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elegant works of literature in the Church as well as outside of it, and it is highly important that they should be imbued, from an early age, with a taste for this kind of reading. Among the foreign Catholic writers from whom selections are furnished, we notice the names of Cardinal Wiseman, Dr. Newman, Balmez, Chateaubriand, and Digby. Among our own writers, we perceive with pleasure the names of several of our archbishops, bishops, and clergymen, besides those of such distinguished laymen as Dr. Brownson, Dr. Huntington, McLeod, Shea, Miles, and others. The writings of these are interspersed with judicious selections from our standard American authors, Irving, Prescott, Bancroft, and Paulding.

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