



*The University Symposium* includes in its contents for February a well worked essay by Mr. Louis A. Roberts, entitled "Some Historians and Catholic Subjects." Any writer, he says, may write what he terms a history, and if fortunate enough to secure a publisher give the results of his labor to the public. But not every man is to be relied on as a competent judge on every subject, especially where prejudiced opinions are most likely to be brought in. The historian, to criticize, must first understand, and understand with leaving all prejudice aside. This rule, he claims, was far from being followed in the treatment of the Reformation. He quotes Mr. H. C. Lea, from the *Cambridge Modern History*, where he says "The motives, both remote and proximate, which led to the Lutheran revolt were largely secular rather than spiritual." The changes, he says, "were not the object sought, but the means for obtaining the end." The article shows much work, both in composition and research, and is well worth reading.

The February issue of *The Abbey Student* must not pass unnoticed, for it is indeed worthy of a short review and a few words of praise. The marvellous increase in transportation facilities during the past few years is well dealt with in the two interesting essays, entitled "Commerce on Wheels" and "The Parcel Post." The first speaks of the railroads as the chief factor in the country's development and regards all agitations by the Socialists against these companies as unjust. The other writer clearly points out the advantages of the new system of postage to men in all positions of life. The farmer, the merchant, the manufacturer, the householder, and the occasional user, all profit of the economy and convenience of this great and successful government undertaking. "Ingratitude" and "Man's Humanity to Man" both treat in an excellent manner of the rights and duties of man