

THE ABUSE OF SUNDAY.

Father Bernard Vaughan's denunciation of present-day evils are not confined to the misdoings of the so-called "Smart Set." He made a vigorous speech the other day at the Mansion House, in support of a resolution favoring the preservation of Sunday as the one day of rest in seven. About 80 per cent, he declared, of the population of London went to no place of worship on Sunday; and he believed if children and those who were twice were eliminated, it would be found that only about 10 per cent. went to church. There was a feverish unrest on Sunday—everybody who was anybody at all had to go somewhere on Sunday. He made no complaint of people going into the country on Sunday, but of their turning Sunday into a day of busy unrest. Professional and business men needed their week-ends in the country and he was glad to see them go; but it was not a case of going to a church in the country instead of a church in the town—it was going to a church nowhere. Within a mile of where he stood, sixty churches had been pulled down, and still there were too many. There was no space anywhere except in the churches; it was a disgrace to the great British Empire.

While the percentage of non-attendants at churches in this country is perhaps somewhat less than Father Vaughan declares to be the case in London—though we are not at all sure that it is—one thing is certain: it is "Lord's Day," as a synonym for Sunday, has of recent years, even in the United States, lost much of its appropriateness. It is very generally acknowledged that, so far as the male population is concerned, Catholic men are much better church-goers than their Protestant neighbors; but still together too many Catholics, also, women as well as men, by it said, are unduly given to dispensing themselves from attendance at Mass on Sundays and holy days.—Avo Maria.

A Change of Heart Time is certainly bringing changes to the Scottish heart. At the recent celebration of the four hundredth centennial of the foundation of the Knight's college of the Aberdeen university, a conspicuous figure among the dignitaries of Church and State assembled to do honor to the occasion was the Very Rev. David Fleming, O. F. M., Secretary of the Biblical Commission of Rome, and former Superior-General of the Franciscans. Garbed in the brown habit and sword of his order, he was notable as he walked between an admiral and a general, each in his resplendent uniform. It was the first time for more than three hundred years that a Catholic had been so honored by the faculty of the university, although, like other seats of learning in Scotland, it owes its establishment to the Catholic Church.

THE BROCKVILLE TOMBOLA. St. Francis Xavier's congregation of Brockville have just concluded the celebration of the Golden Jubilee of their present handsome church edifice by a remarkably successful Tombola and Bazaar held in Victoria Hall, Brockville, January 21 to 25. The success of the undertaking has completely eclipsed any other effort of this congregation and so far as we know of any other congregation of its size, and shows what may be accomplished by an unselfish and united effort on the part of such whose duty it is to take an interest in such matters.

- After providing for every known expense there will be the handsome sum of over \$11,000 to go to the reduction of the parish debt. The appeal was, as it should be, confined almost exclusively to the cognoscitiam, whose generous response to the call for help has earned the warmest gratitude of the parish. St. Francis Xavier's Very Rev. Don Murray, and his parishioners are to be heartily congratulated on the great success which has crowned their efforts. Amongst the many welcome visitors, who made their presence felt were: His Grace, Archbishop Gauthier of Kingston, Rev. Father Kehon, of Gananoque; and Rev. Father Edward Murray, of Cobourg.

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