

This is but one instance of the broad and liberal knowledge of the teachers in our public schools. It is this very propaganda of ignorance or falsehood which Catholics object to so strenuously. It matters not that for this objection they are blamed quite as strenuously.

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A TRUE CONCEPTION OF SUNDAY.

"Our religiously-minded non-Catholic friends," says the Ottawa Union, "are occasionally heard to complain of the manner in which Catholics—or a large part, at least, of the Catholic body—spend Sunday. It must be admitted that there is some ground for the complaint, that many Catholics are in this respect grossly negligent of their duty. The Catholic who fancies that having heard Mass he is free to devote the remainder of the day to amusement and pleasure has a very low conception of his duty. We would not make of the Sunday a day whereon people should wear long faces, and look severe, and deem it a capital offence against high heaven to smile. Between the Calvinistic Sabbath, black, dismal and gloomy, and the Christian one, redolent of the religious joys of Easter and of Pentecost, there is a wide difference. Any movement in the community which, directly or indirectly, tends to bring about a better observance of the Sunday, or to stamp out the profanation of the day, merits the support of every Catholic." The Sunday is a day for divine worship, rest and innocent recreation.

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MARY NOT DIVINE.

Dr. Hillis, who is trying to fill the late Mr. Beecher's pulpit in Brooklyn, recently commended the Catholic Church for lifting to a high place of worship Mary, the Mother of Jesus Christ. He said: "No church has so perfectly recognized and understood

this as the Catholic Church. It has placed her by the side of Christ Himself, and so worshiped her, though in this it may have made overstatement of her divinity. In divinity and intellectuality, however, she represents one of the supreme things in all history. She is the apotheosis of the noblest womanhood."

"Dr. Hillis may have intended to be complimentary to Catholics in his sermon, but he was far from it," says the Cleveland Catholic Universe. "Catholics are not idolators, hence they do not place the Blessed Virgin by the side of Christ Himself, or worship her as divine. She is human, and is a mere creature, and hence is infinitely distant from Christ as God. We honor Our Blessed Lady as the Mother of Christ, the purest of creatures and the Queen of Heaven, but she is a creature. Dr. Hillis ought at least to look at a Catholic catechism before he attempts to speak on Catholic doctrines."

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The Annals of St. Joseph, founded by our saintly friend, now deceased, Father Durin, asks a union of prayer for the affiliation to St. Joseph's Archconfraternity of all churches of North America, which are dedicated to St. Joseph, that they may work together for the glorification of their Patron. For the success of the above intentions, the clients of St. Joseph are earnestly requested to say the following prayer: Remember, O most pure Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, my sweet protector St. Joseph, that no one ever had recourse to thy protection or implored thy aid without obtaining relief. Confiding therefore in thy goodness, I come before thee and humbly supplicate thee. Oh, despise not my petitions, foster father of the Redeemer, but graciously receive them. Amen. (300 days indulgence once a day for reciting this prayer is granted by Pope Pius IX.)