

siders the power vested in the Head of the Church. In view of the present intense ritualistic movement in England and of the position of Anglicans with regard to Papal Authority, the article well deserves the attention of every careful reader and will amply repay the time spent on its perusal. An interesting description of Costa Rica by E. Lyell Earle is found in this issue. Under the caption of "England and the Boers," J. W. Clarkson writes in a eulogistic strain of the efforts of the Boers for freedom. Other articles of considerable interest are "Catholic Literature in Public Libraries" and "Sketching in a Dutch Village."

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In the current issue of *The Rosary*, the progress of Catholic missions in Africa forms the subject-matter for a very readable article by Wm. S. Merrill. Among the contributors to this number E. Lyell Earle deserves the place of honor for his valuable paper on Cardinal Mazarin. During the minority of Louis XIV, the Regency of France had been entrusted to the young King's mother, Anne of Austria. She made choice of Cardinal Mazarin for her prime minister and to his master genius may be attributed the brilliant achievements that marked the early part of the reign of Louis. That era, too, has the distinction of being the golden age of French Literature with its galaxy of writers such as Corneille, Racine, Moliere, LaBruyere and Boileau. Religion found such defenders as Bossuet and Feulon; in the classical school of modern painting Lebrun, Rigaud and Mignard are known as masters, and in architecture Perrault and Mansard achieved fame in the construction of the Louvre and the palace of Versailles. Such then was the splendid effect of the policy formed and carried out so successfully by Cardinal Mazarin. The short sketch of Dr. O'Hagan together with a brief study of his works is especially interesting to the students of this University for this distinguished Canadian litterateur is an honored alumnus Ottawa University.

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The leading article of the *Catholic World* for September is an excellent review of the "Life of St. Vincent de Paul" a work lately published by Longmans, Green & Co. It is a just tribute of praise to the labor of the great saint and a true appreciation of his wonderful work as an organizer of Catholic charitable work. In