

The enemy was defeated, vanquished and driven back in spite of their greatly superior force in numbers, and the flourishing colony was saved, Canada remaining to England as one of the brightest gems in her Imperial crown.

Those brave young militiamen, those victorious soldiers, they are our ancestors; they have bequeathed to us Canada and along with it their valor.

At Long Sault, at Chateaugay, on that victorious field of theirs, they died for us, with their blood, the noble deed of gift.

The victory of our ancestors did make of us a Canadian nation, and this noble Canadian race, descendants of two powerful nations, England and France, have not degenerated.

The conquest made through the valor of the fathers are in our days consecrated by the valor of the sons.

Mgr. Boucher made an admirable chaplain; but there can be no mistake, for his words reflect his patriotic nature, that had he been the colonel of a regiment he would lead his men on to deeds of glory in battle.

A New Settlement Mentioned.

Tuesday's news despatches from Montreal and Winnipeg foreshadowed a better basis of settlement of the Manitoba school question. No details are given; but it is alleged that Archbishop Langevin has been consulted. This, at least, is a good sign, if it be true. That it is true we earnestly hope. The Catholics of Canada regard this question as a matter of religion and conscience. They want to see it settled and removed from the arena of politics. They would have been glad to help Sir Charles Tupper settle it. They are equally pleased to do all in their power to assist Mr. Laurier. With no party have they any sympathy. To no political leader do they propose to barter their rights that their influence may be used as a political lever. They refused the lately published "settlement" for the all-sufficient reason that it did not profess to remove the grievance under which the minority in Manitoba continue to labor. If a new basis of settlement that will meet the reasonable demands of Catholic parents, and their educational leaders, the clergy, be brought forward, no political influence, good, bad, or indifferent, will interfere with its prompt and candid acceptance by Catholics.

A Pleasant Gathering.

The "Dolls of Shandon"—as the name imports—is an Irish play, in which the rich humor of the race and its unselfish patriotism are well and faithfully portrayed. This company kept the boards of the Opera House all last week—its chief attraction being Mr. J. W. Reagan, whose songs were acknowledged by the press to be as fresh as they were faultless in tone and time. Mr. Reagan, as well as being an Irishman, is also a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, several divisions of which are established in this city. The brethren here decided that Mr. Reagan should be given a welcome during his stay amongst them; and on Friday night invited him to a banquet at Harry Webb's, prepared in his honor. Quite a number of the brethren were present, and the greeting to the guest of the evening was fervid and fraternal. The County President, Bro. W. Moore, occupied the chair, and Bro. James Ryan filled the vice-chair. On the right sat the President, Bro. Reagan, and next to him was Bro. Brennan and McClain. On the President's left were Bros. P. W. Falvey, Patrick Boyle and John Falvey. Along the side tables sat Bros. Fagan, Ellard, Penfold, M. J. Ryan, John Kelly, A. T. Heronson, P. J. O'Neill, George Richardson, P. Macdonald, P. J. Lowe, J. Kelly, Melroy, Lyons, McMonagle, Falvey, W. Kelly, George Moore, Hurley, Perry, and several others whose names have escaped us.

After the good things on the board had been liberally dealt with, President Moore, in appropriate words, proposed the health of the guest of the evening. On rising to reply, Bro. Reagan was received with enthusiastic cheers. He said it was truly a surprise to him to be honored as he was in a strange city amongst strangers, as he had believed, but where, he was now glad to know, there were Irishmen, kindly of heart, and patriotic, and overflowing with a hospitality which he could never forget. Having expressed his thanks for the special mark of approbation with which he had been favored, Bro. Reagan sang one of his choicest songs, which so pleased the audience that he had to sing two others before he resumed his seat.

James Ryan and A. T. Heronson, in the sentiments of the banquet, as they bore testimony to the efforts made by Bro. Reagan in the direction of a praver and healthier rendition of Irish character, which, unlike the disgusting caricatures of the stage, those totally unacquainted with the native wit and humor of the Irishman, tended to elevate rather than make absurd and ridiculous the traits and habits of the Irish peasant.

Several toasts and songs followed, and at about three o'clock in the morning the party separated, well pleased all round with an evening of good fellowship without a hitch from beginning to end.

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BOOK REVIEW.

EXPLANATION OF THE SAINTS' VIRGIN. By St. Alphonsus Ligouri. New York, Benziger Bros. 75c.

