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Couple Who Abandoned Baby at Toronto Were in This City.

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Dr. Tamblin Lectures on Pathfinders Up to Sixteenth Century.

Dr. Tamblin spoke at the Western University last night on the subject of "Explorations Down to the Sixteenth Century."

The lecturer showed that in the period dating from the reign of Alexander the Great till the Crusades there was very little added to the geographical knowledge of the world. Yet during this same period the Sarcenic Empire had a semi-modern civilization, in which the Jew, who had been hounded out of Europe, often found a kindly tolerance.

Venice was the first country to dream of a direct trade with the east, instead of through the medium of the Arab middleman. This led to the desire to seek a more direct route to the east, and offered a chance for the spread of the Christian propaganda that had failed so miserably in the Crusades.

In the thirteenth century, too, there began the great spiritual awakening that found expression in the mendicant orders, and thus political, commercial, and religious impulses all tended toward the sending of men to far-off fields.

Before this time, however, the Norsemen had been active in the realm of discovery. In 980 Bjorn is said to have reached America, and in 1001 Lief Ericsson wintered near the present city of Boston. He was followed the next year by his brother, who was killed by the Indians, and a few years later an attempt at colonization proved a failure.

In the thirteenth century the Polo brothers, and young Marco Polo, went through Eastern Asia. After 24 years' journeying they returned to Venice in 1295 to find that no one credited their stories of discovery.

Toward the end of the fourteenth century the Portuguese sailors began their voyages of investigation, which led to the discovery of the Azores and the Madeira. Later the Cape of Good Hope was rounded, thus showing the new route to India.

Shortly after this Columbus discovered America, thinking all the time that the islands he had discovered were the East Indies. In 1497-98 Vasco da Gama finally succeeded in reaching India by the new route.

In this era the Portuguese and the Spanish were the great colonizers, combining with their desire for trade a zeal for missionary enterprise.

NUNS DEFEND CONVENT

Armed With Old Guns, They Keep Off a Band of Brigands.

Lisbon, Jan. 28.—A remarkable conflict is reported to have taken place at the convent of Beate Irene between the nuns and a band of brigands.

A notorious set of brigands infest the district, and during Sunday night they made a raid on the convent, which is situated in a solitary position five miles from the town, with the object of despoiling the church of its gold and silver ornaments, tapestries and paintings.

The nuns, however, received timely warning, and barricaded the windows and doors. They also armed themselves with old fowling-pieces and pistols, and made a courageous resistance, keeping the robbers at bay.

Meantime the authorities in the adjacent town had been advised, and a force of civil guards was immediately dispatched. They reached the convent just as the brigands had managed to force one of the back doors. The guards fired a volley, killing two and wounding three, whereupon the remainder fled towards the mountains, where pursuit was useless.

Three of the nuns were injured.

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