

deep and earnest religious instinct bewildered among many counsellors, and baffled in its search for rest, as I see it now."

#### EDUCATION.

"Education involves the training of the whole man and all his faculties; of the conscience and of the affections as well as of the intellect.

"Every school must of necessity be either Christian or un-Christian, and there is no such thing as a neutral education. To be neutral in religion it must be imperfect and faulty—indeed, no education at all.

"In view of the entire situation (what he considers the dangerous and mad system of public school education in the United States) shall we not all of us who really believe in God give thanks to him that he has preserved the Roman Catholic Church in America to-day true to that theory of education upon which our fathers founded the public schools of the nation, and which have been so madly perverted?

"Those, therefore, who seek to exalt men by mere cultivation of the intellect are striving to make satans of them."—Dr. A. A. Hodge, in *Princeton Review*.

The first part of an important contribution of Biblical scholarship has just been published under the editorship of the well-known professor of St. Sulpice, the Abbe Vigoroux. This a dictionary of the Bible, in which the latest results of modern Oriental scholarship are brought to bear on the elucidation of the sacred text, and the bearing of the most recent scientific theories upon Biblical problems is fully discussed from the standpoint of Catholic science. The learned editor has secured the help of contributors who are scholars of European reputation.

Leo XIII. is the two hundred and fifty-seventh Pope. Of these, forty-five were French, thirteen Greeks, eight Syrians, six Germans six Spaniards, two Africans, two Savagards, one Dalmatian, one English, one Portuguese, one Hollander, one Candian; Italy gave the rest.

Seventy were proclaimed. Of the two hundred and fifty-seven, leaving out St. Peter—eight died before having reigned one year, twenty-two ruled between one and two years, fifty-four between two and

five years, fifty-seven between five and ten years, fifty-one between ten and fifteen years; and nine, more than twenty years.

Pius ix. ruled longer than any other Roman Pontiff. John XII. died at ninety years, Clement XII. at ninety-two, Gregory IX at one hundred.

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#### GENERAL NEWS.

This year, owing to there having been no oral examinations at Christmas, these have taken place during the week beginning April 10th. Orals are not common in our universities, yet there is a growing tendency among some of the best educationalists in their favor. When well conducted, they are certainly one of the most efficient methods of discovering a student's knowledge.

A very pleasant trip was enjoyed by the seminarians on the 17th March, on which occasion they availed themselves of Father Poulin's kind invitation to visit him at his home, Cantley. High Mass was sung for the parishioners by Rev. Father Constantineau, Messrs. LeMay and Macdonald acting as deacon and subdeacon respectively.

Work is steadily progressing on the two new churches, St. Joseph's and the Sacred Heart, at present being built. The Oblate Fathers deserve all credit for the way in which the work is being pushed ahead.

We regret to learn that the Rev. Father Riordan O.M.I. who was stationed at the University since last fall, has been compelled to go to the Southern States in order to recuperate his health, shattered from long missionary service. While here, the good father made many friends by his gentleness and affability.

Messrs. D. Murphy and Chas. Gaudet have been elected valedictorians of the class of '92.

The classical and commercial departments of the college will close this year on the 23rd June. It is understood, however, that the seminary will not close until about a week later, owing to the expected absence of His Grace Archbishop Duhamel.