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... A FRIEND OF THE MAGAZINE said the other day that its success had justified its existence. Three months ago there was no publication in Canada of the nature of this MAGAZINE. This was to be accounted for in one or more of three ways. First, that there was no probable field for it; second, that, as one who professed to know expressed it, Catholics are not Magazine readers; and third, that in view of the uncertain-

ties attendant upon the venture, no one had, recently at least, attempted to place a really good monthly on the market. In point of fact, the main difficulty in the matter has been to eradicate from the minds of possible writers, the idea that anything Catholic in character is, in the nature of things, foredoomed. The Editor of the MAGAZINE, however, after some careful observation of the constituency, cherished a different opinion. He remembered Thackeray's having heard in an Irish city, "two boys almost in rags talking about *one of the Ptolemys!* and talking very well, too"; that the same marvellous desire for knowledge is transmitted to the descendants of the race found here; and he determined to launch the project by reason of an intuitive belief that, rich or poor, the Irish Catholic will have good reading in his home.