

FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF THE MISSION MOVEMENT.

THE MARVELOUS AWAKENING OF MISSIONARY SPIRIT DURING BRIEF PERIOD OF ITS EXISTENCE.

It was on Nov. 16, 1896, that the certificate of incorporation of the Catholic Missionary Union was filed in the office of the Secretary of New York State. We are, therefore, as a legal corporation, but ten years old. During this decade of years, what wonderful changes have taken place in the attitude of the Church toward the American public! What a marvelous awakening of the missionary spirit within the bosom of the Church! What an immense stride the Church has taken toward the goal of her desires!

There have been a few fundamental principles that the Catholic Missionary Union has continually affirmed and emphasized.

Some of these principles have been as follows: The primary vocation of the Church is the missionary vocation. "Go into the whole world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

The parish priest has responsibilities in conscience toward every soul within his parochial jurisdiction. First, to the Catholic people, because they depend on the sacramental ministrations for the saving of their souls.

Second, to the baptized non-Catholics, because they are his spiritual children, because they are baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Another of our principles has been to condemn controversy and to ostracize the controversialist. The successful missionary no longer attacks his antagonist. To do so is to give vitality to a dying thing.

Another one of the principles that we have not tried in our efforts to emphasize is the fact that the Church in this country is a homogeneous body, and therefore the advance must be made simultaneously all along the line.

Finally, another vital principle that we have stood for is the fact that the non-Catholic mission work belongs to no religious community, but is a special work of all, both the regular and the lay.

lie University. When the project of building it was being discussed it was with the special commendation of the Cardinal and the Bishops that the appeal was made for funds; and now that its great work of training missionaries is being carried on its doors are open to the members of every religious order, as well as to the secular clergy.

The Apostolic Mission House belongs to the Church in the United States, in the same way as the American College in Rome does. It is to subserve the interests, not of any one body of men, but of the Church in America.

No greater mistake can be made than to consider the non-Catholic mission movement the special work of any religious community. We sometimes meet unthinking men who speak of the non-Catholic mission work as an affair of certain religious communities, and therefore to be cared for by them, and by them alone.

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source of uplift for mankind. They must recognize that a blow to the Catholic Church is a blow to them, and that upon perpetuity must rest their own refuge.

"DECLENSION OF ROME."

EXPOSITION OF CHURCH'S DEVOTION TO BLESSED VIRGIN.

A spirited controversy has been going on in the English papers regarding the devotion of Catholics to the Blessed Virgin.

Mr. Tallack has been writing to The Times ascribing to the alleged "declension of the Roman Church" to the preponderant regard given by her to the Blessed Virgin.

Mr. Tallack will recognize that these are somewhat serious charges to bring against three of every four of his fellow-Christians.

Mr. Tallack may verify for himself by consulting the decrees of our councils, our standard text books of theology, our catechisms or manuals of instruction.

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every Mass is specifically an act of supreme Divine worship of God and of Christ, and can be offered to God alone.

THE BUSINESS-SIDE OF RELIGION.

Rev. J. T. Roche, LL. D. in Philadelphia Catholic Standard and Times.

The average pastor nowadays has to be something of a financier. The science of raising funds for church purposes is not an easy one.

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that God mercifully conceals from the young the mean and sordid side of humanity.

UNION WITH GOD.

"Son, daughter, give Me thy heart."

This is God's constant appeal to us as made known through the familiar voice of our divine Lord.

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FATHER BENSON'S EXPERIENCES.

How or why they became Catholics has been told time and again by converts to the Church in stories possessing varying degrees of interest.

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