

Women in Convention

"New World," Chicago, that the second biennial of the Women's Catholic Preachers opened on Monday, with solemn High Mass at the Cathedral, attended by delegates and members from all the courts, cathedral to its utmost

Afternoon the convention opened at Steinway hall Elizabeth Rodgers, high and organizer of the appointment of the credentials, its report, the delegates of the biennial and the appointment committees constituted the session of Monday's business

At the first day's session on the 530 regular delegates and 30 alternates, the officers sent a cablegram to the blessing of Pope for the convention and an undying obedience and

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Table with columns: LIVE ANIMALS AND DEAD MEAT PRICES PER POUND. Rows include Live Stock (Beef, Sheep, Hogs) and Meats (Beef, Hogs, Mutton, Bacon, Hams, Lard, Pork) with prices for various years from 1901 to 1902.

These quotations are naturally more intelligible to dealers than to the consumer. What the advance means to householders may be more apparent from the following comparison between this year and last:

Table with columns: WHOLESALE and RETAIL. Rows include Dressed beef, Lamb, Mutton, Veal, Pork, Sirloin steak, Porterhouse steak, Round steak, Mutton, Lamb with prices for 1901 and 1902.

These figures indicate the grievance of the general public against the Beef Trust. They do not mean, however, that the Trust has reaped the full benefit financially of the phenomenal advance. One result of the increase in prices has been to curtail the consumption of meats of all kinds. Many small butcher shops

by the finding of a crushed daisy in a book. They had plucked that flower on the steep slopes of the Splügen; and it brought back all the joys and experiences of that trip.

A CORRECTED STANZA. — Taking the tenth stanza of this beautiful little poem, as an example, we find that— in his own manuscript, preserved by his family—the lines, which describe the Doge's Hall in Genoa, were first written thus:—"That Doge's Hall tho' bare and cold Had shapes of men of hero mould!"

Disatisfied with the first two lines he crossed out "how much," and inserted "bare and" before "the word 'cold';" so it ran thus wise:—"We loved that Hall tho' bare and cold, Which had those forms of hero mould."

Again does he change the first and second lines to the following:—"We loved that Hall tho' white and cold Those niched forms of noble mould."

RESULTS OF LABOR. — I have given a strong illustration of a genius, a man of the greatest poetic sentiment and the loftiest flights of imagination, laboring to fit a conception into words; or to select words to properly convey an idea.

GENIUS AND WORK. — The diamond in the jeweller's window is worth a large sum of money, because it is a diamond; but what has imparted to it the greater portion of its value is the skilled work of the lapidary, who took it in its rough and cut and polished it into form.

THE DAISY. — To illustrate these evolutions of now admittedly classic poem, in the mind of the author, before he could bring them to the stage of perfection that would satisfy his own ideals and their places in the world's literature, I will deviate from the usual path of my observations, to present the readers with an example of Tennyson's labor in constructing a poem. Take, for instance, "The Daisy." This was written in 1852, and alludes to a trip that the poet once had, over the continent of Europe, with his wife, and the memories of which were evoked

The Sanctity Of An Oath.

Right here in this city we have been terribly shocked and scandalized at the nonchalant manner in which many prominent citizens deliberately perjured themselves in connection with the boodle indictments. The following on the "Penalty of an Oath" from Archbishop Ryan will be read with interest:

"Let us look," writes Archbishop Ryan, in his booklet on "Agnosticism" for the Chicago Catholic Truth Society; "let us look at some other sentinels that guarded society from destruction. Look, for instance, at the sanctity and importance of an oath. Washington, in his celebrated farewell address, calls attention to this point when he shows the necessity or religion to maintain the young republic he had gloriously founded. A man's life, property and character may be stricken down by a false oath. What maintains the awful responsibility of an oath, but fact that God is called to witness the truth of what is said and will punish the perjurer though the law may not discover him. With the Bible in his hand the man is about to call God to witness, but the Agnostic whispers to him, 'Perhaps there is no God—you cannot know it—you shall be only lying which, indeed, is not honorable, but brings no divine vengeance.' Why is it that perjury is becoming so common and why is it that the law does not punish it as severely as of old? Simply because faith in its true moral guilt is decreasing.

