REVIEWS.

"Weighed in The Balance," Christian Reid's latest novel 1s quite up to the standard of that noted writer of light fiction. The story is nicely told and the simple plain style of the write or carries the reader along with ite or carries the reader along with ite other he binness is a feature in all of Mr. Reid's worke, and his latest effort loses nothing through comparison with any of his former books. One is carried along without putting forth any effort; one reads and is not wearled. It is a story of love with its villian and lith agos to make up the usual love story, except that the villian is a villianess, and the obstance is subley and admirably drawn. There is nothing nauseating in the scenes—there is not the story to make one sympathize with the horoine and grow angry with the plotter against her happiness. The story necessarily teaches a Catholic spirit since the heroine is one of that Faith. The end is quite out of the ordinary and makes the tale all the better for that, There is not a dry page in it. It is quite a large book conte ving some 500 pages, printed in largo readable type on good paper. The binding is neat and attractive. The publishers are Marlier, Calianan and Co., of Boston.

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Classell's weekly issue of its National Library Series has come to hand. The volume this week is Edmund Burko's "Thoughs on the Present Discontent," and contains in addition the famous Irisiman's speeches on "The Middlesex Election," "The Powers of Juries," "The Duration of Parliaments," and "Parliamentary Reform." This stirling publishing firm is doing an excellent work in presenting the English classics before the public in such admirable form and at so ridiculously low a price—10s. a volume. Students of style, who are anot possessed of-Burko's-speeches, or who are locking for a handy and well printed pockte edition, will do well to get Classell's little book. The Editor is Professor Henry Morley.

D. O. Heath & Oo., Boston, are evidently sparing no pains or expense in placing the best works in English on the market in readable and handy editions. They have just issued two little volumes with introductions and eopious well-chosen notes under the editorship of that great English classic authority Mr. W. H. Hudson of Leland Stanford University. Mr. Hudson's name guarantees the works as correct in every detail, and the publishers' mark carries with it all that is excellent in workmanship. The two classics that Mr. Hudson bas edited for in every detail, and the publishers' mark carries with it all that is excellent in workmanship. The two classies that Mr. Hudson has edited for this enterprising firm are Goldsmith's "Vicar of Wakefield," and The Spectators' "Sir Roger De Courly. Mr. O. A. Wauchope, of the University of Iowa, has edited for the same firm, De Queeney's "Flight of a Tartar Tribe." All three books are gotten up in neat cloth binding, and the two former are illustrated. These books are handy for class work or for private reading.

The Literary Digest of the last week in addition to its comprehensive, though short, and pithy summing up of ourrent events in the world of the present day history making; its clear and interesting articles on Science and Invention; its "Lotters and Art" pages; has some interesting religious articles. It sums up this week the dogmatic beliefs of Oatholies as contained in the Nicene creed.

This we's number is quite up to the usual nigh standard in all departments. "The Religious Aspects of the Chinese Trouble," and three or four treatices on the troubles that are being experienced by the Sects at the present time, are particularly interesting from a Catholic standpoint.

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"The two great essentials requisite for success in business, or in any calling, are natural aptitude and sound training," writes T. B. Fitzpatrick in the July number of Donahoe's to which he contributes a valuable paper on "Business as a Vocation."

Rev. John Tablot Smith, of "The Military Academy at West Point,"
This paper was especially prepared as a reference, and in the simplest and clearest nanner makes plain every step of the way from application to the completion of the course.

Maurice Francis Egan, Mr. Michael Oudaby, and Mr. John M. Smyth enter into a discussion of the rolative influence exerted on public life by the college man and the self-made man.

William Lloyd Garrison, Patrick Ford, Editor of the Irish World, New York, and Butler T. Wilson, contribute their views on the proceedings of the Alabama Confecence, the attitude taken by Bourke Cockran zeciving particular attention. "In Euflilment of a Yow," by Rev. Thomas I. Gasson, B. J., for several years a resident in the Austrian Algs, presents a fine study of the Passion Play of Oberammergau.

Another illustrated article of most timely interest is "Impressions of the Canonization of Blessed La Salle and Blessed Ritta of Cascia," at St. Peter's. Romo. The writer, Marie Donegan Walsh, who was present at the ceromony, gives a vival description of the groups of pilgrims and the interior of St. Peter's.

The priest as a novellet is the subject of an able paper by the Rev. Mortimer E. Twomey.

