

by the usual criterions; the fact is our Hoosier has found lodgement in people's love, which is a much safer place for any poet than their admiration."

Senor Galdos, the Spanish novelist, has published a new story, entitled, *Angel Guerra*. He is described as a modest and retiring man who works hard while actually engaged upon his stories. But as soon as his last sheets are in the printer's hands, or at any time when he feels a desire for change, he works at a sewing machine. He has a special fondness for hemming handkerchiefs! We are left to conjecture who does his household washing and scouring.

It will please a large number to learn, if they do not already know, that the two volumes of poems, *America* and *A Poet's Praise*, published a few years ago with the pen-name "Henry Hamilton" are by the Rt. Rev. John Lancaster Spalding, Bishop of Peoria. Those poems have been widely read and much appreciated since their first appearance in print. Dr. Spalding has recently produced some translations from the lyrical masterpieces of the Spanish and Italian poets. They are among the most exquisite verses which have ever been contributed to the *Ave Maria*, and higher praise than that implied by this statement cannot be tendered to a Catholic poet.

Linnaeus, the Swedish scientist, whose monument has just been unveiled in Chicago, was an industrious writer as well as naturalist. At the time of his death he had produced 184 volumes. He was fiery in temper, peculiar in his habits, and in summer slept five hours out of each twenty-four, and in winter ten. A great many people sleep much longer than Linnaeus without serious injury to their health.

Mr. D. P. Heatly writes in David Bailsie's new London magazine, *The Ladder*: "All political actions, said De Tocqueville, writing on the tyranny of the majority, are subject to 'the eternal laws of justice,' and a people—the people too—cannot therefore possess the right of doing whatsoever it chooses. Whence and what are these 'eternal laws of justice'? It is beyond our scope to inquire. The study of history, says Pro-

fessor Jodl in the *International Journal of Ethics*, does for the individual in sociology what the telescope and microscope do for him in natural science. There are morals in history. Dr. A. M. Fairbairn warns us in the *Contemporary* that disaster overtakes society when conventional standards of judgment are substituted for moral. In the *Quarterly* the writer of an article on '*Ethics of the Day*' finds the fundamental doctrine in a quotation from Mr. Lilly's *Right and Wrong*: The desire to do right as right—that alone is morality! Right is moral power! Leibnitz teaches, that duty is 'moral necessity.' Americans and Canadian will recognize the justness of Mr. Heatley's remark that all those high principles seem far removed from current politics, and in the outward every-day garb of politics they undoubtedly form no part.

I gladly avail myself of the issue of a new edition of *Weems' Life of Marmion* to remark that few volumes of American biography have been so widely read as this. Marion was one of the most dashing warriors that drew the patriot's sword in the battles of the revolution. He was the idol of the south and the pride of the north. Weems was the most popular biographical writer of his time, and his *Life* of the heroic American general is his master-piece. The volume contains all that interests in the yellow-back novel without its viciousness. The style is graceful and charming. *Marmion* is just the book for the youth who delights in valiant adventure.

The edition of the *Life of Sir John A. Macdonald*, recently edited by Mr. Mercer Adams, of Toronto, is little more than a revision of the sketch by Collins, with a few additional chapters devoted to an account of the closing days and demise of the late Conservative leader. The chapter on Canadian literature which formed such a marked attraction in the work by Collins is omitted in the present issue. I consider this omission a mistake. Personally I should rather have the original chapter than the biased estimates of Sir John A. Macdonald, which the editor places in his appendix. The *Life of Sir John A. Macdonald*, by Collins and Adams, is, perhaps, the most considerable addition to Canadian biography contributed within a period of two decades.