

The *Ave Maria*, in a recent number, gives an appreciation of the great work being done among the Eskimos by the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. The Oblate Fathers labored for years, and with great success, among the Indians of the Canadian North-West. As early as 1868 the Eskimos of our Arctic and Hudson Bay coasts began to occupy their attention. About this time Fr. Gasté, Superior of St. Peter's Mission, Lake Caribou, became acquainted with them and acquired considerable influence over them. But it was Fr. Turquetil who, first of all missionaries, made his tedious way to the Eskimo camps and there took up his abode. Since then Fr. Turquetil has labored almost unceasingly among these people. He is now endeavoring to establish a mission among the tribes on Chesterfield Inlet.

An open letter to the editor, appearing in the *Educational Review*, gives us an insight into the unique conditions of higher education in the Maritime Provinces. The conditions are, indeed, unique, for here we find more colleges and universities, possessing similar curricula, than the people really need or can properly support. By actual count, it is shown that five universities—Dalhousie, Mt. Allison, University of New Brunswick, Acadia, and King's—cater to twelve hundred students, a number scarcely in excess of the attendance at any of our Central Canada institutions. The writer of the article claims that all these five institutions might flourish did they but come to an agreement and choose different curricula. There is, he says, a splendid field for specialization in the Maritime Provinces.

*Extension* for November tells us of some of the hardships endured by Catholic missionaries in the Philippines. There is also an appeal for the assistance of the poor missions in the southwestern States where the parishioners are mainly poor Mexicans. "The Happiest Woman" is a short story which portrays vividly the evils of mixed marriage. A recent number of *The Civilian* prints an article upon the Publication Branch of the Department of Agriculture. This very useful branch has been organized for the purpose of dealing with the International Agricultural Institute and with the distribution of the publications of the department. "Silas Wegg," in his accustomed witty manner, catalogues all books under the seven primary colours, according to the "shades" of their character, as it were.

*Scientific American* describes the baro-cyclonometer in a recent issue. This instrument has been used for years by the Philippine Weather Bureau and has proved to be of inestimable value