

BOOKS

(By Winnifred Reeve)

The first instalment of the prize novel, "The Bond Triumphant," by Gordon H.M. Grahame, in the July 1 issue of the MacLean's Magazine, has created such excitement and indignation in Catholic circles, that the publishers of this magazine announce the discontinuance of the serial. In a strong editorial in the Catholic Register and Canadian Extension, the novel is denounced as: "A misrepresentation of things Catholic, a distortion of facts, a caricature of the Catholic priesthood, a gross libel on Laval, a tissue of historical inaccuracies," and so forth. This excoriating editorial is followed by another in the same paper by L. Minehan in defense of the "great prelate, great patriot, great humanitarian," Bishop Laval, whom, it would appear, Mr. Grahame's novel has pictured in unflattering terms. MacLean's Magazine now announce that "The Bond Triumphant" is to be substituted^N by Mrs. Wilson Woodrow's novel, "Thoroughbred."

The second prize in this novel contest was taken by a resident of Calgary, Mrs. Flos Jewel Williams, and it would seem as if her novel, "The Judgment of Solomon," was the proper vehicle to take the place of the discarded serial. Particularly so, in view of the fact that MacLean's have always harped upon the fact that they are an "all-Canadian" magazine, and, as such, solicit subscriptions throughout Canada. I am an admirer of the American author, Mrs. Wilson Woodrow, but in a Canadian prize novel contest one naturally looks for a novel by a Canadian.