"Look again at threatening anarchy throughout the world. What right has one man to rule another? Are not all men born free and equal? Why usurp authority, only because you have physical force enough to crush your slavish subject?"

"There is but one true and rational theory of the power of man over man, and it is that God made man a social being and order requires that some should be above and rule others. All power comes from the God of society. Hence to violate the law of the land is a sin, not only against the law, but against the great Creator Himself.

"Thus the civil magistrate is a minister of God's justice and must be obeyed. He may be changed by a vote of the people, but whilst he is in power he must be respected and obeyed, not for his own sake, but for the sake of the power he wields and of the God who gave it. Take away God and His law, and anarchy lifts its horrid head in defiance. False principles on the subject, as that of suicide, will lead and do lead to overt acts against society. The boy assassin who struck down the president of the French Republic had been once innocent till the poison of false principles drove him to do the fatal deed.

"It is particularly necessary that we should remember this great principle of authority. We make and unmake legislators and magistrates and are liable to regard them as merely our creatures. Of old, God sent His prophet to anoint the foreheads of His power and ministers of His justice. Now He sends His prophet to anoint the foreheads of the people and they elect their rulers, but these rulers have power to govern those who elected them, and must be obeyed. As I have shown, if you lose all consideration of God, anarchy must follow.

"I might continue, if I deemed it necessary, to illustrate the fatal effects on the individual and the state, of the rejection or doubt or unknowability of the existence of the Supreme Being, by showing that thereby the great motives of right acting are removed or so weakened as to leave our poor humanity to the mercy of its own passions." — Western Watchman.

Since God is love, love is the supreme law of the universe, and man's first duty and highest perfection is to love God and all men. This is the gospel, the glad tidings, arousing millions from sleep in the shadows of death. They are oftentimes the little ministers of love that show most devotion, and most intimate resolution of heart. Peter's worldly all was a boat and a net; and the alabaster box of ointment had a great testimony of acceptance, because "she had done what she could."

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PRONATION OATH.

of the True Witness. that the day appointed of King Edward land is so near at hand no evident sign that the sentence in the oath attizes the Catholic world is to be eliminated, it be a very Christian act to make it a point of that day not only of such blasphemy also as an act of repar- offend Majesty of God. pray in a special man- day for the conversion ish nation, asking the ulate and Blessed Virgin for all those who have at misfortune to leave of her Divine Son to the high ways of con- and uncertainty. Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the altar. the great Mother of God holy.

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OF SUICIDE.

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JAMES WHELAN, County Tipperary, Ireland.

OUR CURBSTONE OBSERVER. On "Dashing-Off."

HIS MAY seem a funny title for a contribution to this column; but I have given many a queer title to my "Curbstone Observations"—but don't imagine that they are simply "dashed-off." Not many weeks ago a gentleman, not knowing that I was the perpetrator of these bits of literature, told me that the "Curbstone Observer" of the "True Witness" must have fun 'dashing-off' these sallies on all imaginable kinds of subjects." I made no reply, but allowed him to go away with his false impression. In fact, had I attempted to explain to him how much time, and thought, and work even the most commonplace of these observations costs the Observer, he might suspect that I was pleading my own case. Therefore, I made no comment; but I registered a note in my own mind to the effect that "here is another of them, who think they know all about it." This remark of my friend brought to my mind many instances of persons who gain reputations for impromptu speeches and for "dashing-off" poems, or articles, and yet whose productions are the result of immense labor. The very simplicity and easy flow of these works of the pen or voice prove that they have been polished by artistic work and not presented in the rough as some people would suppose. I will now take the liberty of giving a couple of examples, in order to better illustrate what I wish to convey. I could give scores from the so-called unprepared speeches of prominent men; men who spring up on the spur of the moment, and deliver addresses replete with argument and couched in impeccable language—the texts of which they had prepared a week, or a month ahead. But I will turn to the poets first.