

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

CONCLUDED FROM PAGE FIVE. Christian. To the credit of our Catho Christian. To the credit of our Catholic Senators they do not take part in the granting of divorce, but every man who is worthy to be a citizen of this free country should do all in his power to have banished from the laws the vile thing called divorce. Coming nearer home, I regret that the thing discover in the sit words. to say that in this diocese, in the city of Windsor, there has been for years an unboly traffic carried on regarding marriage. American citizens rush over in hundreds each year to enter a secret marriage, and they rush back, and the next rush is often to the divorce court, so that they may be free to marry again. This unholy traffic is carried on under the cover of the laws of this fair Province and under the name of

Marriage existed before the State, and is the foundation of the State, and to have a good country it is necessary to have good families. The State has the right to deal with the marriage contract in its civil effects, for instance, to regulate dowry, registra-tion, inheritance, guardianship, etc., and the securing of families in the possession of their property, but no State can touch the bond of marriage; for marriage, being one of the seven sacra-ments, it comes under the power of the Church, and while the Church cannot

Since marriage is a sacrament, since the bond can never be broken except by death, since a mistake is so dangerto come, it surely follows that people entering that state of life should make proper preparation, and after entering should keep the advice of St Paul, "Husbands love your wives as Christ loved the Church."

Next Sunday evening we hope to continue the subject. And in the meantime let us pray that all who have married and all who intend to marry may be blessed by God and His Church. And let us keep before our minds the God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

How many unknown souls there are

A THOUGHT FOR SPRING

SELF-CONQUEST.

St. Albert Gazette. We, at this time of the year, ound the bark, the skin of our fruit

The wonderful universality of Shake-

speare's wisdom is once more illus trated in his knowledge of the fruit growers' art here displayed, especially when he points out that underlying principle of nature, the need of re-straint, correction and pruning, in all successful growth.

The Catholic Church, the gardener of souls, makes use in the spiritual order of the same principle of restrictive discipline at this springtime of the year, when in Lent it calls upon its religion, and the marriage bond is scoffed at and the whole traffic is a disobedient children to do violence to their lower natures, to take the prun grace to Windsor and to the Province ing knife to the passions, to cut off in ordinate tendencies, so that by such correction and restraint they may sed to Canada and to Christianity and cure the more luxuriant growth of the higher powers of their spiritual beings. This is the secret of the Church's

asceticism in her regulation of the dis-ciplinary seasons of Lent and Advent and Friday abstinence and by her em-ployed in her spiritual guidance in building up the Christian character to the growth of full spiritual manhood as exemplified in Christ, the Perfect

He it was "Who did all things well." and Who taught the Church this lesson of self-conquest, when for forty days break the bond, she can and does make He fasted and prayed in the desert of stringent laws to protect the bond and Quarantania. Knowing the weaknesses thus protect the family and the Church and needs of fallen men He—the Singlet less One—thus subjected Himself to the attempts of the evil spirit to those temptations that commonly assail poor, frail humanity—the concupiscence of ous, both for this world and the world the eyes, the concupience of the flesh and the pride of life—to encourage us by His example and victory to practise self-mastery by prayer and those dis ciplinary means which we call fasting, self-decial, abnegation mortification. and self restraint, if we, too, would be victorious in the spiritual combat.

The Church yearly renews, during the penitential season of Lent, the memory of Christ's lesson, and calls noon her children to practise more per And let us keep before our minds the feetly than at other times the ever ex words of the Divine Master, "What isting duty of self conquest. No man

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self even in harmless and legitimate pleasures he will be less the man, less

As long as a fish has life it swims with its head against the current; as soon as it is dead it is carried headlong down the stream. So, too with men, in the strife for self-mastery. The fighters confront and surmount diffculties and temptations day by day; they grow stronger by exercise and be-come true men. The sluggards drift down the course of least resistance— like days feet

In the struggle for the prizes of life, the race is to the strenuous, so too the "kingdom of heaven suffers violence and the violent bear it away."-W. H.

