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IN vain will you build churches, give missions, found schoolsall your works, all your efforts will be destroyed if you are not able to wield the defensive and offensive weapon of a loyal and sincere Catholic press.

-Pope Pius X.

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If the English Speaking Ca tholics of Montreal and of this Province consulted their best interests, they would soon make of the TRUE WITNESS one of themost prosperous and powerful Catholic papers in this country. I heartily bless those who encourage this excellent work.

† PAUL, Aschbishop of Montre

THE CHURCH OF THE FUTURE.

Much has been written and mon said about the "Church of the Future," as though it were to be some millennial manifestation altogether different from the historic Church, but the church of the future, which is not also the Church of the past and of the present, can be no church; for a true church must reach to

ages back as well as to those before. If the continuity is broken, truth is broken and cannot be restored.

As for eighteen centuries there have been no forms of civil society, no calms or tempests in the moral political, social or religious world. in which the Catholic Church has not been true to the organic principles of her divine life, even the ene- from the very hour when the shep my of Catholicity should admit—that fact being granted-that the sumption is on her side that she will when somewhere. Catholic during the centuries that are has been true, and, consequently, that this view, how literally has been fulshe will be true, but he will admit one proposition and deny the "Henceforth all nations shall other; he will concede both or deny me blessed." both. In other words, he will admit, equally with the friend of Ca- duly honored, there also she, tholicity, the identity of the Church, was remembered with filial love even past, present and to come Now, it will be impossible for

be a living Church. this time, has existed a body of through all ages since called blessed Christian believers which, for the in all languages that have been spoquality of continual existence, has so ken since that time in all the world of Christ as the Catholic Church.

Considèring her numbers, extent ecstatic music of voice and and duration, that Uhurch has pre- called blessed by the lips of the little eminently been the Church of and duration, that Church is pre- that tremble with age and sorrow eminently the Church of the present : called blessed by the sailor on considering all analogies and proba-bilities, then the Catholic Church land, by the scholar at his will be pre-eminently the Church of by the soldier drawing his the future

In truth, the vindictive anger of field; called blessed by the the enemies of the Catholic Church, in whatever form of opposition it wineyards, and by the voices of those may be shown, proceeds from the from whose brows have flashed the fact, not that she is the dead Church gems of royal diadems; called blessed of the past, as she is sometimes called, for there would be no reason to shrines, and under the golden roofs war with the dead, but because she of mighty Cathedrals; called blessed is, as she has been, and will be, a in the hour of joy and in the day of

for being a dead Ohurch but for beof death. How long, how ardently,
ting too living. She has seen the
birth and death of countless "imnents" of her principles, and will see them, and she has received with gladness into her fold many en eager and conscientious inquirer who when "the night was dark" and "he Rome, the Greek Church, and the Church of England are equal

Her hand was tenderly stretched and a solution of his doubts in finding, with tears of rapturous submission, that the "new Church" for which he was seeking is the same church which has stood for ages, ever old, yet ever new, because representing Him who is alike the Living God the Catholic Church. Is there an and the Ancient of Days she is ever the same The Catholic Church, so frequently and unjustly denounced as ever behind the age, or even as facing the past, has been foremost in all is; it is the Catholic Church. parts of the world. She has her faithful soldiers of the Cross where the spirit of commerce dared She was first in the East and first in the West: it was her lamp of divine light and devotion which dispelled the gloomy terrors social wreck of Southern Europe into order

In what part of the world which nan could reach had she not planted the Cross?

Where on the face of the earth the mountain whose craggy sides have not, at one time or another, sent back into the sounding air the choes of Catholic worship?

Daniel Webster gave a vivid ture of the extent of the power England, in what we think to one of the grandest sentences Ame rica has contributed to the common treasure of English literature. H

"The morning drum-beat, following the sun, and keeping company with the hours, circles the earth daily with one unbroken strain of the martial airs of England."

That grand figure of speech may be applied to the Catholic Church. Yet it is not by martial airs, by hymns of praise and penitential orisons and continuous sacrifice that the Catholic Church daily celebrates 'from the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, from the burning sands of Africa to the banks of the majestic St. Lawrence beyond the triumphal march of the Prince of Peace." How like "the sound of many waters" rolls hourly heavenward the anthems of Catholic worship throughout the world!

