lect story entitled "Ancient and Honorable," and "Zack's Interests or a tale of Western Life," are the best contributions to this department.

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Every number of the Ave Maria during the month of May has been one of particular merit. Especial mention must be made of the opening article in the issue of May 6th, which treats of the origin of the May devotions. With zealous care the writer has traced the spread of this devotion from the time of the Blessed Henry Suso in the fourteenth century, who always refrained from touching the flowers during the month of April, in order that he might offer them to the Blessed Virgin on the first of May. then sketches other May-day religious customs in Paris and Cologne until the year 1822 when Pope Pius VII blessed the devotion and enriched it with many indulgences. An excellent chapter of the serial, "Weighed in the Balance," appears in this issue. This is a story of great merit and its presentation in some more enduring form in the near future, will be gladly welcomed by numerous readers.

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Readers of Donnhoe's Magazine will undoubtedly be delighted with the contents of the May number. "The President and His Adviser," "Decoration Day," "Reminiscences of the Civil War," are articles of particular interest to the residents of the United States, but a perusal of them will amply repay readers in general. "The Unbeliever," a story by Catharine Tynan Hinkson, is interesting and from the conclusion appears to have been founded on fact. "Two Sorts of Consolation," is commonplace and does not at all improve the fiction of this issue. One of the best features of the number is the poem, "When the West Wind Blows" by Rev. James B. Dollard, which adds much to the long list of the productions of this brilliant Canadian writer "Money Prices and Wages in the Middle Ages," throws considerable light on these much misunderstood topics. "Rachel," a story by John A. Schetty, holds the interest throughout and is well worth reading.