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

† PAUL,

Archbishop of Montreal.

JUDICIAL INSULT.

That bigoted magistrate up in Hamilton who insulted the Catholics by insolently asking a defendant who had given testimony before him, "Do you believe, if you swear falsely, you can be absolved by confessing to the priest?" may hear something drop. Catholic Hamiltonians are demanding his dismissal, and rightly so. When a judge of our courts goes out of his way to insult the great Catholic body, he must be taught a lesson just as severe as he deals out to some of the unfortunates who appear before him. Judges, above all others, must be taught that "the velvet scabbard holds a sword of steel."

THE SUNDAY PAPER SUPPLEMENT.

The Sunday "comic supplements" should be suppressed. Catholic parents are inflicting a grievous wrong upon their children by permitting the colored atrocities to enter their dwellings. It is sad enough to think that parents themselves waste their time over these villainous spotches of color daubed over crude drawings which have not the smallest element of art in them, and the supposed funniness accompanying which are still more vulgar and degrading, as a rule, than the distorted pictures themselves. But it is much more deplorable that they are eagerly combed by their children. The parents are presumed to have intelligence enough to place these so-called "comics" in the vile category to which they belong. Children, however, can not make the same discrimination. They accept the silly attempts at wit as the genuine article, and their ideas and their conversation are inevitably influenced thereby for the worse; and from the ill-drawn monstrosities which are termed "illustrations" they receive their first conceptions of art. Vicious and depraved conceptions these can hardly fail to be; and owing to the impressionable nature of children they are bound to linger long in their minds and injuriously affect their character. The proprietors of the Sunday papers which contain these coarse "comics" have forfeited the respect of their intelligent readers by seeking to increase their circulation, and consequently by augmenting their revenue, by means of these vulgarizing supplements. There are high class and influential daily journals whose Sunday editions are not disgraced by such supplements and whose circulation is not in the least diminished by their absence. Their proprietors are men of high principle, who would not stoop to such low methods of increasing their income.

POST CARD FILTH.

Time and again we have called attention to the prevalence of filthy post cards in the store windows of the city. Every portion of the city has them, but they are most vulgarly exhibited on St. Lawrence, St. Denis, parts of St. Catherine, Notre Dame and St. James streets. The exhibition of these cards is a crime within the code, and we

suggest that concerted action be taken by our Catholic societies to prosecute the offenders. The harm that is being done to our young people by this filth is incalculable. A vigorous warfare must be instituted at once, and the people to take the initiative are the Catholic societies.

ANOTHER NEW RELIGION.

"His Holiness, Pope Schrader, of the 'Divine Catholic Church,' whose 'vatican or papal headquarters' is in San Francisco, is visiting in Cincinnati for the purpose of founding in that city a branch of his faith." This information we gleaned from the daily press, says Extension. We are furthermore told that Pope Schrader's cult has over a million members, and that the tenets of his "Divine Catholic Church" are the gift of prophecy, the gift of tongues and the power to heal the sick by prayer.

It is really surprising how easy it is to make a success of a new religion. No matter how preposterous may be the claims of the self-styled Messiahs, Christs, Prophets or Prophetesses, it is a foregone conclusion that each will corral an army of followers.

The longing to feel the gentle touch of Christ's hand is innate in every intelligent human being. In the mystic depths of men's souls slumbers the craving for immortality. In the mortal mind gnaws the hunger to know the Truth—to fathom the unknowable—to comprehend the dark destiny of death—to understand the mystery of eternity. And in the human heart wells up the fountain of love to moisten and to keep green with soft affection the things we hug to our breasts. Hence, those who have become spiritually weakened by Protestantism, and have not the co-operative grace of Christ's religion, are easily attracted to the strange and occult; which explains, in part, why the many fantastic religions, no matter how repellent to right reason or opposed to Christ's teachings, manage not only to exist but to gather considerable numerical strength. There are now so many "new" religions that it is difficult to keep track of them all. Most of them claim the gifts of prophecy and of tongues; and the power to heal is no longer the sole and copyright possession of Mrs. Eddy. The question that is beginning to trouble us is this: do the Christian Scientists recognize the "healers" of the "new" sects as orthodox and belonging to the fold? If not, where do they belong?

IMMIGRANT COUNTRY'S ASSET.

Every able-bodied immigrant not of the criminal class that comes is an addition to the wealth of the country, says The Protestant Episcopal Churchman; much in the spirit of The Independent, who declares in a recent issue that, even if the immigrant eventually returned to his native land, he had made more wealth for the country during his sojourn than he could possibly carry back. It is good to see the dissemination of these eminently sane and business-like ideas by organs of Protestant opinion. The total immigrants landing at American ports during the year ending June 30 was 1,285,348—the largest number for any year thus far. Some proportion of this multitude are immigrants of former years returning from a visit to the old lands; but the overwhelming number are new arrivals, needed, and with work waiting. As the Churchman says, the problem is to distribute them wisely to avoid congestion in the ports of entry.

REAL BATTLE THAT COUNTS.

