building of the Catholic University, about two miles due north of the Capitol and upon the borders of the beautiful park of the Soldiers! Home, was put up. Few are aware of the fact that this solitary university of American ca upon which is stam ed the seal of the papal charter has already become a nucleus for the must remarkable and interesting religious communities in

this country. Much has been said of the university. Little has been given to the public of the orders which are already clustered in its neighborhood or of those other orders that are to

Perhaps no institution of its kind ever had such rapid growth as the university. The first mention of the projet was made at the Second Plenary Council of Baltimore, in 1866. In 1884, the Third Plenary Council met at Balti-more, accepted a gift of \$800,000 from Miss Gwendoline Caldwell, of Balimore, and decided to build a university. At a preliminary meeting in New York, in January, 1885, a committee appointed by the council chose the name of "The Catholic University of America," and then for two or three there tollowed discussion in Table years there followed discussion in regard to site, approving letters from the Pope, the Papal Charter, the incorporation under the laws of the District of Columbia, the choice of Bishop Keane as rector, and the laying of the corner stone of Caldwell Hall of Divinity on May 4, 1888.

Many other gifts followed that of Miss Caldwell, notably that of Mr. McMahon of New York, which enabled the immediate erection of the McMahon School of Philosophy building, similar in architecture and dimensions to the Hall of Divinity. Numerous chairs were endowed, each one meaning an addition of \$50,000 to the assets of the university. A third building was erected last year for a dormitory; gymnasiums and billiard rooms were introduced, with other arrangements conducive to comfort and health, and with the opening of this scholastic year the university finds all its machinery perlected for the great career that has been predicted for it. Among those who have endowed chairs are Miss Caldwell, two chairs; the Misses Drexel, of Philadelphia, one; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Kelly of New York, two; and Mr. Patrick O'Brien of New Orleaos, three. The receipts for the last scholastic year alone, from collections, endownments and other sources, were within a few dollars of \$134,000. The trust funds last September amounted to nearly a million dollars, and the properties were valued at a little more than one million, making the total resources of the university collected within ten years very near \$2,000,000.

So much is necessary to a better understanding of the coming various orders to establish themselves as affiliated institutions of the university and to secure the benefits of certain features of its instruction. The first to come was a group of the Congregation of St. Paul the Apostle, the order being better known by the name of the Paulist Fathers. This is distinctively an Am erican order, having been founded Father Hecker, seconded by Father Hewitt, both converts to the Catholic faith, and both having been members of the always famous Brook Farm Community along with Hawthorne, Dana, Greeley, Ripley, and others of that extraordinary group of Transcendentalists. Here in the old/residence of the Middletons, a family whose history is intermingled with the whole history of this region. The Paulist Fathers have established the College of St. Thomas Aquinas, as the novitiate and scholasticate of the order. They leased the old manor house and several acres of the grounds of the university, in which it stands, for a period of twenty-live years. The fathers have made several additions to the manor house, but in perfect keeping with the former architecture, with picturesque angles, gables and dormer windows.

Another order, the Marists, says the writer, have fixed their residence in the old Brooks mansion, in Brookland, a suburb of Washington adjacent to the university, and from the original owners of which the village takes its name. Here they have fixed their residence, adding a spacious annex to the old mansion. The spot is a lovely one for the contemplative Marists. The Marist College is under the control of the priests of the Society of St. Mary, and its mission is to train students for the Marist schelastics in theological science. Besides the Brooks mansion, with its lovely grounds, the Marists have purchased ten acres in the vicinity of the university, upon which they will erect additional buildings.

A stone's throw from the mansion of the Marists the Congregation of the lloly Cross has instituted the Holy Cross College, for post-graduates students only, the preliminary courses being taken at their University of Notre Dame, in Indiana. The aim of this college is to prepare teachers for the various institutions under the control of the order. This congregation has also prepared for the establishment of a large institution by the purchase only a few days ago of a beautiful tract of land in the vicinity of the university. The Very Rev. Dr. J. A. Zahm, the provincial superior, is a man of remarkable accomplishments, and among other valuable publications has given to the public a treatise upon "Sound and Music, which is so thorough a treatment of the subject that some of the critics have renamed the work "Helmholtz" Up to Date." Indeed, among the instructors in the various colleges and in the university there are

colleges and in the university there are many gentlemen of extraordinary attainments, and who have contributed richly to the world's stock of knowledge.

