

Among the Magazines.

Poets have sighed for balmy spring and dilated on the opalescent beauty of autumn, but if students long for the hazy days of summer when they can steal along by some shady brook or etherialize themselves on some mountain top away from the classic world to enter into communion with Nature, surely we hold the summer numbers of our magazines to account. Certainly there should be no dearth of fiction in a summer issue, but rather a variety of it, and when supplemented by some luminous essays, descriptions, or readable poetry, a magazine is produced whose contents are suited to the most exacting of readers.

Viewed in this light, the June number of *Donahoe's Magazine* is essentially a summer number. "Reminiscences of Daniel O'Connell" is the title of an interesting article that recalls some of the leading characteristics of the great Liberator. The writer does not touch upon any of the stirring scenes during the stormy times when O'Connell was battling for Catholic Emancipation, but rather upon those features of his private life, particularly his strict observance of his religious duties, his Christian fortitude, and family affection, which hitherto have been comparatively unknown in comparison with characteristics of his public career. "Donoghoregan Manor" is descriptive of the historic residence of Charles Carroll of Carrollton, a name dear to American hearts. The fiction of the issue is well selected with the exception of "A Mayme Brannigan" which is indeed a very ordinary production.

Realizing the importance of the question of education at this time of the year, the *Catholic World* in its June issue devotes the greater number of its pages to contributions treating on this all important movement. One of the leading articles of the number at hand is Father McDermott's strong plea for the support of the Chair of Philosophy in Trinity College, Washington. Under the title of "A Plan in the History of Nature," Dr. Seton has an instructive paper bearing on the development of organic life and the wonderful changes in nature. The spirit of the true Catholic Naturalist is reflected in this sentiment "that the study of nature would afford us very little joy if we did not believe that in the