

gratified than when it comes from members of that sacred profession to which you belong. * * * It gives me the liveliest pleasure to find that that great cause has in you a friend who appreciates its merits so fully, and who expresses them so felicitously." Among other of his poetical pieces which I have always admired are the well known lines on the "Heroine of Vercheres," and the poem in blank verse, "Zenobia."

It ought here to be stated that Dr. Dawson had the honor of writing the first book ever issued from the press in Ottawa; and that he was one of the first, in the lecture field, to call attention to the resources and capabilities of the great North-West, a country with whose history and development two other members of his family have been closely identified. I find also that in a lecture on China, delivered in 1861, he predicted the establishment of steam communication between Canada and the far East, and that, in another lecture, in 1865, he urged the appointment in the British metropolis of a permanent resident representative of Canada. What chiefly marked his lectures, like his other literary productions, was the extraordinary research and depth of learning he brought to bear on his subjects. On one occasion, when lecturing on the Catacombs of Rome, the late Mr. James Stevenson, general manager of the Quebec Bank, was one of his hearers. He took an especial interest in the subject, having personally explored the Catacombs some time before, and at the close of the lecture was anxious to know when Dr. Dawson had last visited the interesting scenes he had so eloquently described. When informed that Dr. Dawson had never been to Rome at all, and that all his information on the subject was derived from books, Mr. S. exclaimed: "Oh! it isn't possible; why, he knows more about the Catacombs than I do."

As a preacher, he took exceptionally high rank, and his gifts of oratory, especially in his earlier days, when serving under the Bishops of Edinburgh and Southwark, were such as to draw forth very marked encomiums from those entitled to speak in that connexion. His funeral sermons on Father O'Boyle, Mayor Friel, Rev. Dr. O'Connor and the Hon. T. D. McGee have been printed in pamphlet form, as well as his discourse on the occasion of his golden jubilee. Needless to say, had our venerable townsman not been tempted to take up his lot in Canada, he would very many years ago have been advanced to the Episcopate in his native country. He would have been Archbishop of Edinburgh, in succession to Dr. Gillis, and who shall say that the exalted office would have lost in talent, strength or dignity by his elevation.

In the character and habits of Dr. Dawson the results of early home influences were largely discovered. He was a true Scot, and a loyal, brave, good man, loving life well, as Daniel did of old, but loving God better. Above all he could claim the grand old name of gentleman, because, with manhood and gentleness, he possessed that frank and winning courtesy which seems to have been inborn in the men of his day and generation. To the learning of a Whewell he united the simplicity of a child—but undoubtedly his greatest charm in the society in which he lived and moved with such singular ease and grace, was his entertaining conversational powers. "We have missed making £500 a piece," said an Englishman to me as recently as in November last, after meeting Dr. Dawson at luncheon. "How's that?" I asked. "By not having a shorthand writer with us yesterday," he replied, "to take down Father Dawson's talks. His recollections of Canning and Wellington, of Grey and Peel, the Manning family, Cardinal Wiseman, the agitation for the Corn Laws, the passing of the first Reform Bill, the Emancipation Act, and all the other matters he touched upon, would, if put together, form one of the most interesting volumes ever issued from the press." Dear, leaf-hearted and devoted friend! How little we thought, as we sat chatting and gossiping over the walnuts on that bright Sunday afternoon, that even as we laughed and talked, the Unwelcome Guest was knocking at the door, and that we were listening for the last time to the good old priest's cheery reminiscences. He is now gone from us, but not to die; for the recollection of his many noble qualities and of the example he has left behind him in his comely Christian life—in love and unity with all men—will

serve as a quickening impulse and inspiration for future generations. To me who knew him so long and so well, it is unspeakably precious and consoling to remember now how highly his merits were recognized, how full of happiness and contentment his life was made. While the chief seats of learning throughout the country took an especial delight in bestowing upon him some of their highest honors, the representative of his Sovereign was pleased to call him to the Supreme Guild of Literature; while the Queen's daughter, our beautiful and accomplished Princess, was proud to admit one—to use the language of Bishop Macdonell—"of his humble priestly life" to the inner circle of her counsellors and friends, and to order the execution of his portrait for her private collection, the Church he loved with such ceaseless devotion was not unmindful of him in distributing her dignities. Had he lived till April next, he would have been privileged to celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of his admission to the holy priesthood, but that consolation was denied him. Yet what greater comfort his; he died in the full possession of his noble intellectual faculties, and enjoying to the full the love and reverence of everyone. Truly, in summing up his character, we may say of him as was well said of another, that he was one

Who never sold the truth to serve the hour,
Nor paltered with Eternal God for power;
Who let the turbid streams of rumor flow,
Through either babbling world of high and low,
Whose life was work—whose language rife
With rugged maxims hewn from life;
Whose eighty winters freeze with one rebuke
All great self-seekers trampling on the right:
Greatest, yet with least pretence,
Foremost-hearted of his time,
Rich in saving common sense,
And, as the greatest only are,
In his simplicity, sublime.