Among the poets are D. J. Donaho, Charles J. O Malley and Rev. James B. Dollard.

As usual, the flotion is excellent.

The musical firm of Wilson and Co., Boston, New York and Philadotphia have just issued a little pamphlet of "Solos for Cathollo Choirs." There is contained in it no less than five "Are Maries" by standard musicians, There are also two "O'Salutarisea," three "Salve Reginas," in addition to single hymns in Latin and English. Their church music is dishessingly cheap and good.

Academy Pictures.

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The announcement of Messrs. Cassell & Company's Royal Academy Pictures for 1900 is a welcome one. While the sum total of art in England is invariably found at Burlington House, the trip there is too long and costly for most of us.

Messrs. Cassell & Company's reproductions are oxclusive and are printed on plate-paper, 6‡ x 8½ inches, which makes a clear and beautiful picture. They are published in parts or bound in one volume. To quote the Westminster Gazette: "The Royal Academy Pictures are the most perfect representation of the Academy ever placed within reach of the public."

Proselytizing Cuba.

A Havana correspondent writes to the Boston Pilot on the Brook's marriago law as follows:

"It is doubtless a matter of surprise in the United States that the marriage question which has e me up under such a strange and peculiar phase here and in Cuba, still continues unsettled. Man, people, perhaps, are beginning to think that there must be a mistake somewhere, and that after all the modification, formally requested by Bishop Sbarretti of the famous Brooks order of 1890, is a matter of indifference involving merely some minor detail of the formalities requisite to give legality to the marriage contract. To those who follow me in a statement of the case, as it now presents theelf, I prothose who follow me in a statement of the case, as it now presents itself, I pro-mise a double surprise. First, that the order was never issued, and sec-ondly, that it is still permitted to stand.

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To obtain a clear understanding of the order of General Brooke and its effects, let us take the first three paragraphs of the order, which contains all there is of importance in it;

"1. Hereafter civil marriages only shall be valid. The contracting parties may conform to the precepts of whatever religion they may profess, in addition to the formalties necessary to contract the civil marriage.

"2. The officials in charge of the arcention of the laws respecting marriage.

contract the civil marriage.

"2. The officials in charge of the execution of the laws respecting marriago shall not accept as legal the written license or consent of the parent, when the same shall have been taken before an ecolesiastical motary, nor shall any such certificate be acepted which is not attested by the civil functionaries.

"3- Clergymen of the different denominations represented in the island in performing the ceremony of marriage, shall not be required to take other action than that imposed upon them by their respective religious beliefs: but the performance of this ceremony shall have no civil effects.

Irish Crime.

Miss Rosa M. Barrett writes a most sensible letter in which she points out that Ireland is remarkably free from serious crime. "Prisoners as a whole have decreased by more than one-fill during the last twenty years, and serious offenders are only 16 3 per 10 000 of the population compared with 25 3 per 10,000 in Eugland. There are far more prisoners in Sociland than in Irriand—24,000 more in '96, though the population is smaller. The convicted prisoners for all offenses were but 7.3 of the population in Ireland, as compared with 12 6 per 1,000 in Sociland. Strangers need not, therefore, visit Ireland with fear and trembling, as though some great risk to life and property were therby incurred. It is somewhat puzzling (not to say irritating) that English visitors should speak of a visit to this very lovely country as a sort of meritorious act, involving considerable self-denial, and for which the Irish ought to feel deeply thankfal."

France has 7,745 priests and 9,150 nms in the foreign missionary field:

Father Joset Dead.

Father Joseph Joset, the farmus Indian missionery, of De Smet Mus-sion, Idaho, is dead amidst the sorrowing Geeur d'Alono Indians, whose spiritual guide he had been for the mat Ed Years'

sorrowing Coeur d'Alono Indians, whose spiritual guide he had been for the past for years.

He was the lest of that noble band of Jesuit missionaries of which Father De Brnet was the leader, which had come from distant Europe as early as 1840, and had taken up its abode among the Flathead and Pond d'Oreille tribes.

For the past ten years his advanced age rendered an active missionary life impossible, and he never went beyond the mission precincts, save to take an oceasional horseback ride, In 1898 he was forced to give up the last consolation that had been lot him—an oceasional sermon to his beloved Indians—and after that he seldom came in contact with his sepiritual children, receiving now and then a visit from his grateful Coeur d'Alones, Father Joset died at a time when not only are all the Coeur d'Alones gathered together at De Brnet Mission, but when the number is largely augmented by the advent of Kalispells, Kootenais, Spokance, Simpisquens, Sinkomens and others, for all of whom the zealous priest had devoted 66 years of his life.

