

shall review this book, full of masterly research and hitherto unpublished historical lore, in our August number. Our readers have had the first fruits of it, as the Very Reverend author generously placed the advance sheets at the disposal of our magazine. We know how highly these chapters were appreciated. The book is beautifully bound, richly illustrated, and is entitled "The Catholic Church in the Niagara Peninsula, 1626-1895." No wonder, that the Dean received as many congratulations upon his literary labors, as upon his successful career as parish priest. It is certainly a lesson to be heeded by all our young priests, to witness the work of a man, who found time, not only to build up one of the best equipped parishes in the Dominion, but also to save from oblivion the glorious records of the missionary labors of the past in the same district, in which his lot is cast. We wish him many years in which to reap the fruits of his successful labors.

BOOKS AND EXCHANGES.

WE have received from H. L. Kilner & Co., Philadelphia, the "Life of Blessed Alphonsus Orozco, O.S.A." by Rev. W. A. Jones, O.S.A. A review of this timely work will be given in our next issue.

WE also hold over for review in our next issue, the latest and most meritorious work of Dean Harris: "The Catholic Church in the Niagara Peninsula."

THE *Catholic Register*, of Toronto, gave the best accounts we have seen of the laying of the corner-stone of St. Patrick's Church at Niagara Falls, Ont., and of the jubilee celebration of St. Catharines' popular death. A very good picture of our Provincial Superior, and a fine illustration of the new Church building, embellish the account of the former ceremony. It is highly creditable to the management of this paper, that in both instances, full and correct reports are given of the eloquent sermons preached. We are grateful to have the eloquent words of our Vicar-General, the Very Rev. J. McCann, preached at the Jubilee High Mass of the Dean of St. Catharines, preserved for us in print. And we are equally indebted to the *Register* for its report of our Provincial's sermon at the laying of the corner-stone of St. Patrick's Church.

OLIVE'S OFFERING.

A STORY FROM LIFE.

For the Carmelite Review.

BY PHILIP A. DEST.

II.

"All these offerings for My friendship call."—*Psal.*



LIVE REINHART, like every other girl, had her faults. For all that I think she very fairly resembled the "ideal woman." The two last words would make the text for many bulky volumes. I suppose there are as many "ideal" women, as there are people who have minds to create an ideal something. I shall at once resist the temptation to digress on the point which I have raised, otherwise I shall find myself in a labyrinth from which it will be impossible to find an exit. Even Solomon hesitated to say at once what made a perfect woman. So he starts by asking the question, "Who shall find a valiant woman?"

Who is she? Is she to be found at the end of this dying century? Or, is she the so-called "New Woman" ("man-woman") I would call her; spoken of in the lectures of *peripatetic and romantics*? I think not.

A young man, some time ago, gave the definition of his ideal woman as "One who is as pretty as a picture." Unfortunately that young man represents a large class. It is not alone personal charms that form the perfect woman, for does not Solomon the Wise man again tell us that "Beauty is vain; the woman that feareth the Lord she shall be praised." Again, how many women do you not meet, to whom nature has been very sparing with her gifts and who, notwithstanding this, are attractive. Religion and virtue can do more than cosmetics.

We Catholics have not far to go in order to find the woman's true mission and her true model. Her mission is to endeavor to make the world better and happier—to refine and improve—and her principal workshops are the kitchen and the nursery. There is a great work for woman to do, but she must do it quietly, and then, and then only, can it be said that

"The hand that rocks the cradle, rules the world."