

TIMELY TOPICS FOR CATHOLIC READERS

Men and women are what their ideals are and their lives are simply those ideals embodied or carried out into action.

It is with the nation as with the individual. If a people set their hearts upon material advancement...

Behold the United States to-day carrying civilization to the Philippines through the medium of four hundred saloons.

You cannot persuade our Canadian brothers that the American people—ninety per cent. of them—are pro-British, without distinction of party.

There is a new school of poets arising—in fact, it has arisen. It is a derick and logging chain school.

A new volume of poems "At the Gates of Noon" reached my desk a few days ago.

SPRING

Spring walked across the meadows yesterday, And whispered to the flowers on the way.

ning through many of Dr. Gallagher's poems, which to me is worth basketful of technique. Poetry of to-day is lacking almost entirely in spontaneity.

Dr. Gallagher need not feel ashamed of his poetic work, for if it lack the filing and polishing of the poetry of the day, it has a spontaneity and naturalness in its veins that bespeak the sincerity of its author.

JUNE

Hail, star-eyed goddess of the verdant gown And rose-twined coronet, Imperial June!

There reached me recently a work of real value—"Reminiscences of a Texas Missionary," the author being the Venerable Father Parisot, O.M.I.

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Abbe Hogan, President of Brighton Sulpician Seminary, has recently published a work on Dante. It will assuredly be an able study of the great Florentine poet.

That clever and scholarly Dominican, Father O'Neill, late editor of the "Rosary Magazine," has published a second volume, dealing with Savonarola.

derstand Savonarola you must understand his times. Mere ex-parte opinion is of little value. It is easy enough to make charges against Pope Alexander VI.—easy enough to declare that Savonarola was another Luther.

When driven to his last post Savonarola actually appealed from Alexander to a general council, and tried vigorously to persuade Charles VIII. to convoke one.

But you do not justify Savonarola's procedure or actions by blackening the character of Alexander VI. I think the Pope was a victim of political circumstances.

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Speaking of schools, reminds me of the fact that we Catholics have done little to advance the cause of Catholic education. There is as yet but the semblance of a separate school system in Ontario.

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How about Catholic magazines? How many American Catholic quarterly Reviews? How many Catholic "Worlds"? How many "Rosaries"?

Some time ago, one of the ablest scholars in the Catholic Church in Ontario, a man of acknowledged power, gave a series of twenty lectures in philosophy to the Catholic young men of an Ontario city.

Speaking of elocutionists and readers, it is amusing to see to what degree Irish character is caricatured by many of our public readers in order to amuse and entertain the ignorant masses.

Some time ago I was very much amused. The cause of amusement was a lecture delivered on Italian cities and their art—with stereopticon views—by a well known lecturer in the city of Toronto.

Nothing brought out the art knowledge of Toronto like Tissot's paintings of Christ. They thronged in rustling silks—driven to Massey Hall by footmen, livered footmen, to drink in the spirit of those masterpieces.

Others of our students, and fortunately for us, they are the very large majority, will return to their homes in order to recuperate, so as to continue next fall, the arduous ascent of the mountain of science and virtue.

THOMAS O'HAGAN.

It would be a pity to see a young man, determined to work hard, and to study, in the material world, to find that his work is not rewarded.

Well may Alma Mater be animated with feelings of a just pride, when she looks around and beholds so many of her distinguished sons occupying the highest ranks in the ecclesiastical hierarchy as well as in the councils of the State.

In connection with this matter, allow me to explain how it is that parents, especially those living in Ontario that send their sons to colleges outside of this province are falling into an error which will seriously affect the future welfare of their children.

All are aware that special examinations must be passed, that special certificates are absolutely required, for young men that wish to become candidates for the study of medicine, law or pharmacy.

This certificate of matriculation is not given by Catholic colleges outside of Ontario; hence we have often seen young men that spent long years in colleges outside of this province, altogether unable to enter upon the study of medicine or law.

I might perhaps add that our University is the only chartered Catholic institution of learning in which young men may matriculate, and the proceed to the degrees of bachelor of arts, science and literature, or master of arts.

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As a result of this special distinction—a distinction that is enjoyed by only two other institutions on the Western continent—Laval and Washington—not only does Ottawa University confer all the degrees of a State University, but moreover, it confers all the degrees usually given in Roman universities to students in ecclesiastical sciences.

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But notwithstanding all our efforts in the educational field, there is still an element of success which we cannot afford to overlook. It is the hearty co-operation of the Catholics of Ontario, both clergy and laity.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA.

The following is the address of the Very Rev. H. A. Constantineau, O.M.I.D., rector, delivered at the 52nd commencement exercises of the University of Ottawa, June 20, 1900.

and pleasures of "Home, Sweet Home," but let us hope that your return from college will make your home sweeter still, that your year's progress in science and virtue will be made evident to those with whom you will soon live, that your upright and honorable conduct during the coming holidays, as well as during your whole life, will be the joy and consolation of your parents, and the glory and honor of your Alma Mater.

Ladies and gentlemen: Before beginning the programme of this evening's exercises, allow me to fulfill the pleasing duty of extending to one and all here present, the sincerest thanks of the faculty for the encouragement of your kind attendance at these, our fifty-second annual commencement exercises.

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Several of our young men will, this evening, bid adieu to their college home. For them, that goal has been reached which they have had in view continually for several years.

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SURE CURE FOR CONSUMPTION.

There is no such thing. Scott's Emulsion comes the nearest to it, but even that will not cure advanced cases; but taken in time, it will cure this disease.

BICYCLISTS, young or old, should carry a bottle of Pain-Killer in their saddle bags.

It cures cuts and wounds with wonderful quickness. Avoid substitutes; there is but one Pain-Killer, Perry-Davis'. 25c and 50c.