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that Christ and His doctrine have at clared, and I am just now engaged in least as good a right to enter the class- raising some of them. Our people do room during regular class hours as not appreciate our debt to Spain. Supthe copy book, the reader and the multi- pose we had had to begin on an absolutplication table. The study of religion ly savage people, such as they were during class hours has never been an obstacle to success in all secular problem would have been many times branches. It is not the mere number more difficult. But with a Christian of minutes given to any subject, that people to work on we had a basis upon counts, as every teacher knows: it is which to build. You can see why I the disposition of mind and will. In- accord such a high place to Spain as numerable facts, too, bear me out in a colonizing power." this statement; pupils who have given the allotted time to the study of religion have easily and repeatedly beaten on their own ground the secularist students. Theory and practice combine to prove that the only road to true and lasting success in educational matters is to listen sincerely to the One Teacher -God.

Philippines. Strange to say, some individuals declined to accept such testimony when their own investigations had proved to them that the Spanish friars had labored heroically and zealously for three centuries in the Philippines, and that the advancement of the natives in Christian civilization was to be credited solely to the work of the friars. Those who advanced this view were at first very much in the minority in this country. Slanders against the friars were carefully manufactured and circulated, and they were bound to have an effect upon the American people. But time has wrought a change in the American view of the Spanish friars. We no longer hear the cry, "The friars must go!" Instead honest Americans who have spent any considerable time in the Philippines do not hesitate to speak out in praise of what the Friars have done in the islands. Thus Major General Leonard Wood, military commander of the southern province, on the eve of his return to the Philippines, had this to say to a reporter of the Boston Transcript:

"The ease with which we have solved the Philippine colonization problem was due to our predecessors there. The Spanish had so done the preliminary work that it should not be difficult for us to take it up and complete it. Indeed, the Spanish did more for the Filipinos than any other colonizing nation has ever done for an Oriental people. Spain actually impressed her ideas and principles upon them. She gave them her religion and language and civilization. She did not merely scratch the surface. She really affected and influenced the lives of the natives. Malays they are, yet they are like no other Malays. In place of pure barbarism, cannibalism and idolatry, Spain implanted the Reman Catholic religion, which is today the religion of nine-tenths of the people. Spain also elevated the status of the Filipino woman. In other Oriental countries the woman is little better that the teachers in the public school than a slave. In the Philippines, on man' of the couple. She it is who really principles of patriotism and of love of manages the estate or household, and get her good will and friendship than and that those who wished to learn the man's. The work done by the centuries Spain held the islands was wonderful, and cannot fail to excite many troubles there Spain was conwas, for example, just at that time, bewhen the child is fagged out, body and ginning to carry the work into the explore the inlets and rivers. Her The Catholic Church has ever taught officers sank these when war was dewhen Spain took them. Then our



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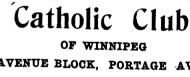
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The Spanish Friars have waited a long time for such a vidication. But truth is bound to triumph in the end. The anti-Catholic parson has long since given up abusing the friars, as too many Americans, who, like General Wood, have had a chance to learn for themselves of the wonders accomplished by

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