HENRY J. MORGAN.

Ottawa, January 14th, 1895.
—In The Owl.

Irish News.

The retirement of District Inspector W. B. Kelley, of Trim, and late of Omagh, is announced.

Mother Mary Catherine Maher, of the St. Leo's Convent of Mercy, Callow, died on January 14. She had been a nun fifty-three years.

Thomas O'Leary, father of the Rev. P. M. O'Leary, of Wexford, died on January 14 at the residence of his son, Robert O'Leary, T.C., of Enniscorthy.

James J. Gilsenan, of Ashpark, Cross-kiel, has been appointed the Commissioner of the Peace for County Meath. Mr. Gilsenan is a Nationalist.

Philip Hourican, of Dunhegan, father of Rev. T. Hourican, parish priest of Drumana, County Leitrim, died on the 16th ult., at the age of 84 years.

At Hospital, County Limerick, Mr. Gubbins, a farmer, was awarded £1500 compensation for the malicious burning of five hundred tons of hay and other property last October.

Brother J. A. Collins, of the Christian Brothers' Schools, Thurles, is dead. Deceased was a native of Charleville, County Cork, was twenty-three years of age, and was upwards of six years in the order.

Whilst Michael Molloy, of Church Terrace, Bray, foreman carpenter in the employment of the D. W. and W. Railway Company, was proceeding to his work on January 15, he took sick on the Quinsborough Road. He was removed to his residence, but died shortly afterwards.

The Very Rev. Michael A. Moore, O.C., of Dublin, Assistant-General of the Carmelite Order, died on January 13, in the fifty-eighth year of his age in the Carmelite Convent, Kildare, his native county, where he had been living since his health began to fail. During his life he filled the most important positions in the order, namely, that of Prior, Provincial and Assistant-General.

The death is announced of Catherine Henry, at Gortree, at the age of 112 years. The deceased was well known in the Waterside district by the name of Katie Barbour. She lived at Gortree with Caldwell Hunter for many years, and for a long time she had been in a "doting" condition. She was pre-deceased by her husband many years ago, and she leaves a daughter nearly 100 years old.

At the meeting of the Galway Guardians on the 10th ult., a letter was read

from Father Colgan, pastor of Arran Islands, representing the poor condition of the people of the villages of Kileany and Seven Churches. Mr. Scott proposed a resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Cunningham and carried unanimously, calling on the Government to start public works to afford relief to those poor people.

Sister Mary of the Five Wounds, O'Callaghan, of Drumcondra, was buried on Jan. 15, in the Cemetery of High Park Convent. The venerable religious who had reached her eighty-fourth year, was a daughter of the late Richard O'Callaghan, Smithstown, Drogheda.

A snowstorm unexampled for severity visited Monaghan on Jan. 12, and as a result pedestrianism and vehicular traffic were much impeded particularly in the country districts. Before 5 a.m. the snow fall began, and it descended without intermission or abatement for twelve hours. The storm was accompanied by high winds, a fact which rendered it almost impossible to go abroad.

The death took place on Jan. 15, at the Presbytery, Ballaghaderin, of the Rev. John Morrin, of Ballymore. Deceased was born in the parish of Coolaney, County Sligo, thirty-nine years ago. At an early age he proceeded to the diocesan seminary at Ballaghaderin, and in due course was sent forward to the National College at Maymouth. The tragedy of his life has been the tubercular disease which he could never shake off.

At Millstreet, on Jan. 13, was buried an historic character, Patrick Lucey, whose age, if he had lived to St. Patrick's Day, would have been 100 years. He was a native of Carriganima, and took much pleasure in relating his recollections of the Whiteboys in 1822. He was then, as he often alleged, twenty-eight years of age. One of his recollections was to see the military scouring the country and harassing the peasantry. He saw on one of these occasions the parish priest stand opposite the church reciting the breviary while a portion of his flock were being hunted by the yeomanry under his eyes in the valley of the Foulkerish, quite adjacent to where Arthur O'Leary was shot. He also stated frequently that he buried a "bottle green" coat belonging to Edmund Walsh, an ancestor of the present High Sheriff of that name, which was riddled with bullets, to conceal the matter from the authorities.