That which we call sin, of it we know little. It is a mystery, the great mystery of evil, which assaults men to-day as it did ten centuries ago, and which seems no nearer solution now than then. But we need not concern ourselves with such mysteries. That which is not given us to know is perhaps best for us not to know.

One thing we do know—that it is part of the human nature to do wrong. And one other thing we know—that just as the most perfect flowers are nourished by the dungheap, even so the finest characters come through combat with the low appetites and desires and feelings that haunt this throbbing frame.

There is only one kind of goodness that counts as strength in the affairs of this world, and that is the goodness which has been won through fighting, and not the kind accepted as a gift, an inheritance. There is only one brand of man which really helps along, and that is the brand that has to struggle for its measure of virtue, and still has to struggle to keep or enlarge that measure.

The heights and the depths are brothers, but we must know which

one to merely bow to and which one to claim as a friend and boon companion. Great rights are only great wrongs inverted. Nobility in man is nothing more than the right cultivation of those very traits which, left to grow wild, would mark degradation.

From the very beginning it is a struggle, a combat. There is no way of gambling in the moral realm. The races upon which we gain are those in which we actually run; the treasures we win never come to us through chance.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

No man ever filled the chair at Washington who had a clearer conception of the needs of the country than President Roosevelt. His finger is continually on the pulse of the nation, and his diagnosis always shows the master mind. During a recent speech, he said: "We very earnestly hope that the legislation which deals with the regulation of corporations engaged in interstate business will also deal with the rights and interests of the wage workers employed by those corporations. Action was taken by the Congress last year limiting the number of hours that railway employees should be employed. The law is a good one; but if in practice it proves necessary to strengthen it, it must be strengthened."

"We have now secured a national employers liability law; but ultimately a more far-reaching and thorough-going law must be passed. It is monstrous that a man or woman who is crippled in an industry even as the result of the taking what are the necessary risks of occupation, should be required to bear the whole burden of the loss. That burden should be distributed and not placed solely upon the weakest individual, the one least able to carry it. By making the employer liable, the loss will ultimately be distributed among all the beneficiaries of the business."

"Short sleeves are useful on wash-days and in the kitchen, but are neither tasteful nor rightly in a church costume." With this phrase the Rev. Anthony Kuhn, pastor of St. Mary's church, Kansas City, Kan., began an attack upon the sleeveless waist, and from the temper of his remarks it is obvious that he means to be obeyed. He stated that he would bar from his church any woman who seeks to attend services in short-sleeved dresses.

It is reported that Pope Pius X.

is about to follow up his recent syllabus with regard to so-called modernism in the faith with an Encyclical condemning all modernist errors.

Talk about emigration! At a recent meeting in London, Eng., of the founders of the Barnardo Home, Lord Brassey stated that 19,000 children had been sent from that institution to Canada.

FAIR PLAY.

The Boston Herald says: If the Jews will but imitate the various ways in which newspapers and theatres here and in Ireland have been taught of late years that the "stage Irishman" of a generation ago will no longer be tolerated, they can stop what they do not like.

Theatre managers have found that the caricaturing of the Irish people is both unpopular and unprofitable.

Saint Gaudens, the sculptor, was the son of a French shoemaker. His mother's name was Mary McGuinness, and he was born in Dublin. We wonder how it came about that he was buried with Protestant rites, and that his body was cremated.—Sacred Heart Review.

In the course of a report of a meeting of the Gorey Board of Guardians, at which a motion in support of the Irish party was carried unanimously, we read at the end of one of the speeches: "In conclusion he would say, from 'sin fin' and all other sins may the Lord deliver them."—Dublin Leader.

Sinn Fein is pronounced "Shinn Fahn" by Canadian Irishmen.

The Catholic Women's League of Toledo, Spain, have just set an example to their Catholic sisters in this country. At a recent meeting they resolved not to allow into their homes four poisonous Liberal newspapers, and not to attend any theater if aware that it is to present a doubtful play, pledging themselves to leave instantly any representation which proved to be opposed to Christian faith or morals, if the same be attended without knowledge of its character.

Notes From the Ancient Capital.

Quebec, August 27th.

WARLIKE RELICS UNEARTHED.

If historical manuscripts or other evidence were lacking to testify to the location of strenuous episodes in the country's history in bygone days the finding of many warlike relics wherever excavation is begun in this vicinity would awaken the interest of anybody with archaeological instincts. That the ground hereabouts furnishes a veritable mine of interest is being disclosed more particularly at present because of the general reawakening in every line which is now under way and working men digging excavations for railroad and real estate construction are overturning these evidences with reverberating frequency. The half dozen or more announcements that have appeared in local papers during the past season of the findings of old coins and implements of ancient warfare has been two more found during last week by two more finders of a like nature. On Monday last while laying gas pipes for the new Frontenac Gas Company, which is inaugurating a plant here, workmen dug up a bayonet of ancient make. The weapon was bent and covered with rust, and was found near the roots of a tree on the Place d'Armes. The finding of this relic aroused considerable interest among the visiting tourists and other curio hunters and competition was keen for possession of it.