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Most rimarkable of all these institujone, however, is the Monastery of the Friars of the Order of St. Francis, which is now nearing completion and which is situated upon an eminence from which there is an entrancing view reaching far away to the Blue Ridge, and it is about half a mile from the university. It is a building of immense area in the form of a cross, a beautiful chapel forming the front of the entire structure. Forty acres of land surrounding the monastery have been purchased, many grapevines have been planted, and here also the monks will produce much of the vegetable diet for their table. This monastery will comprise the Commissariat and College of the Holy Land, and its purpose is to educate its pupils for the Holy Land under the direction of the Friers Minor of St. Francis. There will probably be from fifty to sixty monks constantly in the institution as instructors and students from all parts of the world. The monastery will be the headquarters for the order in America. The students, however, like those of the other institutions mentioned, will take certain of the courses of the university, and may become candidates for the university de-

The monastery has no counterpart in America. It is a wonderful structure of hundreds of rooms above and below the ground surface, a veritable labyrinth suggestive of all sorts of mysteries, but really embodying no mystery whatever. Below the surface will be exact reproductions of the Holy Sepulchre, the place of the birth of Christ, the mount of the Crucifixion, the catacombs, the Nazareth Home of the Holy Family, and other places sacred to all believers in any form of the Christian refigion. There is also, beneath these solemn places, the Chapel of the Dead, where burial services will be held. Interment will not be in the catacombs, however, as these are but part of the general nian of reproduction of features coincident with early life of the Christians.

With the establishment of these institutions others in the near future are sure to come. Arrangements are now being made for the transfer to this place of institutions connected with one or other of these orders, and which are situated elsewhere. It is probable that something or all of the great Jesuit institution at Woodstock, Md., will be removed to the jurisdiction of the Georgetown University, at which latter college so many of the eminent men of the country, especially in the palmy days of the south, were educated. Many of the most famous women of the country also have been educated at the academy of the Visitation in Georgetown. Scattered about the capital are many minor institutions for educational purposes, operating under the auspices of the Catholic Church, and with the additions yet to come it will be easily recognized what a part the charch will play in the educational domain of the national capital.

In concluding this correspondent remarks that Protestants are taking measures to increase the number of their educational institutions. He says:-

A Protestant College is already under way in the northwest part of the district, under the auspices of the Methodist Church. Near by ground has been secured for a great Episcopal Cathedral, around which will cluster schools under the aegis of that denomination. Within the city is the Columbian University, full of students from all parts of the country, and secular in its instruction.

An ingenious plan for the economic regeneration of Ireland is proposed by Jr. F. E. Baines in the "Spectator." It is to make Galway a transatlantic port and to connect it with Kingstown by a deep water canal across the island 120 miles long. The fish of the west coast and the produce of the interior would be taken up along the canal or from some central point and conveyed to Liverpool. Fast trains across Ireland and the proposed tunnel under the Irish Sen would serve express passengers. Utilizing the present grand canal he thinks his canal would cost £3,000,-

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A good story of the "things one would rather have expressed differently" in type is being whispered about Gloucester. Some crank has been writing to the local papers complaining that during the festival he is not admitted to the Cathedral free, that being a place of worship. The crank turned up at the Cathedral the other day and was told he could not be admitted without a ticket. "Do you mean to tell me," he excitedly argued, " that I shall require a ticket to enter the kingdom of Heaven?"

"Well, no," explained the polite steward, "but you won't hear Mme. Albani in Heaven."

And then when the enormity of his remark dawned upon him, that steward turned and fled,-London "Times,"

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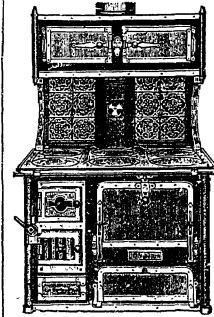
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