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Christian. To the credit of our Catholic Sacerdotes 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 to say that in this diocese, in the city of Windsor, there has been for years an unholy traffic carried on regarding marriages. 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 courts, 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 religion, and the marriage bond is scoffed at and the whole traffic is a disgrace to Windsor and to the Province and to Canada and to Christianity and civilization.

A THOUGHT FOR SPRING

SELF-CONQUEST.

St. Albert Gazette.

We, at this time of the year, do wonder the bare skin of our fruit trees, last being overgrown with sap and blood, with too much riches it contains itself.

The wonderful universality of Shakespeare's wisdom is once more illustrated in his knowledge of the fruit growers' art here displayed, especially when he points out that underlying principle of nature, the need of restraint, correction and pruning, in all successful growth.

higher self. But this self control is only attained by the one who is a fighter. He knows that if he over-indulges himself even in harmless and legitimate pleasures he will be less the man, less the master.

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 difficulties and temptations day by day; they grow stronger by exercise and become true men. The sluggards drift down the course of least resistance—like dead fish.

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. Atherton.

lic communion. Thus we will have all his views in a nutshell and we will be able to deal with the subject intelligently 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 have to abide by his decision, but I believe that I shall be entitled to ask him as I do here and now, to desist from general attacks upon the Church, to be unwilling or unable to answer these questions then he should refrain from casting reflections upon a great institution whose essential life he is unwilling to comprehend.

Yours respectfully,
PATRICK FRANCIS O'HARE.

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 obedient children to do violence to their lower natures, to take the pruning knife to the passions, to cut off inordinate tendencies, so that by such correction and restraint they may secure 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 disciplinary seasons of Lent and Advent and Friday abstinence and by her employment in her spiritual guidance in building up the Christian character to the growth of full spiritual manhood as exemplified in Christ, the Perfect Man.

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 Smith instead of replying to the questions proposed to him by me and thus enlighten your readers upon his historical, philosophical and theological view point to the Papacy and Catholicity, pays me the compliment of having treated him, "The Lying Heroic," with tenderness and courtesy," and then reiterates his old made charges in a general, vague, undefined way.

DIOCESE OF PETERBOROUGH.

CEREMONY OF RECEPTION AT MOUNT ST. ANNE'S CONVENT.

A beautiful and touching ceremony was held on Saturday morning in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart at Mount St. Joseph, Peterborough, in the presence of a large number of the community.

DEATH OF A GREAT PRIEST.

St. Anne's Convent, A. G. B. Convent, Peterborough, Ontario, February 15th 1908.

With sorrowful regret we inform Father James B. O'Connell, of the Sacred Heart, who was a fitting and devoted life of strenuous and self-sacrificing devotion to the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Since marriage is a sacrament, since the bond can never be broken except by death, since a mistake is so dangerous, both for this world and the world to 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 words of the Divine Master, "What God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

He it was "Who did all things well," and who taught the Church this lesson of self-conquest, when for forty days He fasted and prayed in the desert of Quarantania. Knowing the weaknesses and needs of fallen men He—the Sinner One—thus subjected Himself to the attempts of the evil spirit to those temptations that commonly assail poor, frail humanity—the concupiscence of the eyes, the concupiscence of the flesh and the pride of life—to encourage us by His example and victory to practise self-mastery by prayer and those disciplinary means which we call fasting, self-denial, abnegation, mortification, and self-restraint. If we, too, would be victorious in the spiritual combat.

The young ladies, viz. Miss Mary Emerita Gaden of St. John's Newfoundland, and Miss Annie Noonan of Mount St. Joseph, Ontario, presented a charming appearance in their beautiful and original costumes of white silk and their white veils and wreaths. Each carried a bouquet of white lilies and maiden-hair.

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