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Through the kind courtesy of Miss Katherine E. Conway, associate editor of the Boston Pilot, I have been favored with a copy of one of her most recent works, "A Lady and Her Letters."

I see that Dr. Matricio Francis Egan, Professor of English Literature in Notre Dame University, Indiana, has gone to fill a similar position in the Catholic University at Washington.

I have just been enjoying a mental tonic for some time in the pages of Brownson. I can now understand why so many of the Catholic Reading Circles across the line take the name of Brownson Clubs.

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Stead's Review of Reviews more than holds its own for August. Under its American editor, Dr. Shaw, it leaves little of progress upon this continent untouched. It is indeed a *medium in parvo*, for it gives the gist of every notable article in each of the leading English magazines of the day.

This is an age of illustrations—in fact so much so that in the drama the stage setting is of more importance on the part of the actor. Two of our Catholic magazines, the Catholic World and Donohoe's have gone into illustrations.

The midsummer 'century' is a particularly good number. Its "Reminiscences of Literary Berkshire" is one of the best things I have read of late.

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and brass are poor substitutes for sound scholarship and the faith of our Fathers. Early the press began to lagging the land with new books—"long felt wants."

Speaking of novels reminds me that not long ago I was passing by boat from Hamilton to Toronto. There was a certain drowsy voluptuousness in the air which, I suppose, induced to novel reading.

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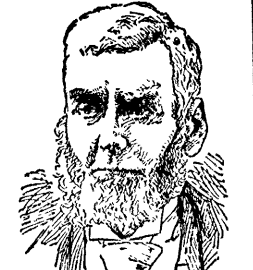
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