

duties of his future sphere in life. The address abounds with many interesting illustrations of the speaker's subject, while contentions are amply proven and objections ably refuted. In conclusion the Rev. Father said: "There is enough sense in the American people, a large quantity of wisdom in the legislators of the country, a splendid proportion of Christianity in the sectarian ministers, and there is especially the compact understanding of pastor and flock of the Catholic Church to leaven this whole mass in favor of religious education. They shall form one great phalanx, which will rout the few, who stand between the child and his God in the matter of education, and declare and maintain that America will be prosperous and glorious, provided the pupils in the school room hear the name of their father who is in heaven."

The fourth session of the Catholic Summer School of America closed during the early part of the present month, and its success has exceeded the most sanguine expectations of its promoters. As in everything else, by those who know it all, the Summer School has its enemies, and many complaints were made as to its being superficial and hence of no educational value. Those who have so complained are either very bigoted or very jealous, they must at least be ignorant of the course of lectures set down in the programme or they would never utter such nonsense. Whatever its value as an educational institution, there must surely be some good accruing from it, when hundreds of young people prefer, to sit day after day listening to the many scientific and literary lectures delivered there, rather than squander their summer away at expensive summer resorts, listening to the newest scandals or devouring *summer* literature, save the mark. The School is only another sign of the progress and ever onward strides of the Catholic Church, and as the *Catholic Records* says "It is a reproach to the sluggards, but a joy to all who love Christ and His Church. It is doing work, splendid work, and the generous future shall call it blessed."

The "Life of Dr. Croke, Archbishop of

Cashel" is the subject of a brilliant article from the pen of the noted W. F. Stead, in the *Review of Reviews* for September. The personality of the sturdy and militant Archbishop is a fascinating one and while making the most of the interesting phrase of the subject, Mr. Stead gives a thorough and valuable account of the politico-religious history of the great prelate, and particularly of his active work for Home Rule. Mr. Stead begins his article with a scene in a provincial French town, in which the superior physical development of a young ecclesiastic saved two young fellow travellers from the imposition of an impertinent stage-driver; the young gentleman was the future Archbishop. Stead then tells us of the bond of love that always existed between Manning and Croke. In a paragraph headed "The Irishman Abroad," the Archbishop's travels are fully detailed. Croke, if we are to believe Mr. Stead, is an ardent admirer of the New Zealand school system where all ministers and priests are allowed one hour a week to instruct the children of their respective religious denominations. His ecclesiastical life and his patriotism form two very interesting sketches in this essay. His Grace's outlook of to-day, and his retirement from Irish politics, with the disunion of the Irish parliamentary, concludes Mr. Stead's article. Mr. Stead says he left Thurles with a very pleasant impression of this typical Irish Bishop. Genial, sociable, hospitable, one of the old school, anything but a fanatic, full of a kindly human tenderness and a charming affection for the dumb creation, which is one of the most endearing traits of his character—taken all in all there are few prelates who could fulfil so well the manifold functions of a post so important as does Dr. Croke, the Archbishop of Cashel."

THE CHANCELLOR'S VISIT.

On Thursday, the 19th inst., His Grace Archbishop Duhamel, paid his annual visit to the University. The Chancellor's visit is always regarded by the students as one of the most welcome events of the scholastic year, and this year as usual it