

our writers ought to go to work and give us the American Catholic boy; he is the best boy in the world. One good Catholic story will do more than a dozen volumes of snarling against books that boys ought not to read." Catholic boys *are* the best boys in the world, and it is the *best* Catholic boys that we must emulate. This is the mine that Father Finn has so successfully opened up; it should be as vast as that of Oliver Optic or Baynes Reid. A series co-extensive with either of the last mentioned, and of a kind with "Tom Playfair" or "Harry Dee," would infuse a new and a nobler spirit into our boys, for no boy can read either the one or the other without being sensibly improved.

*Conferences sur la question ouvrière, par le R. P. Gohiet, O. M. I., Th. et Ph. D.—Leclerc et Roy, Québec.* Many have been, in all parts of the Catholic world, the comments published on the Encyclical Letter of our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIII., regarding the condition of laborers. We are proud to announce to our readers that the first extensive treatise in Canada, on this subject is due to the gifted pen of one of the professors of our University. In a series of six lectures, delivered in Saint Sauveur's Church, Quebec, the Rev. Father Gohiet has covered all the ground of the momentous problem of Capital and Labor, and treated of it in all its philosophical bearing. True it is that, owing to the religious character of his *conferences*, he could not view the subject in its purely economic and financial bearing, and that, eminently practical men may regret. But his object was to explain the principles of justice and charity on which the solution of this question rests and to render clear to all the teachings of the Pope; and in this, we must say, he has succeeded, not beyond our hope, for we knew what might be expected from him, but fully and completely. His logic is unassailable, his erudition vast and sure and his style natural and elegant. Several Bishops have already approved the work in the most flattering terms and the press has been lavish in its praises. We sincerely hope that this first well-deserved success will encourage our young and hard-working Doctor to enrich our Canadian literature with other works of an equal or still greater value.

*Aristotle and the Ancient Educational Ideals, by Ths. Davidson.* Seldom has the reviewer more enjoyed the reading of a technical study than while perusing this work. An admirable order pervades the whole, and to each school, a place in keeping with its importance on the question at issue, is steadfastly granted, and the language, though strictly scientific and concise, lacks neither elegance nor elevation. After having delineated the character and ideal of Greek education, and rapidly stated what its branches, conditions and subjects were, the author initiates the reader to the minutest details of education as carried on in the different States of Greece and as advocated by their most celebrated rulers and philosophers, from the time of Homer to the Alexandrian Schools. Space does not permit us to quote any page of this valuable work; but it is our sincere conviction that every teacher of Greek literature and philosophy would read it with profit and delight. Many a thought of Plato, Aristotle, and others, is as practical to-day as two thousand years ago, and it is more useful than ever, owing to the modern tendency to push young men to a practical and consequently, one-sided education, to remind teachers of this principle of Lucian: "Above all and by every means we provide that our citizens shall have good souls and strong bodies."

*Current History.*—This is a quarterly published in Detroit, Mich., but by no means should it be confined to its native land, for it is full of instructive reading matter concerning every country in the world—large and small, civilized and uncivilized, all get a mention somewhere in its many pages. If you are interested in the general topics of the day, you may read in the first ten pages, devoted to international affairs, all about the Behring Sea dispute, the Silver Conference, the political relations of the Vatican, the Uganda trouble, &c. Under the heading, "Affairs in Europe," no question of importance on that continent is left untouched. Justice is done to Great Britain, Germany, France, Spain and Italy, while socialism, strikes, cholera, &c., come in for more than a passing notice. With regard to socialism, *Current History* gives