

Bishops" states that Eric, a Scandinavian, was the first bishop of America. The belief that the faith travelled from Iceland westward at an early period has given rise to the theory above stated. But the fact that the faith was brought to Iceland by Irish missionaries justifies the conclusion that the same missionaries, and not the rough Norseman, gave to America her first bishop. "Musings on the Irish Situation, by an American," and "Has Labor Won or Lost at Homestead" are perhaps the best of what remains of a thoroughly readable number. *Donahoe's* is not exhaustive in the treatment of its topics. When so many subjects are spoken of this is impossible, but in its proper sphere, the Magazine is excellent.

The Canadian Educational Monthly, Toronto, edited by Archibald McMurchy, M.A. Toronto University. The leading article of the *Educational Monthly* is "The Teaching of History," by Prof. Meiklejohn. We commend the paper to every teacher of history in the land. The problem of teaching history according to the learned professor is: "(1) to introduce several hundreds or thousands of persons, and several hundreds of events, to an age that knows nothing, except by the power of sympathetic or anticipative imagination, of men or of things; (2) to make each person introduced an individual and real character; (3) to show the connection of cause and effect between great events." Many are the methods by which it is attempted to solve this problem. Some of them are correct, but many are simply ruinous. Prof. Meiklejohn gives the following specimen from a hand-book of history that is now in its thirtieth edition: "In the vast field of religious literature Bunyan is unrivalled. De Foe devoted his almost equal genius to political conflict, as well as to popular fiction." Two great men are thus summarily disposed of, the first was unrivalled in the field of religious literature and the second devoted his almost equal genius to political conflict. As well write history, as the Professor remarks, in algebraic symbols at once. "Reviewing History" is also instructive and an able article is reproduced from the *London Free Press* on the tendency of our Public School System to increase the number of studies, thereby

encouraging a hasty perusal and the senseless habit of cramming.

The True Witness and Catholic Chronicle—Montreal.—The *True Witness* has discarded its old familiar dress, and will henceforth appear under magazine form. It has made a good beginning and we are promised that not only will the present high standard of excellence be maintained, but strenuous efforts will be made in the direction of still more important improvements. May the *True Witness* see its fondest hopes realized. Years ago it was the able exponent of a truly Catholic sentiment and fearlessly opposed whatsoever was in conflict with Catholic sentiment. In these days its rank was the first among the Catholic organs of Canada. These years of vigor and prosperity were followed by years of inactivity and of trial, but within the past few months the *True Witness* has risen again and entered upon a new period of usefulness. Ably edited, it has marked out the lines of its labor where the need of serious work is most sorely felt. Three pages are given to editorials and notes and every line is timely and forcible, whilst the judgment shown in the selections of the general reading matter is excellent.

EXCHANGES.

The Dartmouth furnishes a very meagre literary department. The number before us contains but one short article. The staff might greatly improve their journal by inserting therein fewer editorials and more literary essays. Be it said to the credit of *The Dartmouth*, however, its general college news is varied and interesting.

A true article on silence appears in the *Salve Regina*. Its author says: "Deepest thoughts, grandest songs, noblest ideals come to us in silence—without it all earth's harmony were discord—her music noise, her eloquence senseless. Grand the creations left us by poets, statesmen and artists, but grander and more glorious the unwritten, unsigned conceptions that passed with their souls into God's eternal silence."