Literary Notes.

SEVENTY YEARS OF IRISH LIFE. This is the title of a very enjoyable book sent us by The Copp Clark Co., and for which our thanks are due. It is from the pen of Mr. W. R. Le Fanu, a talented member of a talented family connected on the mother's side with Richard Brinsley Sheridan. Although the last seventy years of Ireland are crowded with events political which might allure a writer, the author of this work has very prudently avoided devoting much space to the burning questions whose fires at various times have set the old land ablaze. He has given us instead personal reminiscences and sketches. Son of an Anglican Rector in the County Limerick, educated at Dublin, chief engineer of many of the Railways in Ireland, he has had through a long life great opportunities of studying the character of the Irish people. These opportunities he has employed to great advantage, and now leaves a book which will rank with Barrington's Sketches.

The Owl for Christmas comes from Ottawa University with all the vivacity and brilliance of a student who has passed a successful examination. Two very interesting sketches with photogravure portraits are given of Arch-bishop Walsh of Toronto and Archbishop Cleary of Kingston.

Our thanks are due to the Catholic Publishing Firm of Benziger Bros., for a copy of "The Comedy of English Protestantism," by A. F. Marshall. The title will at once recall to the minds of many of our readers "The Comedy of Convocation," from the pen of the same writer, many years ago. Those who laughed over the clever satire of that work will derive no less pleasure from a perusal of the authors' latest comedy. The scene is Exeter Hall; the dramatis persona, delegates from the more important of the two hundred sects into which English Protestants are divided. These delegates, seven in number, and of hopelessly dissimilar character from the exponent of "Transcendental Pro-testant Popery," to the representation of "Abysmal Puritanism," meet in an assembly whose object is to discuss the means of bringing about a re union of all the sects within the fold of their mother the Church of England. The scene is very imposing. There is great decorum on the platform, and some show of want of respect in the audience; the ameneties of debate are, as a rule, observed, though strong language is occasionally employed by the Dissenters. As might have been expected, the meeting fails of its object. No conclusion is arrived at; they disperse with previous opinions somewhat strengthened; reunion seems as far off as ever, and the proceedings generally furnish a very satisfactory answer to the question contained in the couplet, placed as motto, on the title-page of the book:

"For how can she constrain them to obey Who has herself cast off the lawful sway?"

The Christmas number of Loretto Leastets is before us in all its fresh beauty. The pupils of Loretto Abbey might well be proud of their little volume issued quarterly, but this number surpasses itself. "A Christmas Carol" by Miss Lizzie Greatwood, and "Good Will to Men" by Miss Florentine O'Leary, are fitting openings for this joyous season. "The Friendless are not forgotten; and Miss Poor ' Charlotte Plunkett, under that heading has contributed a pathetic little sketch. "A Xmas Story" by Miss Rose Cutter; and "Inez" by Miss M. M. Hunt, are well-told short tales. THE REGISTER offers its New Year's greetings to the "Leaflets," and hopes that the coming year will at least equal '98, if not surpass it in successful issues.



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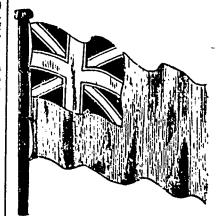
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