is no dearth of musical verse, Seumus McManus being responsible for one morsel. The opening article aptly illustrated, is by Rev. James Dollard (Sliev-na-mon). It is the old heartrending story of Erin's sorrow. But recently the world has been treated to the spectacle of crimeless country being treated to an arbitrary application of the Crimes Act, and so successfully that no less than twelve members of parliament are honored by jail and hard labor therein.

"Two famous books" by John Talbot Smith, in the *Ave Maria*, January 24th, is a luminous review of "Callista" and "Quo Vadis" Critics, who measure works by pet formulas rather than by real merit get a severe scoring. "Four things" help to make a novel great: the drawing of the characters, the incidents, the plot and the style of narration. They can all be found in "Callista" so beautifully and harmoniously mingled, so effectively handled that it is one of the most perfect novels of its kind in the English tongue" "Quo Vadis" is the work of genius. If there is one blemish, it is due to the zeal of Sienkiewicz who to silence the wailings we hear so much of the passing of Paganism gives them a view of the carrion it was. Charles Warren Stoddart is about to conclude his delightful "Nantucket Notes".

The Leader is the new title of the *Young Catholic* of which it is the continuation. This sprightly little periodical, while keeping all its good features, adds several new ones in order to meet the ever growing demands of a "nation of readers". For the younger portion of the public it has been popular and will be more so under its new form.

So many new and very good publications are coming into the field or changing their appearances, that it is hard to keep pace. One which has gained and will increase its circle of readers, the *Truth of Nazareth*, N. C., promises a special edition in better paper and cover at \$1.00