

fever, must have affected the one man who was obliged to go through it all? Few men could live through such conditions as prevail in France, without becoming an intense supporter of one or other of the various parties, or else become disgusted with all of them, and turn pessimist. Yet, President Faure could not be either. It was his arduous task to preserve the Republic. He was a thorough democrat, born poor and humble, and owed his high honor to republican institutions. Naturally, these institutions were dear to him, and rather than sacrifice them, he would sacrifice himself. And we think his death will be acknowledged as a kind of sacrifice, in so far as he refrained from taking active sides in the Dreyfus affair, or in its complex developments, and administered his duties strictly on the lines of the constitution. Besides this, he had to contend against fear and distrust on every hand. "The tramping of the horse," so expressive of those *coups d'état* of the past, that changed France from a monarchy to a republic, or *vice versa*, must have been often heard by him with a rumble ominous enough to shake the stoutest heart. However, President Faure lived through it honorably, and in dying, leaves a record of statesmanship equal to any of his contemporaries. His successor, M. Loubet, can hardly felicitate himself on his entrance into the highest office in the land. The mingled cheers and hisses and celebrations and riotous outbreaks which followed his election are not calculated to inspire him with any feeling of safety. But a reaction seems to be setting in, which affords a brighter outlook.



Among the Magazines.

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The leading feature of the *Catholic World* for February is an extended article on "Religious Orders in the Philippines," in which the writer ably defends the Friars and their work against the horde of calumniators of the good religious. The uprising of the insurgents and the occupation of the islands by Americans render this question of great interest. The writer considers that under the favorable auspices of American administration the reli-