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"Truth is Catholic; proclaim it ever, and God will effect the rest." —BALMEZ.

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An Eminent Canadian Surgeon.

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Perhaps in the whole domain of medical and surgical achievement, either in Canada or elsewhere, there is no more distinguished exponent of the great healing art than is the renowned subject of this sketch.

As far back as 1851, Dr. Hingston had obtained his degree of M.D. from McGill College, Montreal, where he had made an exhaustive study of medicine in all its branches. The honors of D. C. L. from Lemoineville University, and that of LL.D. from Victoria University followed in rapid order. Having thus gained those professional distinctions in Canada, as a reward of unrewarded study, perseverance and marked ability, Dr. Hingston went to Europe to supplement and confirm his professional knowledge by a course of observation and practical study in the hospitals and surgical institutions of the old world. In proof of the aptitude he displayed in mastering the noble sciences to which he was devoting his life, he received diploma of the highest order from France, Germany, Austria, Bavaria and Scotland. And he had the unique honor of being the first native of Canada to receive the diploma of the Imperial Leopold Academy. Having completed his studies abroad and enlarged his scientific experience by actual practice at the fountain head of the very highest culture and advancement, he returned to Montreal, and in 1864 he settled down to regular practice. The valuable fruits he had professionally gathered in Europe were quickly utilized and his wonderful proficiency in his chosen profession lifted him almost at once to a high status among the noted surgeons and medical men of Canada. So that the reputation of the rising young practitioner soon extended itself beyond the limits of the city and province, and gradually the name of Dr. Hingston was spoken of in the farthest corners of the Dominion, as the country's most skillful physician.

Now did the fame of the great surgeon remain there, for it penetrated into the United States and across the Atlantic. Proof of this was given when the British Medical Association decided to summon from the colonies a man profoundly learned in the craft to deliver the annual address on surgery, the president of that great institution testifying that the name of Doctor Hingston instantly occurred to him and his colleagues. Nor did the worthy Canadian disappoint the high expectations formed of him, because on the delivery of his masterful oration before the learned society in Nottingham, the president of the body "declared that the day's proceedings justified the wisdom of their choice," and the British Medical Journal and London Lancet commented on Dr. Hingston's laudable discourse. Both publications acknowledged the worth and power of the learned scientific treatise, and one of them said that "the address formed a new era in surgery."

As a proof of widespread popularity and reputation on this side of the Atlantic, let one instance suffice as an illustration. Happening to be in New York some time ago, Dr. Hingston entered the amphitheatre of the Bellevue Hospital while the celebrated Dr. Sayre was lecturing. The great American surgeon at once recognized his eminent Canadian: fellow-worker, as did the students by their cordial applause. After a warm shakehands and brotherly welcome, Dr. Sayre said to the large assemblage of students: "This is an unexpected honor; the gentleman who has just entered, and whom many of you seem to have recognized, is a colleague to the Queen of England and not to the Stars and Stripes; but none the less do we, on this side, claim him as belonging to us, and second to none of us. He is in the front rank among the foremost surgeons of America, and not in surgery alone has Dr. Hingston achieved distinction. In a knowledge of the climates of the country he is unequalled, and he has written learnedly and usefully on questions of public health."

Eminence in any chosen profession is not a gratuitous gift, nor does it come by inheritance; it must therefore belong to the possessor by virtue of hard work and conscientious discharge of duty. Of course, rich mental endowment and good parentage are important factors in the formation of nobility of character; and our subject has had the advantage of those—but for all the main source of excellence proceeds from righteous individual effort. And in this respect Sir W. H. Hingston is a conspicuous example of what heights of fortune may be attained by the well-directed exercise of the talents God has given him. That he has been loyally devoted to his calling from the first

Jesuit Relations and Allied Documents

It is our privilege this week to review the second volume of the Barrows Brothers Company's Jesuit Relations edited by Robert Gold Thwaites. In our notice of the first volume of this great work we gave a full description of the entire scheme and form of publication. Our readers have been interested not a little in our outline of the earliest history of Acadia as written by Father Biard, and it is only necessary that we should in noticing the second volume say that it for the most part reproduces the work of his faithful and graphic pen.

