

minicans made missions in the thirteenth century among the Tartars of Asia, at that time rulers of nearly all that vast continent.

The question of abolishing capital punishment is treated in a recent number of *America*. It is sometimes argued by abolitionists that capital punishment is un-Christian. This is not true. Many arguments may be drawn from Holy Writ to show that God enjoined capital punishment for certain offences in the Old Law, and that Christ did not rescind this injunction in the New. It is pleasing to read in *America* of the excellent condition of Catholic journalism in Holland. The Catholic journals of Holland follow what we believe to be the right course. They do not restrict themselves to religious treatises and points of dogma, but give also the latest local and telegraphic news, financial, political and sporting.

*Extension* always presents a handsome appearance. This and its interesting contents make it a very welcome visitor. Under the heading, "Why Men and Women Marry Later, or Not at All," are many short articles presenting the various views of *Extension* readers. Considering these various opinions, the remote cause of the evil would seem to be the worldliness of the present generation. The Editor refutes a very unjust criticism of the Oberammergau Passion Play by a "Professor" Garber, who has circulated his criticism in pamphlet in the United States. Among other charges he makes, is one that a fee is charged for admission to the theatre of the Passion Play. The "Professor" does not remark in his pamphlet that the theatre building costs money, that the actors are preparing for nine years and can work at no trade during the last year, and, at that, receive only a small portion of the receipts. Moreover, the admission fee is very reasonable. Bigotry is always unreasonable.

*The Ave Maria* is presenting a series of excellent articles concerning home-life in Ireland. Fr. Carroll's treatment of the Irish character and dialect is perfect. "Micky the Fenian" is amusing and droll. *The Ave Maria* contains many good stories.

*The Civilian* has a comprehensive article on the Dominion Police. This excellent body of men is worthy of all the praise it receives. The members of this force are noted for their common-sense, politeness, ability and physique, in fact, for all those points desirable in the guardians of our national properties. "Silas Wegg" hits the complexity of the Quarterly Report a few good raps. His wit has not yet deserted him.

*The Leader* gives a clever playlet for children based upon the story of Joan of Arc. The idea is a good one and should prove popular.