

### AMONG THE MAGAZINES.

Under the editorship of Henry Austin Adams, M.A., Donahoe's has by no means fallen from the high position it has held as one of America's leading Catholic periodicals. In the September number we find two articles which call for special attention:—The first entitled "Our Young Men", by the Rev. William T. McGuirl is of interest to us as students, and the second is a description of a journey through Holland,—"the Land of Wind and Water" by Mr. S. Leverett Johnson. To the untiring and energetic Father McGuirl is due the success of the congress of the Young Men's Catholic Club's held recently in Boston. His words concerning the position of the young men, of today are worthy of thought,—“this is the age of young men, Bismarcks, Gladstones, Leos are the few; younger Pitts are the many.... men must act else events crowd them aside and they are of yesterday. The world is growing precocious and youth is triumphant.” Mr. Johnson gives a delightful picture of Dutch life. His descriptions of Breakfast at a Dutch Inn, where “Dutch cheese, black bread, cold dried beef in slices, gingerbread made with honey,” etc., were served, and the chimes which were so horribly out of tune and time that it took a day or two to understand them, are highly amusing.

The readers of the current issue of the Rosary magazine are favored with a short but comprehensive article on “The Catholic Church in India” by Rev. William Gleeson of Oakland, California. Those unacquainted with the history of the church in the Orient will be surprised to learn, that, to St. Thomas the apostle belongs the

honor of bringing the light of the gospel into India. About the 9th century however the Nestorian heresy was propagated and the whole Indian church fell into error; remaining in that state until the year 1599 when the archbishop of Goa persuaded the faithful to return to the faith. But there is one great impediment which will always stand in the way of the progress of christianity in India, it is the system of caste. The caste to which a man belongs determines his social position. Ability, riches, nothing will suffice to raise a man higher than the caste into which he has been born. This causes the Indians to look with distrust upon the democratic spirit of Christianity and they are slow to adopt its principles. But in spite of this from the statistics given, we rejoice to see, thanks to the zeal of our devoted missionaries, that Catholicity has made rapid strides “in that distant pagan land.” The paper of Rev. William D. Kelly—“Where Klondike Gold Glitters” contains a passage of local interest. Speaking of the probability of the Klondike region having been traversed by missionaries years ago, he says:—“In the annals of the Canadian Oblates, who were the first to evangelize the Great Canadian Northwest, were they are still laboring with apostolic zeal, it is recorded that on one occasion Mgr. Clut O.M.I. of the vicariate apostolic of Athabaska—Mackenzie, accompanied by Rev. Father Lecoire O. M.O., superior at present of the Providence mission in that vicariate, while making an official visitation of his vineyard, found himself one fine day on Alaskan soil; and knowing that he was then outside of his vicariate, he and his companion refrained from undertaking to establish any missions there. Unfor-