Father Biard is not only an indefatigable missionary, but he is an observer who allows nothing to escape him, whilst his style occasionally becomes almost poetic in its beauty. We see him in the winter of 1612-13 go upon journey into the wilderness. He is accompanied by Monsieur de Biencourt, son of Monsieur de Potincoir and a party of the Port Royal settlers. But before we start off with them on their mission to the aborigines along the St. Croix and St. John rivers, let us relate a little of the story of the personages styled Monsieur de Potincoir and Monsieur de Biencourt. This is told in the "Relation Dernière de ce qui s'est passé à voyage du Sieur de Potincoir" by Lescarbot, which is one of the documents contained in the present volume. This relation was printed in Paris in 1612, and is here reprinted from the original in Harvard College Library. Marc Lescarbot the writer was a French advocate in Parliament and enough has been already said of him to show that he had little love for the Jesuits. We are told that the King of France (Henry) "had bestowed with his own lips that (Potincoir) was one of the most honorable and valiant men in his kingdom." The troubles of the day, however, had lowered the atmosphere of France not quite to the liking of the Sieur de Potincoir, and meeting with the Sieur de Monts in 1608 he undertook a voyage to the new and western France beyond that sea. The voyage was a success and a second was made. After that the barony of Monts in Champagne fell to Sieur de Potincoir through his mother Lady de Salazar. The estate lay between the Seine and the Aube rivers; but it did not possess as much attraction for Potincoir as the new world in which he had been looking for a home. In February 1610 he undertook his third voyage bringing his ship into the Seine and "loading it with furniture, provisions and munitions of war; and indeed so freighted it down that the sides were only two fingerbreadths from the water." In this shape he put to sea, and after falling in with pirates from Portugal and other parts they reached Port Royal about the middle of May. After three weeks' stay at Port Royal he sent back his eldest son, the Baron de St. Just (Monsieur de Biencourt) to France and it was on the return journey of St. Just to the west that we are introduced to the already related to Father Biard. He commanded his children not to shun the place of his burial, but to frequent it and pray for his soul. Father Biard gives a description of this splendid convert:

This was the greatest, most renowned and most formidable savage within the memory of man; of splendid physique, taller and larger limbed than is usual among them; bearded like a Frenchman, although scarcely any of the others, though up to the chin, grew any beard; and fed on a proportionate diet for his position and commander. God impressed upon his soul a greater idea of Christianity than he has been able to form from hearing about it, and he has often said to me his savage tongue "Learn our language quickly for as soon as thou knowest it and I teach thee well I wish to be thy teacher." He never lied for more than one living wife, which is wonderful as the great Sagamores of this country maintain a numerous seraglio, no more through licentiousness than through ambition, glory and necessity; for ambition to the end that they may have many children wherein lies their power; and necessity since they have no other occupation—servants, purveyors or slaves than of women; they bear all the burdens and half of the men.

One of the most beautiful passages in the whole of this most interesting letter is that containing the news of the first wheat crop raised at Port Royal.

Father Biard's arrival in New France Meanwhile Monsieur de Potincoir has himself returned to his native land leaving Monsieur de Biencourt in charge of the colony. The letter is written to the Rev. Father Provincial at Paris and the autobiography is now preserved in the library of Jesus' Home. There is an under-tone of sadness in the letter of Father Biard, a note of regret that he is incapable of performing more than is in his power, and that he could not have been of the ground earlier. He describes his Sunday morning congregation at Port Royal:

sailors who form the greater part of our parishioners, are distinctly quite different in their spiritual feeling, having no aversion of religion except in their oaths and blasphemies, nor any knowledge of God beyond the simplest conception which they bring with them from France, clouded with licentiousness and the evilings and revellings of heretics. The first thing the poor savages learn are words which have been made fresh out of these lands. May our Lord in his goodness have concern for them as fragrant offerings and in the words of the psalmist "My Give He graciously, since the earth has yielded His fruits."

We cannot follow the captivating Father Biard through a tenth of the principal incidents of his voyage up the St. Croix and St. John rivers to an Eschemie town probably on the site of the present Castine Me. and to an Esekigash fishing station on the Kennebec. More than once a bloody massacre by the Indians was averted. On one occasion when Father Biard was on shore praying among the natives the boat of the expedition were fairly surrounded with savages itching to fall upon their leaders. Biencourt several times had raised his arm and opened his mouth to cry "kill, kill," but was restrained by thinking what fate might befall the priest. A blood-chilling account is given of a massacre of English sailors.

If the savages did not understand the meaning of French oaths neither did they have much idea of prayer in French. Father Biard speaks of some of his difficulties even after he had mastered the art of speaking to the Indians in their own language by obtaining from them their own words.

Further more room and untasted as they are, the savages are limited to animal and material things: there is nothing abstract, internal, spiritual or distinct. "Good," "strong," "red," "black," "large," "hard," they will repeat to you

The Jesuit Relations and Allied Documents travel and exploration of the Jesuit missionaries in New France (1610-1713). The original text, in French and Italian, with Latin, Spanish, Portuguese, French, and other titles; and two editions, 1610-1614, Cleveland. The Burrows Brothers' Company, Publishers. 1897.

in their jargon. "Goodness," "kindness," "blackness" — they do not know what they are.

Father Biard early can only con- clusion that the Indians were destined to remain in primitive infancy as to language and reason. He found them children in that sense, and saw the im- possibility of developing their minds. This is the idea of the infantile in their location practice of leaving the sick alone to die or even hastening their death.

In this connection a remarkable incident

is related of the second son of the grand Marquis Membertou, by name Actolini. This young man already a Christian and married died dangerously ill. Monsieur de Potincoir had invited him to the settlement for treatment; but when Father Biard found him he was about to begin his funeral oration preparatory to being forsaken by him and his wife.

