

with the choicest articles upon the current subjects of the day. Its editorials abound in pure, solid and well-written truths, which evince the mature judgment and profundity of the writer. The literary and scientific notes are always carefully selected, and of the highest order. The quarter devoted to the entertainment of young people cannot fail to attract attention, and at the same time reflect credit upon the person in charge, whose zeal and taste, in selecting and preparing such interesting and moral stories for the benefit of all readers, are deserving of great praise. On the whole, we cannot but compliment the editor upon the neat appearance and arrangement of his paper, and recommend its perusal by all Catholic lovers of chaste reading. While predicting for the *Catholic* a long and successful career, it is our earnest wish that it may long continue to visit our sanctum.

—*The Harp*, a magazine of general literature devoted to the interests of Irishmen "at home and abroad," makes its appearance as a monthly publication. The material disposition of the present issue differs somewhat from the past numbers; but, we are glad to say, the difference is decidedly on the side of improvement. With this number it opens a new serial story entitled, "Too strange not to be true." This romance is from the gifted pen of Lady Georgiana Fullerton. The opening chapters are interesting, and predict a charming story, containing just sufficient sentiment to render it acceptable to the general reading public. Nothing poor or degrading emanates from the fruitful imagination of this gifted writer. Her scenes are laid in places where the very atmosphere teems with a virtuous odor; her characters are all well drawn; a nice discrimination of small peculiarities of temperament is easily and happily portrayed, and no opportunity of inculcating the principles of virtue and morality is lost. The success of this renowned English writer is apparent to all frequenters of public libraries, where her volumes are in greater demand than those of any of her female contemporaries. Without doubt the readers of *The Harp* will be pleased with the appearance of this story in the columns of their favorite magazine. During the past month *The Harp* has changed its proprietor and base of operations; hereafter, Mr. Cornelius Donovan may be entitled to the credit of all the merits of this periodical, which is published at his place of residence, Hamilton, Ont.

—*The Catholic Columbian*, a very interesting weekly, published in Columbus, O., claims a most rightful share of our attention. We do but simple justice to the *Columbian* when we say that it is indeed an ably edited journal, and a powerful advocate of true education, morality and religion. The reverend editor handles religious and social subjects in a most effective and judicious manner. When called upon to

express his opinions, to refute mis-statements, to correct erroneous opinions, or to caution against abuses, he exhibits in a very lucid and straightforward manner the right and the wrong; and invariably and boldly, yet with perfect suavity and elegance of manner, declares for the former, even if such declaration hurt somebody's feelings. It is very evident that the facile and neat pen which writes those short, crispy articles of the fourth page of *Catholic Columbian* remembers at all times that it is wielded by a priest, and will not be betrayed, even under the greatest provocation, to hazard the least unseemly expression. The *Catholic Columbian* is indeed a model paper, and truly worthy of admiration. In it we do not see a confused and pernicious medley of good and bad matter: every article breathes a truly religious spirit; and there is nothing—even in the jokes which we meet here and there—that would bring a blush to the purest-minded reader. May *The Catholic Columbian* continue to flourish, and to deserve the good opinion of those who seek for a pure, an elevating, a worthy press.

We cheerfully acknowledge the receipt of the following exchanges:—*Archangel, El valle de Mexico, Oxford and Cambridge Undergraduate Journal, Sunbeam, Canadian Spectator, Harp, Connecticut Catholic, Revue Canadienne, College Message, Scholastic, Catholic Shield, Parsity.*

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—Gambetta has made arrangements to start a new organ in Marseilles. This paper, *Le Mirabeau*, will make its first appearance at the beginning of next year.

—General Moltke has given as his opinion of the practicability of aerial navigation that it is only a question of time and the invention of the proper motive power.

—The latest astronomical calculations agree in fixing the value of the solar parallax at 8".79. This would make the distance of the earth from the sun considerably greater than has been generally supposed of late.

—The Bourbon family has produced thirty-five kings of France, thirteen of Sicily, twenty-three of Portugal, eleven of Navarre, four of Spain, four of Hungary, Croatia and Slavonia, seven emperors of Constantinople, one hundred dukes of Burgundy, Brittany, Anjou, Lorraine, Bourbon and Brabant.

—Oliver Wendell Holmes says:

"We have to take the brains as they come; and the range of difference is enormous. Have we not seen young men who had been for three or four whole years rained on with professional teachings of all kinds, upon whom the axioms of science have been dropping long enough to wear hollows in a stone, and who have come out of the showers of instruction with intellects as dry of knowledge as if Mr. Mackintosh had furnished each of their trains with an impermeable *dura mater*?"