On Thursday last workmen engaged on the construction of the branch of the Canadian Northern which will connect the city with the new Quebec Bridge unearthed at three or four feet depth a cannon ball of nineteen inches circumference. The ball, which was found a few feet back from Charlesbourg Road, the route over which many military advances were made upon the city in these troubled days, has found its way into the collection of antiquities of Mr. Raoul Renault of Charlesbourg.

GERMANY'S FRIENDLY MESSENGER.

As the Angelus bells were pealing forth their tidings at the noon hour on Sunday last there rounded the point at Indian Cove and steamed slowly up the stream the S.M.S. Bremen, one of the most modern of the German armored cruisers, and as handsome a vessel as this broad harbor, which from time to time throughout the past decade has been a haven for ironclad monarchs of almost every world power, has ever sheltered. Halting under the citadel, its guns thundered out a message of goodwill from the Emperor of Germany. She waited in the stream just long enough to hear the gunner on the King's Bastion reply in kind, twenty-one guns being wafted over the terrace, when the Bremen, having taken on her pilot, proceeded on its way to Montreal, her stay at Quebec to be made on the outward voyage.

The Bremen is 340 feet in length, 43.2 beam draught, 16,122 feet displacement, 3250 tons. Built at Bremen in 1903 at a cost of some quarter of a million of dollars. She carries thirty guns, ten 4.1 inch fourteen 1.4 inch and six machine guns. 1 Officers and crew number 277 men in command of Captain Alberts.

The song of Randall's "Maryland,"

how it rings upon the air When from the sweet old valleys of the dear old State we fare: Amid the alien cities or on hills and seas afar. It woe the heart's affection and it wakes you where you are To the old home's tender beauty, and the spirit breathes a cheer For the poet in whose music rings the old home-love so clear!

I heard the bugles play it and I heard the voices sing The words of Randall's "Maryland," and my heart began to ring, And my soul was filled with longing for the valleys that I knew, The tender skies above them, with their balmy breath of blue: I heard the rivers calling, saw the green fields by the shore, And felt the old emotions that I felt in days of yore!

O Randall, God be with you, for we owe you much you know The glory of your "Maryland," feel the rapture of its glow: The world should give you comfort and the land reward your worth With all the goodly blessings of the golden dream of earth— For all the world's beauty when the bugles and the band Ring out the stately measure of the song you gave the land!

"Maryland, My Maryland," I heard the echoes ring, I saw the little hills of home grow green with breath of spring: I saw the orchards ripen in October's golden sun, I saw the shores of Edenland unto the blue bay run: My heart re-echoed "Maryland," and my soul responded, too, O Randall, of the golden song, God's grace be unto you!

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ST. BRIDGET'S BAZAAR.

The annual bazaar in aid of St. Bridget's asylum will open on September ninth, and all indications point to a fair of extraordinary proportions even for such a generally successful enterprise as that held annually by the ladies of St. Patrick's parish. Preparations are being made on an elaborate scale this season for the carrying out of the Tombola and to accommodate the additional business anticipated, the organizers have leased the Quebec Standing Bank on Grand Allee. There, it is expected, nine bowels will be erected by contractor Kelly, under the direction of Father Hickey, C.S.S.R., and a large staff of ladies will continuously be in attendance at each booth during the two or three weeks the bazaar will be in progress.

One of the proposed innovations in connection with the bazaar will be a billiard tournament which will be played on tables in St. Patrick's Hall or at the club, and for which a magnificent cup has already been donated as a prize. Many if not all of the leading amateur billiardists in the city will take part, and great interest is evinced in the projected contest.

Of course the old reliable attractions such as the fish pond will be in evidence, but on a proportionately more attractive basis, and many pretty knick knacks have already been secured for distribution among fortunate anglers. The refreshment booth and lodge suppers will also be handled on a large scale by St. Patrick's dainty maidens, and long neglected and backward or ingrowing appetites are expected to come forward with a bang.

From the interest manifested on every hand there is no question but that this year's bazaar will be a huge success. Such a result is not a whit less than the deserts of those charitable ones who take part.

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Free Tuition For Eight

The following letter from

all the parish priests of the

tholic parishes of the city

to the principals of schools

English-speaking Catholics

Reverend, Dear Sir:

The Rector of Loyola College

to advise you that the

scholarships are open for

in Loyola College: One of

boys of St. Patrick's parish

those of St. Mary's parish

to those of St. Michael's

These and four others are

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If holder of a scholarship

fail to give satisfaction in

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ship will again be thrown

open to competition.

An examination will take

place, 68 Drummond St.

Saturday morning, August

9 o'clock. Information as

matter of the examination

obtained on application to

fect of Studies.

I am, respectfully yours,

ALEX. A. GAGNEUR.

Iroquois Indians Adopt Je-

Tribe.

Rev. Joseph Gras, of the

of Jesus, was recently ordain-

ed the Caughnawaga mission

shop Rector, to whom the

wages have given the name

rectorship, "the open

gates of heaven." Re-

Forbes, a former missionary

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Hyacinthe Gebel, of Mont-

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named by the Indians Tel-

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