

of grading adopted by the various schools. This little book, evidently the work of an experienced teacher, suggests a most practical method, and is full of hints which no conscientious or intelligent teacher will be likely to overlook.

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THE "LIFE OF BLESSED ALPHONSO'S OROZCO, O. S. A.," compiled from the Spanish by Father Jones, O. S. A., is the title of a well printed and neatly bound volume of 326 pages, published by H. L. Kilner & Co., of Philadelphia, Pa. Father Alphonsus Orozco was a member of the Augustinian Order in Spain during the sixteenth century. He was Court Preacher at the Court of Spain at the time when St. Teresa was founding new nurseries of saints for the Carmelite Order, and St. John of the Cross was contemplating in seclusion the mysteries of Divine Love. It was the age of great saints, the age of St. Ignatius and St. Peter of Alcantara. This careful biography of a saint, who was eminent for his learning, no less than for his holy life, and who was declared Blessed by our present Pontiff in 1882, gives a true picture of religion and faith in Spain during that century of religious revolution in Europe. The Spanish Court to which, as represented by Isabella the Catholic, we owe Columbus, did not cease to welcome saints as preachers and confessors in succeeding years. This fact alone, is a refutation of the many falsehoods to be found in historical works on Spain during that period, written by hostile pens. Nor can any sincere Christian read the life of this holy Spanish friar without a feeling of admiration for his lofty virtues, and for the noble Catholic race from which he sprung.

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"THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE NIAGARA PENINSULA, 1626-1895," is the title of the latest work written by our gifted friend, Very Rev. Dean Harris. It is beautifully printed by William Briggs, Toronto, Ont., richly illustrated, and forms a large octavo volume of 352 pages, in elegant cloth binding. Although this work has a local title, it records historical facts concerning men and places, that are interesting to every intelligent inhabitant of North America. Who has not seen, or wished to see, Niagara Falls, the most

glorious handiwork of the Almighty on this Western Continent? And who, having at all inquired into the history of this new country, which is now the home of so many millions of white men, has not heard of the fierce and savage tribes which formerly inhabited its forests and plains? Of the European pioneers and missionaries, who first penetrated these forests, navigated these rivers and lakes, and named so many localities? Of Father Hennepin, of Renie La Salle, of the indomitable Jesuit missionaries, who became martyrs for the sake of Christianity and civilization? All the historic data bearing on these, all the traces hitherto discovered of the forgotten Mound Builders and Copper Workers, of the Attiwindarons, of the Iroquois, of the Early Missionaries have been gathered, and bound together in a most fascinating narrative by the patient, persevering toil of the writer. With the same warm love for his subject, he treats the later and even the most recent followers of the Early Missionaries. Thus, to mention only our own institution on the Niagara Peninsula, he gives one of the best and most succinct historical accounts of the Carmelite Order we have ever read. The only chapter not brought up to date, is the one referring to his own parish of St. Catharines, Ont. After relating with loving remembrance the labors of his heroic predecessors, he modestly closes the book. Some other hand will finish the page in future days and record the splendid sacerdotal, pastoral, and scholarly career of the present Dean of St. Catharines, and it will not be the least glorious page of the history of "The Catholic Church in the Niagara Peninsula."

EXCHANGES.

THE *Catholic Register*, of Toronto, has abandoned its old form and adopted the shape of a newspaper. It looks decidedly better, and is far more handy in its new shape.

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THE *Messenger of the Sacred Heart* for July, contains a richly illustrated article on the famous monastic establishments on the Isles of Lerins. There is also an interesting chapter on the first Catholic College in New England, founded fifty years ago in Massachusetts.