





DOCTOR O'HAGAN'S WORK

A READER'S ESTIMATE

A man does not write for critics, and yet his opinions have weight; while those of the reader, which really show the wind blows, are negligible...

If you think of Doctor O'Hagan as a secular writer, it is his thought and attitude that stands out in memory...

The most distinctive features of his style are the lucidity and directness which reveal simplicity of purpose...

That which makes his style, aside from the craftsmanship, is the judicial mind of this author. A natural logic, a sense of proportion, and self-repression...

The elements of strength in his style—taste, judgment, purpose and finished workmanship—are reinforced by, or rather, sit in, a personal reserve not generally found in the typical essayist...

The scholarship of a writer should be deeper and broader than appears in his books. A teacher must have seen the remote boundaries of his subject...

In the following passages from his various essays may be seen the style of imagery, pleasing diction, judicial temperament and polish; the quotations at the same time reveal his attitude, scope of thought and sense of proportion...

He has Browning's half-truths in mind when he says: "The function of poetry is to speak essential truths as opposed to relative truths..."

Of Shelley's "Prometheus," he writes: "The poem breathes hatred to historical Christianity. Yet this great lyrical drama should be carefully studied..."

It is a noteworthy fact that the farther the human mind departs from Catholic truth, the less will be the value of the expression of its genius in art...

A passage destined to be quoted often is the closing paragraph of the admirable essay, "Poetry and History Teaching Falsehood." Catholics have no need to apologize for the life or policy of their Church during its reign of nine hundred years...

As collected, Doctor O'Hagan's work comprises five small volumes, two of verse and three of essays. The poetry which is his best work is to be found in a text-book for English classes in academies and high schools...

"Studies in Poetry" has more general value. It was designed and is in fact a text-book for English classes in academies and high schools...

The latest volume, "Essays Literary, Critical and Historical," is the most timely and fresh in theme, and expressly welcome to the student-reader...

The exceptions to Browning taken in this essay have been noted in the quotations acceptably form each volume of itself. The Degradation of Scholarship is a live topic that somehow has thus far escaped the modern epidemic of "Exposure." Conditions described in Ontario might take high color in the United States...

cherished a secret desire to live in their verse. Perhaps in the poetry that had looked away that which was most precious of their mind—the dream and the song to which they alone kept the key...

Even though Doctor O'Hagan's poetic work was not his earlier expression, he is at his best in the essay. That which makes him of strong value in the latter work tells against him in verse...

Aside from this lack, there is much to give delight and pleasure in the volumes of verse, for many prefer the quiet, restful voice and the useful thought upon the fair-trimmed tree...

There is both art and heart in the little poem, "The Tryst." In "Grosse Ile" there is a strong element of sympathy expressed objectively, commemorating the Irish exiles buried there...

"O heart that breaks and gives no sign, Save whitening up and fading lines, Till Death pours out his cordial vein, Slow drowsed from Misery's crushing press!"

"It is in the poem 'In Memoriam' that Doctor O'Hagan surrenders completely to the lyric impulse of sorrow..."

"He knew the world in little part, And heeded not its noisy din, He sought to stave his life in sin, O Lord make pure the dark within..."

Though Doctor O'Hagan's published works are few and small in size, there is composition in the signs that the best work, the "ripened fruit," is yet to come...

An amusing passage in "My New Curator" is that in which "Daddy Dan" tries to set "Father Lethely" to research work for a paper on "The Three Cappadocians," and can cite no references...

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The following passage from John Burroughs illustrates that which must be taken with his keen and strong views of life and literature: "The spirit of the age, the Time Spirit is always at work and takes us with it whether we know it or not..."

And even though the half-truth in this perceived, the repetition and familiarity of the idea too often achieve an effect not warranted by the logic...

TWO VIEWS OF MODERN RELIGIOUS THOUGHT

By Edith Helen Benson in The Atlantic Monthly

CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK

Up to fifty years ago it was commonly asserted by thinkers who were at that particular date "modern," that the phenomena alleged by Catholics to have manifested at certain holy places...

