

home. The value of such papers as educational factors cannot be too strongly impressed upon the public. As a means of diffusing Catholic ideas and principles they are an absolute necessity in every family, and for the instruction of the young are they especially of service.

From across the broad Atlantic we welcome the *Catholic Times* of Liverpool, an ideal Catholic family paper. Scarcely inferior are those from the neighboring republic, among which we receive the *Catholic News* of New York, the *Philadelphia Standard and Times*, the *Michigan Catholic* of Detroit, and the *Intermountain Catholic* from Salt Lake City. But the best representatives of the American Catholic press are the *Sacred Heart Review*, *Pilot* and *Republic* of Boston, although the two latter are of a semi-political character. Our Canadian visitors include the *True Witness* of Montreal, whose special contributions are particularly noteworthy, the ably-edited *Casket* of Antigonish, N.S., the *Catholic Record* of London, the *Catholic Register* of Toronto, the *Kingston Freeman* and the *Northwest Review*. The latest publication to reach us is the *Union*, published in this city. Though young it has attracted much attention, and its originality, brightness and spirit of independence bid fair to place it in the front rank of our Catholic journals.

DONATION.

That the recent Public Debate has awakened widespread interest, and has met with the approbation of our friends and alumni as a step in the right direction, is evidenced by the action of W. A. Herckenrath, M.A., C.E., '88 of New York, who, upon hearing of the affair, at once wrote to the Very Reverend Rector and offered to donate a prize medal. His generous offer was gratefully accepted, and the medal has since been forwarded. It is of silver, tastefully designed. We cannot too highly express our appreciation of Mr. Herckenrath's kindness. Such manifestations of concern in the welfare and progress of Alma Mater on the part of our elder brethren, will do more than anything else to stimulate the student-body to greater endeavors.