The honor due and paid to the Mother of God in the Catholic Church is so much misunderstood by non-Catholics that we are glad, by way of reviewing these companion volumes which have just issued from the press of Messrs. Benziger Bros., to have the opportunity of calling attention to the subject. The learned St. Alphonsus is the particular doctor of the Church who is most likely in treating of the mediatory help of the Blessed Mother of God to exhaust all explanation of the subject. He gathers from all the tributes that have ever been written to her powerful advocacy, and it is impossible for any one to read and continue to misunderstand either the nature or the efficacy of Catholic recourse to her who is styled "Mother of Mercy" according to Mary's title of "Mother" (which is in the spiritual sense) Catholics are not by the text in the second chapter of St. Luke the Evangelist, who, speaking of the birth of the blessed Redeemer says that Mary "brought forth her first-born son." Thereupon it is assumed from the remark of the Evangelist that the Blessed Virgin had afterwards other children. St. Alphonsus points out that the first author who raised this supposition did so to answer himself by saying: "As it is of faith that Mary had no other children according to the flesh than Jesus, who must have had other spiritual children and we are those children." Many are the anti-Catholic pamphleteers who, ignoring the answer, have harped continually upon the question, treating it as if it did not exist in its own meaning, and pretending that the answer is far to find. On the other hand all the writers who accept the remark of the Evangelist according to its plain intent discuss it to the greater honor of Mary, as well they may. She in bringing forth Jesus our Saviour and our Life brought forth many into salvation; and by giving birth to Life itself, she gave birth to many. Before expiring on the Cross our Saviour looked down on His mother and on the disciple St. John, who stood at His foot and addressing Mary he said: "Behold thy son," as it were saying behold the whole human race, which is now being born to the life of grace. Turning to the disciple he said: "Behold thy mother." By these words, says St. Bernard of Siena, Mary by reason of the love she bore them, became the mother not only of St. John, but of all men. Silveria remarks that St. John himself, in stating this fact in his gospel, says: "Then He said to the disciple, behold thy mother." Jesus did not address Himself to John, but to the disciple, in order to show that He then gave Mary to all who are His disciples, that is to say, to all Christians, that she might be their mother. "John is but the name of one, whereas disciple is applicable to all; the latter word, therefore, is of a name common to all to show that Mary was given as a mother to all." The scope of St. Alphonsus work is best described by saying that it is entirely devoted to the explanation of those abundant graces that are dispensed by Mary our mother. My more ready to love than any earthly mother.

COHEN'S LIFE OF CHRIST. Adapted by Rev. Nonventuro Hammer, O.S.F., with illustrations. New York, Benziger Bros. \$1.25.

Such a book as this is an inestimable assistance to meditation on the life of our Lord. It is but an abridgement of the German Capuchin's work, but it fills all the needs which Cohen had in view when he wrote his "Life of Christ." In the original work elaborate attention was given to the devotional legend of the middle ages, which was an unquestionable influence in the great faith of those times. But since credence is given to such writing only in so far as the Church sustains the record, it has not been considered necessary in a modern edition to give credence to include a great deal of it. On the other hand the Gospel narrative is here adhered to with literal accuracy; and this is a point of some importance for the Catholic public to note since the modern tendency (not among Catholics we are happy to say) is to the life of our Saviour with some leaning to the popular love of novelty. There is, however, an impression which the volume before us imparts, and which we cannot refrain from commenting upon. Jesus appears to us in His human nature more so than in the words of the Gospels when read apart. Every individual reader must be the judge of his own impressions on this matter, however. It has appeared so to us and we set it down as a matter of duty. Another point of criticism we should make is the more positiveness, as it is a thing that more forgetfulness on the part of the author may explain. On page 58 we find these words:

And when His work was done and the time had arrived when Jesus was to enter upon His public mission, St. Joseph was taken away from this world. He died in the arms of Jesus and Mary.

And on page 62 we encounter these words:

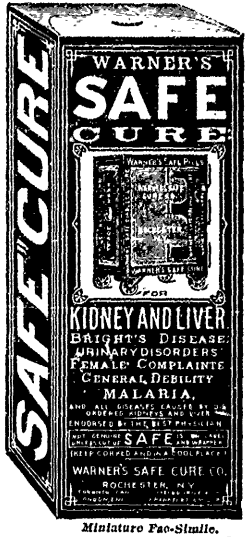
According to tradition it was on New Year's day that our Divine Redeemer, having taken leave of His beloved mother Mary and His ever faithful foster-father St. Joseph, and of the humble home in Nazareth, set out to enter upon His public ministry.

