

CANADA, is the title of a neat little brochure containing two papers recently read before the Geological Society of America by Mr. Andrew C. Lawson of this city. The first paper is of peculiar interest in as much as it takes up the discussion of the rocky character of the surface strata of the Archean beds in North America, the actual cause of which rocky elevations, Geologists have as yet failed to discover. Mr. Lawson, on the strength of personal observation, feels safe in rejecting the two most generally accepted hypotheses, and affirms that the hummocky aspect of the Archean surface, in its essential and prominent features, antedates the glacial epoch, and consequently cannot be explained by the transporting power of the glazier. The writer furnishes evidence, though necessarily brief, from the different Archean formations of Canada. In his paper on the internal relations and taxonomy of the Archean of Central Canada, the writer deals, apparently with much familiarity, with the composition, structure and gradual metamorphism which has taken place in primitive lithological strata of our globe. Mr. Lawson is a member of the Editorial staff of the *American Geologist*, to the March number of which, he contributes some valuable notes on the occurrence of native copper in the Animikie rocks of Thunder Bay.

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*LECTURE BY REV. FATHER
FOX, O.M.I.*

On Monday the 7th inst. the Rev. Father Fox, of Winnipeg, delivered a lecture in Academic Hall, on "Conversions; or all roads lead to Rome." Himself a convert and a missionary priest of long experience, Father Fox is exceptionally well qualified to treat such a subject.

The Rev. lecturer divided the Catholics of Great Britain, among whom he spent nearly the whole of his eventful life, into three classes: the Irish Catholics or their descendants; the English Catholics who remained true to the faith of their fathers; and the converts, a class ever increasing in numbers and influence. In reviewing the position, influence and part played by each of these classes, the lecturer pointed out the attitude of non-Catholics toward the Church, accounting for it by their education, surroundings and literature. He then gave numerous instances of conversions, most of which came under his

own personal observation, and closed with an appropriate and impressive peroration. Referring to those who fall away from the Catholic Church, he pointed out how remarkably they differed in their character and motives from those who sought admission to her fold; while many of the former were, when dying, sincerely desirous of returning to their religion, it is unheard of that any of those having once received the light of faith, wished at the solemn hour of death to return to the heresy which they had forsaken.

The lecture throughout was extremely interesting and instructive; indeed the working of Divine Grace in the human heart must be at all times interesting and instructive to true Christians. But Father Fox's history, his vast experience in Great Britain and Ireland, his pleasing voice, and faultless English, lent an additional charm to a subject in itself of the highest interest. Were lectures of this kind more frequently heard here, the mere announcement would suffice to fill the hall to overflowing.

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ORDINATIONS.

On Easter Sunday morning, at the Scholasticate, Archville, His Lordship Bishop Clut conferred sacred Orders as follows:

Priesthood:

Rev. Herménégilde Brunette.

Deaconship:

Revs. J. A. Gratton, G. Gauvreau, P. J. Tranchemontagne, M. Desjardins, J. P. Brochu and L. J. Laniel. All the reverend gentlemen are members of the congregation of Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

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PUBLISHERS' NOTE.

Owing to the expense incurred by the management during the past year; and to the fact that the number of pages in this volume of THE OWL has already exceeded the ordinary number, it is likely that the May number will bring Vol. III. to a close.

With this number we will publish a title page and index. Those of our subscribers who desire back numbers, with which to complete their files, can have them by dropping us a postal card specifying the missing numbers.