The best tribute that can be paid to Father Joset's memory is the testimony that the Indians among whom he labored for half a century are the mest civilined tribe on the continent.

Irish Religious Statistics.

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In 1861 the Catholic and Protestant population of Ulster was almost equal—the Catholics being 50.05 per cent. and the Protestants 49.95 per cent. Since that date, owing to the larger relative Catholic enigration, the Protestants have become 64 per cent, and the Catholic enigration, the Protestants have become 64 per cent, and the Catholics 46 per cent.
Religiously, Ireland is slightly less Catholics, and 1,510,000 Protestants; that is, about 31 per cent. of Catholics and 19 per cent. of Catholics and 19 per cent. of Catholics and 19 per cent. of 25,000 Catholics and 1,150,000 Protestants; that is, about 76 per cent. of the population Catholic and 24 per cent. of the population Catholic and 24 per cent. of the population Catholic and 25 per cent. of the population of Ireland, the Protestants range from 16 per cent. of the population (in Leinster), to less than 5 per cent.
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Of Ireland, some 600,000 are Episcopalians and 460 000 Presbyterians. But while the Episcopalians are distributed throughout Ireland, the Presbyterians are massed in Ulster.—Milwawkee Clitzen.

Franciscan Provinces.

It is stated at the Franciscan monastery in Washington that the meeting of provincials held in Oleveland will conduce to the centralization of Franciscans. At the private convention just closed, the United States was divided into four general provinces, embracing New York, St. Louis, Olincinnati and Santa Barbara, the members of which will not be transferred to points outside their jurisdiction. Heretofore members were sent from the mother house in Patterson, N. J., to distant western soctions. The new province of New York will include all the middle Atlantic and New England states, Santa Barbara, the Pacific coast, and Cincinnatia and St. Louis the western states and territories. It is stated at the Franciscan mon

Catholic Germany.

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There is, perhaps, no country in the world in which the Oatholic prees is so vigorous and so well supported as in Germany. There are at present 305 Oatholic papers in the Fatherland, and these circulate among 1,200,000 subsorbers. It is no exaggeration to say that, without this religious prees and the compact organization which it has created and preserved, the past trumphs, and the present strength, of the Catholic party would be impossible. In Germany, parents urge their children to read Oatholic papers and strongly forbid them to read sealer journals. Here is a "foreign idea" we should be very glad to see imported.—Exchange.

Australian Catholics.

The Catholics of Australia constitute pout one sixth of the entire popula-

The latest tables published on the subject, including New Zealand and the South Sea Islands, is as follows:
 the South Sea Islands, is as follows;

 Province of Sydney
 300,000

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 73,000

 Province of Brisban
 90,000

 New Essland
 32,000

 South Sea Islands
 60,000

Total..... 855,000 Baron Von Kettler, the German minister to China, who is reported to have been murdered by the Boxers, is a Catholic and a nephew of the late famous Bishop Kettler, of Mayence.

Filgrimage to St. Anne's.

The Pilgrimage to the shrine of St. Anne de B-aupre, under the patronage of the Most Rev. Archhishop of Kingston and his diocean olergy, will take place this year on Tuesday, July 21th. This date has been Ricci in order to give an opportunity to pilgrims to be present at the strine, and to invoke the intercession of La Bonne St. Anne on Thursday, July 20th, the very day which the Catholic Ohurch has set aside for the especial honor of the mother of the Bleesed Virgin. Special trains, consisting only of first class coaches, G. T. R. and O. F. R. sloepers and tourist care, will start from Port Hope and Peterboro', after the arrival of the regular express trains from Toronto, and will reach Ste. Anne de Scaupre early on Wednesday morning. Excursion rates will prevail at all stations of the G. T. R., and O. P. R. from Port Hope and Peterboro' assward to the boundaries of the Province of Ontario. The exceptionally low rate of \$5 65 has been secured for return tickets from Peterboro' and Port Hope, with considerably lower rates throughout the eastern part of the Province. Tickets will be good only in the special trains going, but will be valid in any regular train returning, up to, and including, Monday, July 30th. Passengers from Lindsay will take regular trains to connect with special at Port Hope or Belleville, and the return fare from Lindsay will be \$5.90. Excursionists from Teronto, Western Ontario, and other points will leave Toronto by regular morning express trains on Teesday, proue regular return tickets as far as Peterboro' or Pert Hope, purchase Pilgrimage tickets at eitner of these places, and take special train to St. Anne de Beaupre below Quebec. Regular return fare from Toronto to Port Hope is \$3.60, and from Toronto to Port Hope, is \$3.60, and from Toronto to Port Hope, purchase pilgrimage tickets at eitner of these places, and take special train to St. Anne de Beaupre below Quebec. Regular return fare from Toronto to Port Hope is \$3.60, and from Toronto to Port Hope is \$3.60, and from Toronto to Por