MAGAZINES.

THE CATHOLIC WORLD for February.—Among the many interesting articles in the current number of the Catholic World are the following: "The Question of Reconciliation between Church and State," by W. J. Croke; "Catholicism in Scandinavia," by Most Rev. Francis Janssens; "Review of Father Tanqueray's Special Dogmatic Theology," by Very Rev. A. F. Hewitt, D.D.; "Catholicism versus Catholicism," by Henry A. Adams; "In Hoffman's Studio," by Mary C. Crowley; "Missions to non Catholics," by Rev. Walter Elliott, and "A Poet's Romance," by Walter Lecky. More than usual space is devoted to the notices of new books. Many important works are among those passed under review. Dr. Luckock on "Marriage," the "Herald Sermons," Aubrey de Vere's poetry, the "Georgetown Convent," Father Walsh's "Cardinal Franzelin," Sarah Atkinson's "Essays," and the "Life of Sister Mary Monholland," are embraced in the list, as well as several others.

DONAHOE'S FOR FEBRUARY.—Almost every prominent question of current public interest is treated by able writers in the February number of Donahoe's Magazine. The leading article is furnished by Hon. Chas. S. Hamlin, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, who writes upon "The Prospects of the Democratic Party," giving as the basis of his hope of the party's return to full power in the next presidential election, the redemption of the pledges made to the people in the national platform. Three of these pledges, Mr. Hamlin contends, have been already fulfilled to the satisfaction of the country, and the remaining one, the regulation of the currency, he claims to be on a fair road to achievement. The positions Mr. Hamlin takes will arouse considerable discussion in the Republican press. The industrial problem is touched upon by Miss Mary B. O'Sullivan in a very strong article on life in a factory town, in which many good words are said for the operative and practical suggestions made for the alleviation of

the ills now besetting them. Hon. Chas. J. Bonaparte contributes "Religion the Safeguard of American Liberty," which contains some of the best thoughts and most pertinent statements made on this subject for a long time. The charities of a great city are set forth in an eloquent and forcible manner by Rev. Wm. H. O'Connell, in an article entitled "If Bendeded Returns." The paper is written in deprecation of the pessimistic sentiment which holds that the distress of the poor receives no helping hand from the well-to-do classes. The money question is set forth by Michael Corcoran, of Chicago, the well known writer on economic subjects, who advances many important points for careful consideration. C. E. Franklin contributes an interesting article on "The Irish Race in American Politics," in which several erroneous impressions are ably combated. There is an abundance of excellent lighter reading and fiction to vary the weightier articles, and a number of original poems. The several "departments" have many bright, practical things, and the editorials are able presentations in brief of the leading topics of the time. This Magazine has mapped out for itself a broad and vigorous policy, and each succeeding issue places it nearer its goal higher among the great magazines of the day. The illustrations of the current number are varied and beautiful.

THE AMERICAN CATHOLIC QUARTERLY REVIEW for January.—The January number of the Quarterly has just reached us, and we can say, without hesitation, that it is one of the most interesting that has yet been issued. It gives additional evidence of the wisdom of the hierarchy in establishing the Catholic University of America, as nearly one half of the papers have been contributed by those connected with that institution. The contents are as follows: "John Baptist de Rossi," by Rev. T. J. Shahan, D.D.; "The Centenary of Maynooth," by Rev. J. F. Hogan, D.D.; "The Grandeur of Ancient Rome," by Rt. Rev. Seton, D.D.; "The Catholic Educational Exhibit at the Columbian Exposition," by General John Eaton, Ph.D.; "The Recent Decrees on Church Music," by Rev. Hugh T. Henry; "The Apostolic Delegation," by Rev. Thomas Bouquillon, D.D.; "The Relations of Experimental Psychology," by Rev. E. A. Pace, D.D.; "A Negative View of the Eccyclical Providentialismus Deus," by A. J. Mass, S.J.; "The Treasures of the Church," by Rev. Wm. Barry, D.D.; "Scientific Chronicle," by Rev. Thomas J. A. Freeman, S.J., and Book Notices.

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