

Catholic colleges and universities are taking the initiative in this respect, and from the loyal support they are receiving from Irish organizations throughout the country, notably the Ancient Order of Hibernians, we have every reason to believe that it will be attended with the success it deserves.

Our own university, the leading Catholic hall of learning in the Dominion, has not been slow with regard to the matter, for it has given the official seal and sanction of the faculty, to Irish history, which is now a compulsory subject on our curriculum.



There is an article in last month's issue of *The Manitoba College Journal* under the caption, "Itinerating in Spain," which not only refers insultingly to Catholic faith and practice, but also grossly and irreverently misrepresents the Catholic clergy of that country in language which betrays the bitter anti-Catholic bigotry and prejudice satiating the writer's diseased mind. We place no credence whatever in what he asserts and find it difficult to conceive that any person claiming ordinary intelligence and living in this so-called age of enlightenment, could give impression to stale calumnies against the priesthood of Spain. Such villifications have often been proved false and have had their birth in the minds of those "returned Bible missionaries" whose "love of gold" and natural anxiety to "fill pews" or to gain a name for themselves in their journals, have led them to pathetically picture to innocent American people, "the horrible condition of the priest-ridden people of Spain." In thus declaiming they hope to accumulate sufficient "coin" to enable them to lead a comfortable life of self-sacrifice "when they return to that 'benighted' country."

The writer of the *brilliant* article in question graphically describes his travels through Spain, in company with a Protestant missionary who "has suffered innumerable injustices" for distrib-