

navigation appears almost as far as ever from victory, at least as far as sure and swift atmospheric conveyance is concerned. We shall have to content ourselves for a long time to come with passage by land and water, where, however, during the past year, by the application of electricity to long distance railways, and the development of the steam turbine on ocean liners, much faster and more convenient service, in some instances, has been established.

Nor has the year been wanting in interest regarding those gigantic feats of engineering endeavor for which the twentieth century will undoubtedly remain famous. It is true that the Quebec bridge, the largest single span bridge in the world, received a lamentable setback, but this will only retard for a short time its final completion, when it will form an important connecting link in our continental commerce and travel. It is gratifying to know that the preliminaries of another scheme, important to commerce, at least so far as Canada is concerned, are being pushed forward rapidly. This is the Georgian Bay canal, which cannot fail to attract the trade between the western and central plains and the Atlantic, as offering the nearest water route to the sea. Hence, neither the Panama canal, or the digging of a waterway between the Great Lakes and the Mississippi can scarcely have greater commercial consequences.

Exchanges.

In the January *Fordham Monthly*, besides three poetical flights, two good stories, a historical and a geographical essay, there is a notable philosophical disquisition entitled "The Origin of the Universe." The young writer presents the difficult subject with creditable care and ability. The difficulties, of course, have a way of claiming attention in spite of the efforts made to poke them out of sight. The expression is, at times, somewhat labored. Evidently the attempt to bring the rather abstruse theme down to the level of "the man in the street" is not a complete success. Still, it is a commendable effort, and probably more useful than the writing of the silly story so much in request at present.

"To-day Canada needs MEN in every sphere of honest endeavor—in the Church, on the market, in industry, and in the professions, but nowhere are they needed more than in civic and political life." In choosing his life-work, no student dare disregard any of these. The field of opportunity is wide—wider, perhaps, than it