

ever growing spirit of infidelity. Thousands of pulpits have rung with his denunciation. Men of unquestioned ability have entered the lists against him. Who answered him at once satisfactorily and effectually? Father Lambert, a village priest, whose philosophy is that of the Schoolmen.

Just as the divisions and contradictions of the sects have produced indifferentism in religion, so have the 'debates' of the philosophers destroyed, enthusiasm for

philosophical studies. Even students who do select Philosophy as their special study, not having a certain standard by which to judge the various systems, are carried about by every wind of doctrine.

Dr. Brownson knew whereof he spoke when he said, "out of our Catholic schools and colleges—with non-Catholics there is absolutely nothing worthy of the name of philosophy learned or taught."

VERITAS.

ODE TO WASHINGTON.



Hail great Washington, most noble patriot, hail !
 Thou monarch of thy race !
 Uncrown'd, unscepter'd thou, yet what doth it avail ?
 Who dares thy throne to question, or thy crown assail ?
 Thou king of hearts in every clime and place !

Accept my salutation then, thou prince of men,
 From one who is not thine
 Either by country or by creed ; what boots it, when
 The world in every nation honors patriots ? then
 I claim thee as my own, and thou art mine.

But what is patriotism ? let us not abuse
 By mingling false with true,
 Were not the Maccabees true patriots 'mongst the Jews,
 Heroes who liv'd to fight, and death did not refuse
 For God in heaven above, and country too ?

Thus hath it ever been : behold the patriot's test,—
 Were there not such in Rome ?
 Did not a Tell arise at Switzerland's behest ?
 God chose a Sobieski 'gainst the Moslem pest,
 And Kosciusko for a pillag'd home.