

Current History, 4th Quarter 1898 has reached the Editor's Table. It is a creditable volume full of interest and remarkably well edited. This magazine is of especial benefit to students for the matter is presented in a lucid and concise manner and so comprehensive that it is a whole library of periodical literature condensed into a volume of convenient size, while it preserves its literary and artistic qualities. The present issue reviews the late war from beginning to end giving a full text of the treaty and presents the expansion problem from both sides. A thoughtful sketch of the career of Pope Leo XIII with a brilliant review of all its important incidents occupies the opening pages. Other subjects treated are the "Far Eastern Situation, the "Anglo-French Crisis" the "Dreyfus Case," etc.

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The April issue of the "*Messenger of the Sacred Heart*," contains many articles of considerable interest. There is a splendid frontispiece of a celebrated statue of St. Paul, preceding that admirable article "With St. Paul in Rome." As the situation in the Philippines is still the centre of public interest, the contribution from the pen of R. V. Schuyler has a particular importance for Americans. But the legends related in this article are most unworthy of credence, and could have been omitted without detriment to the value of the article. The Papal Letter is also appears in this issue. The short story, "Through Darkness to Dawn" is certainly one of the best of the year. In fact every contribution to this number is worthy of careful reading.

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That the United States should not and will not accept any offer of English assistance in administering the affairs of Cuba, Puerto Rico, and the Philippines, is a thesis strongly defended by Rev. G. McDermott, C. S. P., in a thoughtful article entitled "English Administrators and the Ceded Possessions," in the March issue of the *Catholic World*. The writer first of all argues against allowing England any hand in the new possessions and from this he proceeds to consider the fact that "an excuse to attack a weaker neighbor has hardly ever been more than a colorable one", and gives several incidents to prove his statement. All this is in a strain of marked antipathy to England, and why