

### AMONG THE MAGAZINES.

#### *Studies in Politics and Economics.*

Under this title the class of '91 in the Wharton School of Finance and Economy, University of Pennsylvania, have published a series of essays on the recent development of American Industries. As is rightly said in the preface, works on Political Economy, as a general rule, draw their illustrations from an industrial state which has to a large degree passed away at the time of their writing. It was with the idea of finding out the condition of the present industrial state that the members of the class prepared these essays and handed them in as their graduation theses. There are thirteen chapters in each one of which some special branch of trade is critically and thoroughly examined. The publication is a credit to the class and to their University, and proves that a highly commendable and desirable intellectual activity animates the students of the Wharton School.

#### *Impossibility of Canadian Annexation.*

Erastus Wiman, one of the thousands of clever Canadians who are helping to build up the United States, gave the Brooklyn Eagle his views on annexation. The interview is now printed in pamphlet form. We agree with Mr. Wiman that Annexation, or anything having the faintest resemblance to Annexation, is "unnecessary, undesirable and impossible," and it is next to a certainty that on a clear and straight issue not one per cent. of the Canadian people would favor political union with the United States. Mr. Wiman's pamphlet will do good in as much as it will strengthen an already firmly-rooted conviction.

*The Poor Soul's Advocate.* This is a Catholic magazine published by an association of priests in the interest of the Holy Souls in Purgatory. It has not a weak point. The typographical work is neat, the illustrations appropriate, and the literary matter shows excellent taste in selection and composition. Eliza Allen Starr writes, as she only can write, on the "Month of the Holy Souls" and Maurice Francis Egan gives an excellent critical analysis of Tennyson's "In Memoriam." The full page illustrations "In the Graveyard," "Crypt in the Catacombs" and

"The Plains of Sharon" are very artistic and add much to the general excellence of the number. We can sincerely recommend the "Poor Soul's Advocate" to all Catholic readers.

*The Rosary.* At last we have received this new Catholic magazine which a few months ago began its useful career under the most favorable auspices. Its aim is to propagate the great devotion of the Rosary and in the issue before us it is true to its task. The Dominican Fathers conduct the magazine and thus far are succeeding in no uncertain way. They have enlisted such contributors as Aubrey de Vere, Katherine Tynan, Maurice F. Egan and Eleanor C. Donnelly; they make use of very favoring circumstance; there is no reason therefore to believe that the Rosary has not a brilliant future before it. This is what its friends hope and pray for and what the present number promises. Naturally St. Dominic and his sons, firmest adherents no less than first promoters of the Rosarian devotions, are prominent in the early issues, but this will change in time and give place to a more varied table of contents. The Rosary deserves well of the Catholic people and upon them rests a large share of the responsibility of making it a fitting means of honoring the Mother of God and of promoting Catholic interests.

#### THE SOULS IN PURGATORY.

We have received the English Bulletin of the *Œuvre Expiatoire*, a small monthly brochure published in the interests of the forsaken souls in purgatory, with the following sketch of the establishment and aim of the work. We readily give it place in our columns and hope that the charity of our readers may be moved by its appeal in favor of the Souls in Purgatory.

#### THE ŒUVRE EXPIATOIRE AT LA CHAPELLE-MONTLIGEON, (ORNE), FRANCE.

In 1884, M. L'Abbé Buguet, Curé of La Chapelle-Montligeon in the diocese of Séez, presented himself before his Bishop, to submit to the judgment and approval of this philanthropic Prelate a project to found in his parish an association in favor of *the forsaken souls in Purgatory*. The