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THE MAGAZINES.

The March number of *La Revue Nationale* (J. D. Chartrand, St. Gabriel street, Montreal), has amongst its contributors Father Gohiet, E. J. Barbeau, Benjamin Sulte and Pamphile LeMay. The high standard of this excellent review magazine continues to be maintained.

Mr. Gilbert Parker contributes to the April Century a striking dramatic story, entitled "The Little Bell of Honor," a tale of Pontiac, which presents admirable characterizations and a striking plot, the central figure of which is a Canadian voyageur, who wears at his knee a little bell which is the mark of honor conferred each year upon some voyageur as a token of his prowess and skill.

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