MISCELLANEOUS.

The longevity of the Irish race is il-lustrated by the fact that there were recently 578 known contensaisms in-ing in Ireland, while there were only 46 in Scotland and 146 in England.

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Two Jesust priests in England,
being asked what they had to be the
most thankful for, one replied that it
was the fact that he was born a Oatholic, while the other said that he was
thankful because he wasn't born a
Catholic. The convert often buys the
truth at a high price, and values it
accordingly.

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Father Gendreau, writing from Dawson, Yukon Territory, Ganada, says:—In less than a year I have received seven adults into the Church, and now I have two others under instruction. I have just had a First Communion for the first time in Dawson, six children, who had been prepared by the nuns and myself in our School.

School.'

It was an American and a Protestant who said with a shrug of the
shoulder: "A Methodist, a Baptist
or a Presbyterian Indian I have no
use for; he is pretty nearly always
the same old soondeel, plus that of
being a canting hypocrite." He was
strong in his affirmations that "the
other elicity that does are good for only religion that does any good for the Indian is the Catholic religion."

The Oatholic Church has no missionaries from America in China. Almost all of its missionaries there are from France: a few from Italy and Belgium, and a very few from Holland. All are members of orders, since it is found that orders can act as missionary societies, raise funds and maintain dissipline far better than could the Proragande Fide acting direct and dealing with secular. The latest figures from the Missionas Oatholice issued by the Propagande Fide at Rome and covering the Chinese Empire, are nearly twenty months old. They estimate the population of all China to be 449,155,000. The Catholic Church has no mis

all China to be 449,155,000.

The Washington Correspondent of the New-York Horald writing of Mons. Martinelli the Papal Delegate says:

So does the popularity of this genial prelate extend from ocean to ocean, and yet he lives at the Papal Legation here a most retired life, the life of a monsatio, effacing himself whenever possible. But on the rare occasions when he does come in contact with henoile he is as responsive and agree-

when he does come in contact with people he is as responsive and agreeable as a man of the world.

The infinite pains, too, that he takes in small matters, his never failing amiability and unselfishness endear him both to the people of his own Church and those of other communions who have the privilege of knowing him.

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We learn from the St. Beniface
Northwest Review that two Grey
Nuns left for Providence Mission,
near the cutlet of the Great Slave
Lake on the Mackenzie, about the
first degree N. latitude. From Athabasea Landing (north of Edmonton,
Alberta, which is reached by railway,
t could have nearly 1000 miles of
a river journey. Providence Mission
was founded in 1800. There are
stree Oblate Fathers and some Brottsrs there.

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The monument to be erected by the people of Columbus di cese to the memory of the late betoved Bishop Wattorson, will be ready for dedication about the last of July.

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Three colored sisters ordained for the work by Cardinal dibbons will be brought from Baltimore to superintend a lyceum and social sottlement that is to be established in Chicago for colored Catholics. Archbiship Feehan has given his searction to the plan. The movement was started by the Illinois Charitable Relief corps and is receiving the support of influential Catholics in Chicago. Plans for the institution include schools, a forum for clubs, free reading rooms and the best features of social life. Special attention will be given to the training of chidren. The idea is a development of one evolved by the late Father Tolton, the colored priest who organized a colored Catholic parish in Chicago, and whose work among his race in that city became so widely known and admired.

Rav. M. J. Geraghty, O. S. A., mis-

have returned to Villanova, Pa., after being engaged since September in giving missions in the large cities of the country. The splendid work of the Augustinian missionary bands during that time may be judged by the fact that they have enrolled 70,000 in the scapular of Our Lady of Good Counsel; heard 90,000 confessions and instructed 400 converts.

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