

D'YOUVILLE READING CIRCLE

Ottawa, Dec. 10, 1904.

The D'Youville Reading Circle held its regular fortnightly meeting on Tuesday evening, the 6th, in the hall of the Rideau street Convent.

A paper written by the Rev. Lucian Johnston, of Baltimore, on "Kinship of Nature," was read and very much appreciated. In his review of this work, Father Johnston said that while the author was good in prose, he was better in poetry.

Concerning the worship of nature, the reviewer emphatically denied the claim made by the author that such worship was something new, and characteristic of these times.

A clever little criticism prepared by Miss Edith Marshall, on Henry Van Dyke's latest book, "The Ruling Passion," was also read.

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Agents. The gray stone of which it is built, and its Gothic style of architecture have the effect of making it seem older than it really is.

Attention was drawn to a very noteworthy book by Abbe Klein, who recently visited America. It is dedicated to President Roosevelt, and is entitled "In the Land of the Struonous Life."

There will be no lecture in December, and the next meeting will take place on the 20th of this month.

Thoughts from Father Faber On the Mystery of this Month.

"Who shall dare to guess what Jesus thought with His human thoughts as He lay there," in the cave of Bethlehem on that holy night?

"She began already to fulfil that office with the insignia of which she was publicly invested on Calvary. She offered herself to the new-born Babe for us.

"Thus was completed the mystery of Bethlehem. Thus were we present there in our Mother's hands and in our Saviour's heart."

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He was little known until recently when he wrote a book entitled "Connections Between the Languages of the Old World," which was awarded a prize of \$2000 by the Italian Academy of Science.

With the exception of Latin, Professor Trombetti learned all his languages without instruction. He is coming to America next year to study the Indian dialects.

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also produced a drama entitled "The Lost Angel of Paradise." At the present moment his latest story, "Glenanar," is appearing in the pages of the Dolphin.

Vol. LIV., No. 2 MORALITY AND PUBLIC

Before the People's For Rochelle on Sunday after Bourke Cockran assailed school system. It was President Jacob Gould S. Cornell University.

"The germ of democracy of government which our education must preserve," said Mr. Cockran, shores of Galilee, when proclaimed that all men the sight of God. While and autocracy are based frailty, the essence of dem belief in human virtues an city of man for almost in feability. Neither desp servitude could survive an ple trying to follow the o ample, for justice and equ inevitable fruits of Chris a democracy cannot sur these fruits of Christianity public education must in knowledge of the moral l which the government is f

STATE'S SOLE DU In opening, President raised a laugh by remarking spite of the fact that "ever any consequence sends his to private schools," he alr four in the public schools a were coming.

"Religion and virtue are est concerns," said he, "bu n't follow that government warrant to interfere with t of individuals. Our educati tem must confine itself to i the things we believe in com it must be left to the para the churches to make of v vital matter. The State is only educational agency.

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NOT ANTI-CHRISTIA "All the moral virtues are promoted by the public scho deny that they are agnostic Christian. They are only n tian. They exert an elevati influence without any talk al If you want the catechism ta