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A NOVEL IDEA.

In his latest book Dr. Watson, better known as Ian Maclaren, makes the astounding statement that "Christianity has been shifting her basis from the Latin to the Greek conception of God."

tinct from us. He is also transcendent, the only One transcendent, infinitely above any creature actual or possible.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

We see that quite an important change is proposed by the Minister of Education in his new bill. He intends to have a general superintendent who will be neither minister nor deputy.

THAT PROFESSION OF FAITH.

Some few weeks ago we challenged an abjuration which, it was claimed by the Star and the News, had been made by the Princess Ena on the occasion of her reception into the Church.

Archbishop Gauthier Welcomed Home

On the arrival of His Grace Archbishop Gauthier at Kingston after an absence of some months, the loved and revered prelate was given a sincere and brilliant welcome, the entire city of Kingston taking part in the reception and the many Catholic Societies forming a guard of honor for the occasion.

Happy beyond measure, though you were in the faithful discharge of your onerous duties and saddened to be separated from your people even for a short time, Your Grace felt it to be your bounden duty to repair to Rome, the centre of Catholicity, to lay at the feet of the Sovereign Pontiff the homage of our loyalty and of our love for the Vicar of Christ and to solicit at his hand special blessings and privileges for your Archdiocese.

Historical reminiscences cluster around this ancient See of Kingston. On its venerable shield are inscribed the names of men renowned for piety and learning, and who in trying times rendered valiant and faithful services alike to Church and State.

Born of the soil of Canada and with an abiding faith in the destiny of this young country, your life has been one of broad toleration, wide sympathy and generous interpretation of the rights of all classes in the community, so that sectarian strife and racial differences have under your benign rule entirely disappeared.

Your administration has been one of peace and love—indeed in this respect you have been a high example for all. The educational and moral advancement of the children committed to your care has always claimed your devoted attention.

In the cause of the afflicted, Your Grace's generous heart has evinced a wide sympathy and tender care. Hence the hospitals for the sick, the homes for the aged and the orphans have felt the inspiring touch of your benevolent hand, so that it may be truly affirmed that nothing which modern science requires in the interests of the sick and for the comfort of the homeless is wanting in the institutions under your care.

In the promotion of the interests of Holy Church Your Grace's labors have been blessed with singular success, as is fully manifested in the formation of so many new parishes, the erection of so many new churches, presbyteries and schools, and also by the gradual decrease of the debt by which so many of the parishes of the Diocese were encumbered.

From the throne of our most Holy Father, the Vicar of Christ, we welcome Your Grace back to Kingston and to Canada.

In conclusion let us assure Your Grace that our earnest prayers shall always be that your years with us may be long and happy and that God's blessing and guidance may be ever with you, crowning with glory your distinguished episcopate.

Signed on behalf of the Congregation. EDWARD RYAN, Chairman.

The Catholic Register joins with the people of Kingston in welcome to their Archbishop and trusts he may be with them many years to govern in future as he has always done in the past, wisely and well.

Were Dismissed

Twenty-five employees of the locomotive works, Kingston, who took part in the reception to Archbishop Gauthier on his return from Rome, were dismissed, not having arranged with the foreman for leave of absence.

ANOTHER SO-CALLED HISTORY

Under the above heading the following letter appears in the New York Freeman's Journal. As it furnishes a good example of the manner in which history—so-called—is often placed before the public, not in the United States alone, but elsewhere, we publish it as furnishing one more instance of the truth that eternal vigilance in such matters is ever a necessity.

A new history of the United States has recently been edited in four volumes by James Wilford Gardiner, Ph. D., LL.D., and published by John D. Morris & Co., Philadelphia. In a prefatory note it is stated that the purpose of the authors was to "write for the general reader not for the historical specialist, a simple narrative of the rise and growth of the United States from the discovery to the present time" and that "no pretense is made that this work is based on investigation of primary sources."

Because there is such scant recognition shown of what Catholics have done in the development of this country and all in all, Catholic matters are touched upon very slightly and with a most unsympathetic spirit.

