

A Convent Picture.

THE NOVICES.

At that quiet hour when sound the vesper bells, Soft through the corridors the dark nun goes, On to the chapel where the bright light tells That He is there—the centre of their love.

The labors and influences of our co-religionists in Canada commences with the history of our country. The very name this continent bears takes its root from the Catholic Florentine navigator, Amerigo Vesputius, who claimed the honor of being the first to discover the mainland of the New World.

MONKS IN THE DESERT. THE TRAPPISTS AT THREE FOUNTAINS. Rome, Dec. 30.—Passing out of the city walls by the Gate of St. Paul, and treading the road, cheerful enough to-day, along which St. Paul was led to martyrdom, you reach the magnificent basilica dedicated to that saint, and where his body is enshrined.

EX-MINISTER WASHBURNE ON THE MURDER OF ARCHBISHOP DARBOY. Ex-Minister Washburne, who remained in Paris through the reign of Commune, has given a vivid description of that terrible time, in a paper which he read a few days since before the Long Island Historical Society.

THE CHURCH AND THE PEOPLE. The Church has always been the protector of the weak and the fearless opponent of the tyrant. In the days of her greatest temporal power she was, as Emerson expresses it, "the Democratic principle in Europe."

left the strand at St. Ignace, and crossed the familiar waters of Lake Michigan, through Green Bay and up Fox River, they sped to the Wisconsin and glided safely into the mighty Mississippi on the 17th of June 1673. At last they halt at an Indian village. They are received with joy by the savages for already the black robed Jesuit was known by name to the distant tribes that never saw a white man.

All of them perished, and that from other cause than fever. The Eucalyptus banished malaria from the neighborhood in which it grows. Even in its leaves an elixir is distilled, which is an admirable preventive and a safe cure for fever.

THE RELIGION AND NATIONALITY OF IRELAND. J. O'CONNOR POWER M. P. From the time when the ancient Church made Ireland the university of the world, amidst all the strife of factions, amidst all the discords of hostile chiefs, Irish history always exhibited one living principle of unity, one grand idea which in itself contains the essence of universal harmony.

resources. Agriculture was the main-spring of Ireland's wealth, yet the agricultural resources of Ireland were the property of individuals nominally of the Irish population, but in reality, as Lord Lyndhurst has said, aliens in tongue, in blood and religion to the people of Ireland.

THE IRISHMAN'S LOVE OF KITH AND KIN. The weekly Visitor says: The love of home and kindred which is one of the most beautiful, as it is one of the most striking characteristics of the Irish people, is often and justly made the theme of commendation even by those who are the enemies of the race.