Not only is every moment of every day consecrated by Catholic hymns sung somewhere on earth; but how proudly roll down through eighteen hundred years the unbroken anthems of Catholic devotion! Minute after minute, hour after hour, day after day, month after month, night after night, year after year, century after century the holy strains go on unending To the minds' ear seem blended in one almost overpowering flood of holy harmony the unnum bered voices which herds of Bethlehem heard the angelic song to this very moment, be equally true to those principles are chanting praises to "Him who to was, and is and ever shall be," He may deny that the Church Lord and Saviour of men. And, in not filled that consoling prophecy,

Wherever the Divine Son has be who amid his dying agonies for a world's salvation, has been remembered friend or enemy of the Catholic called blessed; called blessed from Church, from her beginning to this that lowly home and from that very day to point an hour when she mount of sorrow in the distant east, was not a living Church; it is, then, in millions of lowly homes and unprobable that she will continue to der the shadow of mountains to the But where, farthest west; called blessed by milsince promulgation of Christianity to lions of loving and imploring voices good a right to be called the Church called blessed in the rudest forms of human speech and in the the child that can scarcely speak considering numbers, extent name of mother; and by the for right and justice on the battle of peasant-girls singing in the sunny vineyards, and by the voices of those in cottages and palaces, at wayside ery living Church.

The Catholic Church is hated, not and beauty of life, and at the gates honor been paid for so many genera tions, and will continue to be for all generations to come, to that

sorrowing yet benignant one, bore Him who bore our woe.

The theory that the Church

co-ordinate Church of Christ has no foundation an end of his wanderings as an historical fact, and is destructive of all true ideas of the unity of the Church,

Is there on earth an institution heresy and political which schism, ambition have tried to destroy and institution on earth which, leaving out the regard of all its claims, has had the quality of historical timuity for eighteen centuries? There

How can the Catholic Church treat with those who wish to make terms before submitting to her authority, on the basis of a positive untruth Catholicity is not an inheritance, to be decided among claimants, no one of whom has any right to be homestead; but it is an estate left by the Divine Lord of the manor, in and his successors, on the express injunction that it is to be kept and undivided, in trust for the bene fit of the faithful for all time. The injunction has never been broken; notwithstanding all defections from the household, the homestead of the Christian world remains in the hands of the same faithful succession which it was committed by our Lord Himself.

THE NEWLY CONVERTED MINISTERS.

The diocese of Philadelphia is to be congratulated. Six of the Episcopal ministers recently received into the Church will enter Overbrook Seminary in September to study for priesthood. It was thought by some that they would join a religisus community, and we heard some thing of a purpose on their part to institute a community life of own, for the majority of them had lived like order-men, pretty austerely, too, for several years prior their conversion. It seems that the diocesan priesthood is their final choice. The following is from The Missionary:

Will these devout, earnest, self-denying men accept a word of from an old missionary? It is that they do not forget the needs of people whom they have left, aye, the moral needs of the Protestant people of America. Of our convert priests in general we can only say words of praise. Yet with this servation; too many of them lack the aggressive zeal of convert-making. From many a one of them we have words of bitter censure for their erring separated brethren, exactly for their ordinary Protestant. defects, but reflecting upon their good faith. Yet in the next breath these priests would hotly affirm their owngood faith during the many toilsome years of their journey from darkness into light. As to joining a diocesan Apostolate, or asking leave of superiors to give non-Catholic missions, we find a singular a painful for such zealous works reluctance among our convert clergy.

Of course, this is not the universal rule. But it is all too commonly the should be men who are theaseives not mere intellectual machines, to be a dangerous reef so wall as one who has himself all but suffered shipwreck there? Who should be deeply interested in the trials of souls break-down-in both cases—some seeking for the truth, as one who has time, if the demands of nature for

ame darkness of error?
We venture to call attention to We say emphatically that Father Hecker's example. He wrote there is in 1858: "The blessings of God upon our missions to Catholics were most evident and abundant, and my share in them most consoling, as usually the most abandoned sinners fell to my lot. But holy and important as is this work, still it did not correspond to my interior attrait, and though made ill by excessive fatigue in these desire to do something for my non-Catholic countrymen led me to take up my pen-since circumstances hindered my engaging in giving them missions. One day alone in my cell, the thought suddenly struck me how great were my privileges and my joy high a price for "hurry. great were my troubles and agony of soul before this event. Alas, how appeared in last week's issue in remany of my former friends and ac- ference to a good work being assisted the same most painful position. Cannot something be done to lead them to the knowledge of the truth? Perhaps, if the way that divine Providence had led me to the Church was shown to them, many of them might thereby be led also to see the truth. This thought, and with it the hope of inducing young men to enter into religious orders, produced in a few months from my pen a book entitled "Questions of the Soul," and later on "The Aspirations of Nature."

among the Socialists, but now a devout Catholic, the Rev. Martin Callisque with the canons, gave such opposition that there was quite a tunnit the daughter of Mrs. Avery came to Canada a little over five years ago and entered a local convent to pursue her studies. Becoming filled with the desire to enter the Catholic Church, she sought instruction from Father in a few months from my pen a book entitled "Questions of the Soul," and later on "The Aspirations of the Soul," and later of the not something be done to lead them

We do not mean to suggest that books, though we hope God will inspire some of them to do so. But we do insist that every one of then should, at his ordination, have ready a number of well-prepared lectures proving the truth of the Catholic Church the same way it was made evident to them during the process of conversion. One of these lecture might well be of a personal nature and called "Why I became a Catho lic," giving a plain history of doctrines chiefly attractive to the lecturer, and the outward circumstances of a controlling nature in bringing about his conversion.

