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THE OLD MAN'S STORY.

By ALBERT PIKE. The spring has less of brightness Every year. And the snow a ghastlier whiteness Every year.

THE ENGLISH MARTYRS—BLESSED RALPH SHERWIN, PRIEST.

An illustrious convert once said that if we would be glorified with Christ, whose fellow heirs we are, we must also suffer with Him; and what St. Paul learnt by his own painful experience many other converts from his days to ours have in greater or lesser measure experienced also.

CATHOLICS AND NON-CATHOLICS.

Editor of the Catholic Record. SIR: The non-Catholics are accustomed to look at the church of Rome as the most dangerous and treacherous power upon earth. To fight that terrible foe they have well organized and powerful associations, the ramifications of which extend all over the world.

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them over that they both begged to be made members of the Catholic Church, so that it came to pass that the two prisoners who had been hitherto punished for heresy were henceforth sufferers for ward the cause of truth, blessed Ralph Sherwin accepted a challenge which certain ministers of the Establishment had thrown down, but before the dispute could take place the zealous champion of the faith was removed to the Tower. There he remained in close confinement for a twelvemonth, the monotony of his life being broken only by his being "sundry and several times examined and racked."

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"A GATE OF FLOWERS."

The above is the title of a volume of poems that has been laid upon our table. It is issued by the well-known publishing house of Wm. Briggs, 78 and 80 King St., Toronto. The design and press-work are exceeding neat and the exterior beauty of the book is more than surpassed by the good things in the little volume. Its author, Mr. O'Hagan, has fairly written his way into the front rank of young Canadian writers of both prose and verse. "A Gate of Flowers" is, indeed, a worthy addition to Canadian poetry. We have but time to notice a few of the many excellencies of this neat little volume of verse. There is at the outset a purity of thought and diction running through all the poems. A careless employment of metaphor is perhaps Mr. O'Hagan's chief literary weakness—not but the figures employed convey beautiful pictures—the fault is in the harmony of fitting. The poetic spirit that reigns in "A Gate of Flowers" reaches at once the heart, and this is perhaps the best evidence of the genuine merit of the volume before us. Many of the lyrics possess a grace and finish not frequently found in the poetic composition of young writers. Here are the dainty stanzas from "Reverie":

"At eve, as the sun sinks low in the west, And its streamlets are rising each in his bed, His sweet recline beneath a bright Autumn tree That is brooding in silence so still;

To watch the dark mantle of night fall down And wrap the cold shoulders of day— O golden hour in the Autumn of life, Stay, linger with hope's bright ray.

Stay, linger a while, oh thy sapphire hues, And paint me a vision so bright, That the past and the future shall blend into one.

Like a day and a star-cheering night.

Mr. O'Hagan is particularly happy in his poems commemorative of school days. "Memory's Urn," full of grateful tenderness, is dedicated to the professors and students of St. Michael's College, Toronto, while "Memor et Fidelis," a poem of much merit and retaining one of the commemorative poems of Dr. Holmes of Boston, is inscribed to the professors and students of Ottawa University. Here is a nice embalming of the humorous in verse:

Look back through vistas of the past, And view the forms of olden days— The waves have ebb'd, our thoughts take flight— Old hearts are singing boyhood's lays; Hear in the halls that echo through Gault, And how the Greek in Virgil's Verse Spun out a tale for Ilium's fall.

But hark! I from out the belfry tower Hear chiming summons greet each class, And Roman, Greek and notes of Gault, With hallelujahs form the narrow pass: "Send forth thy sons," the chorus rings, "With Achille behind the bat!" "The pitcher oft goes to the well" But never is broken up for that.

And out upon the velvet green The battle rages fierce and long, The Rugby rules are all the go; The ball pitched round like some old song; Best ball the ball that falls, For Brutus kicked him in the shin— "Send forth thy sons," the chorus rings, "The goal! the goal! the goal! the goal!"

The little volumes we have criticized would be found especially suitable as a school gift, being neatly bound, gilt edged, and full of literary gems for Catholic readers.

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