MGR. O'HARE AND GOLDWIN SMITH.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Feb. 28. To the Editor of The Sun.

Sir: In your issue of the 23rd inst., Professor Goldwin Snith instead of re plying to the questions proposed to him by me and thus enlighten your readers upon his historical, philosophical and upon his historical, philosophical and theological view point to the Papacy and Catholicity, pays me the compli-ment of having treated him, "The Liy Heretic," "with tenderness and cour tesy," and then reiterates his oft made charges in a general, vague, undefined

I trust, sir, that this is the last time that I intrade upon your kindness to answer the learned historian. But this once I desire to state, that unless Professor Smith is willing to proceed in this discussion by the methods and laws which govern a discussion of this kind. and bentting the subject, it is a waste of time and abuse of your valuable space.

Whether or not the Jesuits were responsible for the Franco German war, is irrelevant, and has no bearing upon the question before your readers. Let Goldwin Smith state his view point or ideal of Catholicity, and let him com-pare its historical development with that idea and show wherein it has failed to substantiate its claims and forfeit its right to be heard by the human race to whom it makes its appeal. Let Pro-fessor Smith show wherein, in spite of what he calls the efforts of Papal autocracy, Catholicity does not represent Christianity, either in spirit or in teaching.
On the other hand, if as he claims he is

in sympathy with Catholicity and his only war is with the Papacy as an insti tution or with the improper (*) develop ment of that institution in the past, then let him untold a plan of a Catho lic ecclesiastical institution with a

in the world whom we shall one day see rich with the speils of victory they have gained moment by moment here! We must wait for our reward till we shall be at home in our Father's house. balance between the lower and the remain outside of the pale of the Catho-

higher self. But this self control is only attained by the one who is a fighter. He knows that if he over-indulges highest even in harmless and legitimate control is a manner that will render the subject in telligently and in a manner that will render

justice to all concerned.

If the learned Professor feels that this task is too much for mental strain in his age, or is disinclined to follow this programme upon personal grounds best known to himself, I will of course baye to abide by his decision, but I b liev; that I then will be entitled to ask him as I d) here and now, to desist from general attacks upon the Church. If he is unwilling or unable to answer hese questions then he should refrain from casting reflections upon a great institution whose essential life he is

Yours respectfully, PATRICK FRANCIS O'HARE.

The pure soul, which is now hidden from the eyes of the world, shall one day shine before the angels in the sunlight of eternity.

DIOCESE OF PETERBOROUGH.

A beautiful and touching ceremony was held on Saturday morning, in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart at Mount St. Joseph, Peterboro when two young ladies were received to o the community.

The reception marked the close of a retreat given by Rev. M. J. O'Brien, D.D., Chaplain of Mount St. Joseph, His Lordship, Right Rev. R. A IO'Connor, D. D., Bishop of Peterborough, affiliated, and was assisted by Rev. W. McCail Rector of S. Peter's Cathedral Rev. Dr. O Brien and Rev. P. J. McGuire, Pastor of D. wneyville.

wneyville.
The pretty chapel in white and go d was blaze with lights and presented an appearablaze with lights and presented an appearance quite in keeping with the festive occasion contrasting brightly with the dark robed discres of the assembled religious. The airar was beautifully decorated with feres and natural flowers white little predominating, being emblematic of the purity of the favored ones who we eardantly desiring to become the Spouses of Him Who is the Spouse of Virgins Suitable music was exquisitely and devocionally rendered by the enoir of the community.

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The young ladies, viz., Miss Mary Emeria Gaden of St. John's. Newfoundiand, and Miss Annie Noonan of Munt Forest, Ont., present ed a charming appearance in their beautiful bridsh robes of silk organdie over white satin and their white vells and wreaths. Each carried a bouquet of white illies and madenhair fenn Their bright, happy countenances expressed more elequently than could any words the joy they experienced at bring privilexed to sat said the vanities of the world and to take upon themselves the sacred obligations of the religious state. They were about to enter upon their noviviate, and evidently deemed themselves most favored. Both these young ladies were in the world the favored children of fortune, and having enjayed every advantage of education and society, proved how strong was the leve of Christ in their pure souls, to thus enable them to despise worldly honors and riches, and to leave without regret a host of devoted friends to lead the humble life of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

The sacrifice made by Miss Gaden was more than ordinarly interesting, she being the only and idolized child of the most kind and indulg ent parents, who it was regretted were too far distant to share with her in person the joys of this eventful day.