PROFANITY.

We spoke strongly last week, and not more so than necessity demanded -concerning the all too prevalent use of irreverent language in our streets In this connection we would urge upon parents in every rank of the extreme importance of speaking to their children on the moral ger of profanity. Forewarned is fore A young boy-impressionable and imitative on the threshold entering on his after-career, may aved from the catastrophe of heedlessly acquiring the habit of evil speech from others by a few timely words from those he loves and respects

To those who once mentally grasp the conception of speech as a divine trust, even ordinary conversation assumes a new and higher importance The effect of a single word, whether good or bad, is never lost. It is a seed, and produces its own fruit Therefore discourtesy, impoliteness unkindliness, inconsiderateness common talk are not matters of lit-Were this borne mind the daily life of our great city would be all the sweeter, and the in termingling of its busy workers rendered more pleasant and happier. Care would be more endurable, worry less irksome, to many a toiler, if the of business anxiety were "cloud" brightened by the "silver lining" of thoughtful, sympathetic or charitable words of others.

HASTENING TOO QUICKLY. With the commercial activity of the day is mingled a demand for apparently undue haste. The cry of the moment, imperative and increasing, is for "Rush" At all costs so far, at least, as all matters outside mere money-earning are concerned-a harassing, unceasing hurry is to be maintained. Business and trade exigencies of our great cities all demonstrate The discarding of any methods which do not mean speed; the universal adoption—as an inevitable aid of the wire, the 'phone, and the typewriter, indicate the present-day trend of high pressure. "Hustlers" are advertised for, as synonymous with 'workers''; and the very phrase 'Quick Lunch' has its significance as a straw which shows which way the wind is blowing.

With the causes which have donduced to this development we not now concerned. The question. driven at the fiercest speed, Nor can the nerves of the bravest-spirited woman stand a maximum amount of spent years painfully groping in the reat, reasonable leisure, and recre-

until ne modification of this "rushing" system, so long will human lives be embittered, maimed and prematurely shortened, and we believe the testimony of any physician would confirm this. The needs for physical culture, intellectual improvement, adequate amusement, are these exhausted and frequently, enjoyed fitly and properly at the close of a day's work-plus "hustling?" duties, yet my ardent and constant Above all, can the privilege of worship on the day of rest be entered upon calmly and profitably mind and body are alike jaded? Work is inevitable for the great majority; money-making, within due limits, justifiable; but we are paying too

Apropos of a short leader which quaintances, how many of the great by Mrs. Martha Moore Avery, formerbody of the American people were in ly one of the leaders of bhought same most painful position. Can- among the Socialists, but now a devout Catholic, the Rev. Martin Calthe Congregation of Notre Dame and order at St. Joseph's Academy, Kankakee, Ill. Thus one more good act is added to the many the good Father Martin has already accomplished; one more soul added to the number the fold.

Napoleon and Ireland.

In Lecky's first edition of "Leaders of Public Opinion in Ireland," in a chapter which has, no doubt in the interests of the Union, been climinated from later editions, an anexdute which should not be forgotten is told of a conversation between Napoleon when a prisoner at St. Herry of a conversation between Napoteon when a prisoner at St. Huena and a Capt. Watson, a navel officer in command of a ship of war, who touched at St. Helena, and who visited Longwood to pay his respects to the "General," as the fallen Em-peror was scrupulously called by his captors, Captain Watson, was an Irishman, a member of a well-amily of Limerick.

The moment Napoleon heard he was

from Limerick he spoke with the mi-nutest knowledge of the towns of Tarbert, Foynes, Kilbush, Scattery Island, anu, above all, an eminence overlooking the Shannon above Kil-bush. Capt. Watson naturally expressed his amazement of a locality he had never seen, and the Emperor mmediately explained the origin of his interest in this remote quarter of Ireland. He said that he had studied the whole district for strategic pur-poses, and that it was the cardinal mistake of his life that instead of making a descent on Ireland he had undertaken the Egyptian expedition. "Had I acted," he said, "as I now wish I had done, the history of the world would have been changed."