Next, there is the consideration of the undoubted tendency of academic minds to be blind to all data except those which will support their preconceived theories...

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Now, I am not concerned here with the discussion of the two main explanations in regard to the facts of the Lourdes on the one side, and "modern thinkers" on the other...

The "modern thinkers" who either do not believe in that supernatural world, or who think it infinitely distant (whether in time or space), and is simultaneously absolutely certain that all the phenomena of this world arise from the powers of this world...

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shrewd directions on these very points, laid down by Benedict XIV. in the reagent for their thought, the principles of historical Christianity, we do not find on the same library shelves...

And, finally, it could possibly be shown that the modern psychological theories are correct, and that these abnormal phenomena were, after all, produced by hitherto unknown powers in the nature, the very rarest of which are for discussion...

Now, the facts mentioned are surely suggestive, not necessarily of the truth of the Catholic religion, but of the extreme likelihood that that religion, and not a benevolent Pantheism or Immanentism, is to be formed by the modern thinker...

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in among the American Indians," very prudently they do not lay stress upon the eternal despair of Buddhism, the perillities of the Confucians, or the religious brutality and materialism of the Indians...

"Comparative Religion" has done, in fact, an enormous service to the claims of Catholicism. It has revealed to the world exactly that phenomenon which should be looked for, ex hypothesi, in a Divine Revelation, namely, that the creed which embodied that Revelation should contain, correlated and organized in a whole, all those points of faith of which each merely human system of belief can catch and reflect but one or two...

One last indication of the future of Catholicism lies in its power of recuperation. Not only is it the sole religion which has arisen in the east and has dominated the west, and now once more is reconquering the east; but it is also the one religion that has been proclaimed as dead, over and over again, and yet somehow has always reappeared...

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that, in spite of the fact that she is, in her faith, committed to the past and to doctrines formulated centuries before modern science was dreamed of...

Is there any other society in the world, secular or sacred, that has passed through such vicissitudes with such a burden on its shoulders, and survived? For it is a burden which she cannot shift. She cannot, at least, "re-cast her theology" and drop unpopular or unfashionable dogmas (as can all sects which claim merely human authority)...

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THE SAME JOURNAL CHARACTERIZES...

the sermon as "a strong, unflinching...

THE COLLEGE of St. Hyacinthe, will...

this month celebrate its centennial...

WE ARE PLEASED to note a more...

rational spirit in the Presbyterian...

ONE of the hopeful signs of the times...

THE CATHOLIC MARRIAGE LAW AND PROTESTANT CRITICISMS

This question has been confused...

NO PROVINCE OF CANADA, AND WE...

believe, no civilized country in the...

WE ASSERT, THEREFORE, THAT IT IS...

not the sanctity of the law of the...

THE CATHOLIC who marries before...

a Protestant clergyman, and finds...

but also at the very Communion rail...

How is it that our Protestant friends...

The common law of the State of New...

IT IS NO ANSWER TO SAY THAT...

is more respectable. Either there is...

IF, THEREFORE, THE DUTY OF THE...

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THIS IS THE PRECISE POINT AT WHICH...

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AND SUCH MARRIAGES ARE VALID BEFORE...

the Courts of all civilized countries...

A TREMENDOUS NOISE IS BEING MADE...

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The Rev. W. S. Bruce in the Crow...

THE CHURCH OF ROME MUST BE...

shouldered by Protestantism and the...

THINKING MEN OF THE PROTESTANT...

Church of the old and new land...

"PROTESTANTS SHOULD NOT...

mixed marriages. Why should a...

YOU CANNOT LAY DOWN THE GENERAL...

principle that the Church of Rome...

TO SPEAK IN SUCH FASHION IS NOT...

the mere result of ignorance. The...

WHY, JUST YOU FORGET IT.

Heroes act as Admiralty's school...

WHY, JUST YOU FORGET IT.

Christ will remember the part that...

WHY, JUST YOU FORGET IT!

Life is so large and the world is so...

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The Church Congress conducted last...

A VERY REVEREND DEAN FROM MILWAUKEE...

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LET US TRY TO LEVEL UP, BUT LET US...

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