The Rev. John Eliot is lauded as "the most famous of all the workmen among the redmen" and "the apostle to the Indians," whereas the glorious martyrs and French missionaries, such as Jolles, Brebeuf, Lallemand, etc., are not even mentioned.

The glorious work of the French missionaries is merely hinted at a long in the ridiculous, aspersive remark, repeated three times in the first volume in stereotyped form, viz.: "Along with every fur trader went a black robed priest and while the one bartered with the dusky savage for his skins the other talked to him of salvation and grace."

MISSIONARIES TO NON-CATHOLICS. Apropos of the Conference of Missionaries to non-Catholics that will be held at the Apostolic Mission house June 11-14, 1906, Bishop Maes of Covington writes:

I have not the least doubt that another Conference of Missionaries to non-Catholics will be productive of great good. 1. In the first place the missionaries themselves will be encouraged by the interest shown in their work and the appreciation of it by the country at large.

2. The recognition of this work by all the Bishops of the United States is a great step forward. I am sure that there is not a Bishop who does not look upon the missionary work with fervor and who does not consider the priests willing to devote themselves to it as the most perfect followers of the Master who told us to go and teach all nations.

3. With regard to the papers to be read and discussed at the Conference, I think that essays on the general topics of the necessity of the work, its importance, the good it is to accomplish are of little practical utility at this period of the missionary movement.

4. I deem it most important to have practical and educational papers at the Conference, which will help the Missionary priests and enlighten him on how to do things; v.g. the attitude of the various sections of the country towards the movement; the mental attitude of the various sects towards the Church; the specific manner of presenting Catholic truth to the various denominations.

5. Then there are the many difficulties, drawbacks, criticisms, hardships which the Missionary has to contend with. An exchange of experiences will be very useful. There stands out a distinct success, or a notable failure; the priest has analyzed the causes of either, he has profited by the experience. His brother priests will be edified, instructed or warned by a recital of it.

Upon reflection it may still be necessary to awaken many of the Diocesan clergy to the necessity of the Missionary feature of the Catholic Apostolate. It is a rather sad reflection upon their appreciation of the priesthood of Jesus Christ and I am hoping that there are not many

mary Shea, Life and Times of the Most Rev. J. Carroll—a history of the Catholic Church within the Limits of the United States—The Catholic Missions among the Indian tribes of the United States.

Another very reliable general history of the Christian Era is that of the Rev. A. Guggenberger. This author has also mainly based his work on standard authors, but he has done so with infinitely more painstaking care and with tenfold the critical judgement that Messrs. Garner and Lodge seem to possess.

Our final verdict is this: If Messrs. Garner and Lodge care so little to please, much less to do justice to the demands of Catholic readers, how can they expect us to buy their book? REV. WM. J. WEIS, S.J., Professor of History, St. John's College, Toledo, Ohio.

Popular Railway Appointment

Friends of Mr. John J. McConniff will be pleased to learn of his appointment to the position at Montreal of passenger and ticket agent of the Intercolonial and Prince Edward Island Railways (Government systems). Mr. McConniff, who is well known to the travelling public and commercial community of the Dominion, has had practical experience and possesses intimate knowledge of the ticket branch of the railway business, having been for many years the representative of the Grand Trunk, Canadian Pacific, and other lines at the Union Office, Windsor Hotel, Montreal.

Mr. McConniff has invariably manifested a keen interest in the development of International tourist travel, and with that object in view, and being actuated by patriotic motives, issued during his ignominy at the Windsor, several editions of "Illustrated Gem Souvenir Books of the principal cities of Canada." These publications which circulated widely were favorably received and commented on by many noted personages, as well as by the press at home and abroad.

such priests. However the best way to purge the clergy of such a spirit is to begin in the seminary. Enlist the sympathy and co-operation of the directors and professors in the great educational work of the young priests. They will form a leaven of enthusiasm to the more conservative zeal of the older clergy, and the one tempered or upheld by the other will soon talk numerous victories.

I am heart and soul in this movement and I look forward to the next Conference with hope of very salutary results.

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