The Sunday Yellows.

The Katzenjammer Kids, Bu Brown, Mugsey and the rest of moral teachers of the Sunday sect press are doing splendid work in troying parental authority and re spect for age. Having succ ridiculed the civil authorities ne one is safe from their shafts diarespect, and having, as a diarespect, and having, as a rule, belittled the regard which is maturally and rationally due to the teachers of religion, the Sunday supplement is attacking now the last evidence of civilization—respect for parental authority. There is no nation on earth that does not exact filial love and respect from children for their parents. There is no nation that the control of the contr their parents. There is no nauron, savage or civilized, where the au-thority of the parent is not recognized without question, and the secular press in its vulgar Sunday supple ment, has nearly killed ish regard for parents. is regard for parents. Some one has said there are no children an are real women matured or maturing. Other vicious tendency suggested and taught by the comic supplement is a disregard for elementary politeness on the part of which we have the comic supplement is a disregard for elementary politeness. disregard for elementary polite on the part of children. Only on the part of children. Only last week a boy unable to read an English paper, but with a capacity for absorbing stupid illustrations, placed a lighted paper under the bench of a working girl who was resting in one of the New York parks, set fire to her clothing and caused her death. On the Sunday previous in a comic supplement Mugsey set off a fire-cracker under somebody and made five dollars by the operation. The little foreigner saw his Sunday papers, absorbed Mugsey and is now a murderer. The Sunday supplements ought to go. They should be tabooed by decent people. They are demoralizing and degrading, and of interest only to fools or perverted minds.—Pittsburg Observer. veek a boy unable to read

A Strange Custom in Spain.

A writer in the Pall man peaks of the curious custom which is remarked by all tourists in Spain dancing before the al-A writer in the Pall Mall Gazette is remarked by all tourists in that of boys dancing before tar in the Cathedral of Sev. ing the octave of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and on Cor-

pus Christi. The custom prevails no-where else in the world, and is very obscure in its origin and significance.

"The Seville Cathedral," says the writer, "is the largest Gothic Cathe-dral in the world. It is lit by no fewer than ninety-three windows and is a veritable museum of art, but the crowning glory of this venerable pile is its fifteenth and sixteenth century stained glass, the designing of which is upon doubtful authority ascribed to Raphael, Tidan and Michael An-gelo.

"The dance is performed by rows of choristers or seises, numbering ten or twelve (formerly it was six), wearing plumed hats and dressed as pages of the time of Philip III.; the colors of the clothes vary; for the octave of Corpus Chris-ti they are red and white, while blue and white are worn during the Immaculate Conception. The the Immaculate Conception. To the slow music of violins this dance (which is music of violins this dance) sort of minuet) is solemnly

levity.

"An interesting legend relates the certain Archbishop of Seville about

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Death of a Pi The Ursuline ont, has lost one and most deeply by the death of luste, which oo morning, July 21 failing health fe about six months with paralysis.

The deceased, we salane Frances

THURSDAY, AUG

The deceased, was Jane Frances at view of Troy, sequented at the Gaterwards gradua Willard Seminary 1862 she joined the propers in cation in Chadhauthat time her na intimately identified progress of the city. He marka had the mod frust and respessantly allotted filling for several of depository and the school, she we superior of the ing that office dand at the time of been for two year.

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Her work as an ly be over-estimal of her heart were than her mental antable, genial da a friend in every last illness was t ful patience and s spirit of faith an in the mercy of on on death without, pleased to grant graces to temper last dread hour. Mother Mary Ba sixty-seventh year the forty-fourth of ssion.
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morning. Solemn celebrated by Ver nier, administrato nier, administrated diocese, with Rev cumseh, as deacon rent, Tilbury, sub Basil, O.F.M., Ch ceremonies. A lar-were present in th Father T The many friend B. Tabb and all v priest because of

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July 14, at the called an "Irish d of the anteroom of where the Pope ge vate audiences, w sent from Ireland honor of the jubile The room seeme transformed for the of clothes and vecles numbered over comprised all kind episcopal and orked by loving vents, glittering ver embroideries shining ornaments the Irish contege, students, displayed which the Pope for was intent on ex and praising. Reest thanks, His E Ireland as one of staunch supporters the Papacy.

The most import Cope of Irish po embroidered, the a men, headed by Mr of Dublin. The F of Dublin. The rewear the cope on sion. The Socie Working for Mis hundred articles, it of Mass vestments, lace albs. The Ir rity sent over seve including thirty-tw four copes, five hu of Dublin sent a be taining portraits of bishops and Bisho were exhibited in the Papal library. amined and admired them, expressing the faction. His Holi O'Riordan to warr nors, to whom he Benediction.

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