He pronounced the concluding ending by breaking up the tabagie and slaugher of dogs, taking the suffering man to bed, and sending him to the settlement a distance of five leagues. But the case was so bad that the doctor said the man must die; and such a consummation would make an unfavorable impression. He was saved however, and although Father Biard does not say miraculously, he leaves us under that impression. He writes:

In fact one evening his wife and children deserted him entirely and went to settle elsewhere, thinking it was all over with him. But it pleased God to renew their despair, infounding, for a few days afterwards he was in good health and is so to-day (to God be the glory); which M. de Biencourt, of Paris, a well known master in pharmacy, who attended the invalid, predicted by pouring jugs of cold water over the stomach of the sufferers. And thus was prophecy fulfilled.

Lescarbot's relation covers a good deal of the same ground as Father Biard's letters, and another document inserted here. A relation of occurrences in the mission of New France during the years 1613-14, from the published annual letters of the Society of Jesus' goes over the same matters pretty much again.

With this volume we see the hope-giving of the Jesuit mission in Canada.

The notes appended are of the greatest interest.

PROFESSION AT HAMILTON.

Young Ladies Make Their Vows in the Chapel of St. Joseph.

HAMILTON, Jan. 4. On Saturday St. Joseph's Convent Chapel was the scene of an impressive ceremony—the reception and profession of Sisters.

Long before the time appointed for the ceremony the relatives and friends of the Sisters had assembled in the chapel. At half past ten the procession was formed, and as the harmonious sounds of the organ fell upon the ears of the expectant listeners, the cross-bearer, assisted by two little girls, appeared at the chapel door.

Then followed the young ladies about to receive the habit. Dressed as brides, they were attended by charming little maidens of honor, who strewed flowers along the way and performed their duties with much ease and grace.

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In the afternoon from 2 o'clock un-

till 5, the reception rooms of the convent

were occupied by the professed and many

friends of the newly professed and re-

cived. When the 5 o'clock bell rang

the visitors departed, and the Sisters

resumed the ordinary duties of convent

life.

The novices who made their vows

were Sister Mary Frances Clare, Miss

Douglas, Hamilton; Sister Mary Ade-

laide, Miss Godfrey, Owen Sound; Su-

ster Anna, Miss Kusting, Cal-

ifornia; Sister Mary Athanasia, Miss

Brick, Cayuga; and Sister Mary of

Mount Carmel, Miss Smith, Hamilton.

The following are the names of the

young ladies who received the habit.

Sister Genevieve of Brantford, to be

known in religion as Sister Mary Je-

ann, Miss Greene, Haylesland; Sister

Mary St. Anthony, and Miss Daily,

Gaughanfield; Sister Mary of the Holy

Cross.

ST. THOMAS' TEACHING.

WITNESS FOR THE DEFENDER.

When a few weeks ago, a charge was made against St. Thomas of teaching idolatry, the clergyman making the charge was found to have been misled by quoting not from the saint but from one of his many annotators. The setting of this point is two or three letters—which meant a delay of two or three weeks—and by that time so many things had been said that people almost forgot the real cause of the hubbub.

We think it well now to go back to the original imputation and show that the original Doctor—St. Thomas is called—not only did not teach anything wrong but with his new clearness has shed a bright light upon a very important and deeply interesting question.

He says then that the image of Christ and also the cross ought under circumstances to receive the highest honor Christians are able of themselves to give—and he calls this latra.

Isn't this, then, quite proof of Mr.

Langtry's position that the saint allows

to a mere creature all that he can give to God.

Nonsense! We are informed

Mr. Langtry believed in the communica-

tive sacrifice, which we call Mass,

which he, I suppose, has some name in it,

and believe that it and it alone gives

adequate and supreme worship to God.

For in it, as in the Sacrifice of Calvary

—they are one and the same thing under

different appearances.

God is on the side of

Creation, which He has entered by

becoming man, offers Himself to God

outwards and beyond creation, and so

infinity meets and measures and satisfies

infinity.

"Right worship means a treati-

ment of things and persons according to

their true worth; these words are iron

and the same word as the God-Man in

the Sacrifice is the equal of the Father

the worship by the Son is worthy of

Him to whom it is offered."

But, after that, if there is any meaning in the word worship, or worth-ship, we are bound to give to creatures that respect and honor which they have a right to.

We would be barbarians in society if we

treat all alike; we are bad Christians if we

if we don't give religious respect and

veneration to that which deserves these.

This reflection would naturally lead

to a consideration of the veneration of

the Saints. But letting that pass we go

on to enquire whether it is right to

call the saints names of their offices,

such as names of cities or states,

or countries, or rivers, or mountains,

or seas, or islands, or hills, etc.

These names are given to them by

men, and it is natural that they

should be called by the names given to

them. It depends upon the will of

God. It depends upon His will.

It depends upon the will of the

individual. If He has so appointed

them we accept; if He has not

we have no duty no right towards them. We

say He has, and here is our proof, clear

if anything is clear in holy Scripture.

The name of God is a pure creature,

an irrational creature, no part of him

of which we know, or like, or love,

or fear, or hate, or despise.

He is a pure, simple, and good

creature. He is a pure, simple, and good