The two statements are contradictory one of the other. If St. Joseph died in the arms of Jesus and Mary before the departure of the Redeemer, it was not possible that Jesus could have taken leave of St. Joseph when setting out upon that mission. Criticism cannot be too close of books treating of the life of Christ. We should not close this notice without a complimentary reference to the great American publishers who have given us this book exquisitely illustrated and bound and printed in the most admirable manner.

IMITATION OF THE MOST BLESSED VIRGIN. After the model of the Imitation of Christ. From the French. By Mrs. A. R. Bennett-Gladstone. New York, Benziger Bros. 50c. to \$1.50.

The "Imitation of Christ," in the opinion of thousands as well as the

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gent Dr. Johnson, is an inimitable work. Here we have an imitation of it in so far as an "Imitation of Mary" is desired by devout Catholics as a companion volume to the immortal work of St. Thomas a Kempis. How, then, shall the two be compared? Compared they must be; and it is an accepted fact that one is inimitable. This much may, however, be said: that the French author, whom Mrs. Bennett-Gladstone translates, had (in the opinion of thousands) the most beautiful devotional book ever written to model himself upon; and it is the highest praise of what he has done to say that he has shown himself worthy of his model. Every sentence contains a thought that, if taken up in the morning, is worthy to be retained and dwelt upon for the whole of the day. Here are a few sentences taken at random from various parts of the book:

Oh! how deceived those are who do not look upon youth as being the spring time of virtue.

Charity has rights to which pious enjoyments ought to yield.

How good God is! at the sight of a truly virtuous and humble heart. He forgets that He is a judge that He may remember that He is a father.

But what signifies the judgment of the men to those who take the Gospel for their rule.

Beat in mind the maxim that it is always advantageous to be silent where there is no necessity to speak.

These examples of style will also attest the excellence of the translation from the French.

EXPLANATION OF THE OUR FATHER AND HAIL MARY. Adapted from the German. By Rev. Richard Brennan, I.L.D. New York, Benziger Bros. 75c.

Between the general plan of St. Alphonsus' work and the "Explanation of the Our Father and Hail Mary" there is some resemblance. The latter work is adapted from the German, and its devotional interest is enhanced by a wealth of anecdotal matter drawn from the Fathers and Doctors of the Church and from other sources. The style is neither so scholarly nor so systematic as we invariably find St. Alphonsus. What we have here in reality is a course of sermons upon the prayers which are daily on the lips of all Catholics. What a wealth of meaning resides every word of those universal petitions can only be understood by having a knowledge of their place in the intercourse of Christians with God from the earliest days of the Church. All this immense field of devotional study is here adequately covered.

MAGAZINES.

The Catholic World. Rev. F. W. Howard contributes to The Catholic World Magazine for February a paper on sociology, entitled "Intemperance and Pauperism." The author of "Tyburn" contributes a touching tale entitled "Christabel's Confession." A copiously illustrated paper by P. T. B. gives a graphic sketch of Mount Carmel and the Carmelites. The subject of "Anglican Answers to the Pope's Bull" is dealt with lucidly by Jesse Albert Locke. A lengthy poem, "Mary in Egypt, or The Shadow of Calvary," by James M. Hayes is aptly illustrated. Jessie Willis Broadhead and Walter Lecky are also contributors of characteristic poetry. A further instalment of the biographical sketches of Catholic writers is furnished. Extended reviews of the principal new books, religious and secular, appear, and the proceedings of the Columbian Reading Union are fully recorded.

More Canadian Poems.

Yet another book of poems, and one that promises much, if we may judge by the many exquisite things from the writer's pen that have from time to time appeared in the magazines, is announced for early issue by William Briggs. At Miss Briggs' residence, 100 St. James' Street, is the collection by the author, Theodore H. Rand, D.O.L., of McMaster University, Toronto. Dr. Rand, as is generally known, hails from the Maritime Provinces, those seagirt sections of Canada that have given us, besides Mr. Briggs, Bliss Carman, Felix, Francis Sherman, and other birds of mad or making fame. It is now some twelve years since Dr. Rand resigned the superintendency of the schools of New Brunswick to accept his onerous duties in connection with McMaster University. Most of the poems of this book are inspired by the romance haunted land of Evangeline, within sight and sound of the "murmuring ocean," of stately Blomidon, and of the smiling valleys of storied

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