His Lordship in his usual happy manner, and in the most touching and elequent terms, ad

upon her children to practise more perfectly than at other times the ever existing duty of self corquest. No man is a Christian who is not ready to follow the Master, thus "If any man will come after Me let him take up his cross daily and follow Me."

Faith teaches this duty and natural reason persuades to it. For he who rules himself is a king. He dominates his passions and is not their slave. He has peace in his soul because there is balance between the lower and the

blessed Lord in his hidden life, they were to advance in wisdom and grace before God and man and to strive to distinguish themselves in those virtues, characteristic of the Sisters of St. Joseph v.z., humility and charity.

At the close of the sermon His Lordship congratulated the two young ladies on being called to serve G d in the Community of the Sisters of St. Joseph. He dwell at some length on the great good effected by these moble women, for the glory of God and the salvari in of sculs in the numerous schools he spitals and orphanases under their care.

After the blessing of the habits and veils His Lordship questioned the candidates regarding the sien they were about to take. The answers were joyfully given. expressing the desire of their hearts to renounce the world and all its vain pleasures, and to be clorhed in the ho'y habit of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

After the singing of the "Te Deum," the happy novices passed from the chapel to receive congratulations of the Sisters and their many friends.

We wish them every blessing in their new life and trust that many other young laddes may be called to follow their example.

GOOD NIGHT.

Written for The Freeman's Journal. Good night, and may God's angels keep A loving vigil o'er thy sleep! And in thy dreams may His sweet face Thy saddened spirit fill with grace.

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With serrowful regre: we inform father James B. own's many friends that he p ss d away at midnight on Sunday. F-orusty the His end was peace—a fitting term intion to a life of strenuous and self-acrificing devotion to the cause of our Lord Jesus Chrit.

The Voice, of which he was the Editor, ends with him; the number issued in January must be the last. No one could take his pace in the hearts of its numerous readers.

Had God's will permit ed, he would have ceiebrated the Golden Jublice of his priest-hood in May next. In the last number of the Voice reade a and f lends wereinvited to send contributions have reached us and also event by having Masses said for his intentions and making him a present of money. Some of the wood propose to employ all mines that have reached or may reach us (whether for the projected Jublice or for the Voice) in having Masses said for his intentions asvertal advance subscriptions for the Voice.

We now propose to employ all mines that have reached or may reach us (whether for the projected Jublice or for the Voice) in having Masses said for his remains with the projected Jublice or for the Voice in having Masses said for his reliable a real and lasting help to his soul. This help is a lite more in edde because though he did good work in the diocese of Portsmouth, he was never affiliated thereto and thus has no claim to the Masses which every priest in the South of England would otherwise have offered for him.

We have carefully ascertaired what Masses Father Brown had pledged himself to say on behalf of his friends and substribers before have one of the voice.

We did our best to honour his remains with such a funeral ask would have had if he had ended his days in Canada. The Very Rev. Canon foran and a French Salesian Father came over from the neighbouring Island of Guernesy to assist our parish priest in this last labour of love.

Pray always for your fathful friend and

Canno rover from the neighbouring island of Guernsey to assist our parish priest in this last labour of love.

Pray always for your faithful friend and counsellor. Though he devoted his last years to this isolated little spot of the Lord's Vineyard, bis heart was ever with those among whom his life's best work was done.

The Sister Superioress.

MOTHER MARY CLARE.

HEALY,—On Feb 19, 1908, at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. Michael Crowley, Kin-kora, Oat, Mrs. Mary Healy widow of the late Michael Healy, aged ninety years. May her soul rest in peace?

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