

Superiority of Parochial Schools.

Ave Maria.

A correspondent of the Chicago CHRONICLE, who has evidently given careful attention to the Schools of that city observes that the old cry about the inferiority of the parochial school is becoming a feeble one. There was a time when it was commonly asserted that the parochial schools taught nothing but religion. Snobbish and disgruntled Catholics, instead of doing anything to nullify such a charge repeated it, to the detriment of the schools and the discouragement of their directors and teachers. Now the charge is being refuted by the best of all tests—that of public examinations. The results in many places are most encouraging to Catholic teachers and highly gratifying to the supporters of Catholic schools. The man from Chicago asks himself a question, and gives an answer which he probably considers quite satisfactory. "Has the parochial school improved or has the public school retrograded? If we look carefully into the subject we may be tempted to answer both questions in the affirmative."

It is not because the teaching in public schools has deteriorated that the pupils of parochial schools so often prove themselves superior in competitive examinations. Our schools have been improving steadily, it is true; but the public schools, as a whole, were never what they are cracked up to be. "Is the examination too hard?" asks the writer in the CHRONICLE. It has proved altogether too hard for the pupils of public schools, though it seems to have been easy enough for those of Catholic schools in different parts of the country. All have not yet, of course, reached the standard of the high school attached to St. James parish in Chicago; but it is aimed at. Thirteen pupils of that school after graduation entered the examination for teachers, and all were successful. This proves what can be accomplished by Catholic schools, and that they are deserving of the best support. We predict that before a decade has gone by the superiority of our schools everywhere will be generally acknowledged. Meantime let the advocates of the little red school-house try to keep up with the procession. Let those who used to wage war against Catholic teachers and Catholic schools now rest from their labours. The time has come.

The C. M. B. A.

At the meeting of Branch No. 52 of the C. M. B. A. held last week the following officers for the ensuing year were installed by Grand Deputy J. K. Barrett, LL. D.: President, M. Conway; first vice president, G. Gladnich; second vice president, J. O'Day; treasurer, W. Jordan; recording secretary, H. A. Russell; financial secretary, D. F. Allan; marshal, J. O'Connor; guard, A. D. Macdonald; trustees, R. Murphy and J. O'Connor; representative to grand council, D. Smith; alternate, P. Shea.

The reports presented showed that the branch is in a healthy state although the initiations have not been so many as the officers looked for. However, next year an effort will be made to keep pace with the eastern branches, which are rapidly growing. The grand council convention, which will be attended by Mr. D. Smith for Branch 52, will be held at the city of Quebec in August next.

PROTESTANTISM AND SUICIDE.

A recent statistical work on suicides, compiled by Emile Durkheim, reveals the shocking fact that this terrible plague is extending in modern society. From 1826 to 1890 the number of cases increased rapidly in Prussia, France, Austria, Saxony, Belgium, Italy, Switzerland, and Denmark. In the undermentioned countries the following is the average proportion of suicides to every million of the inhabitants:—Italy, 38; England, 69; Norway, 71; Belgium, 78; Sweden, 91; Bavaria, 100; Prussia, 152;

Austria, 130; France, 160; Denmark, 255; and Saxony, 334. The Catholic countries have not much to boast of in this matter. It is painful to think that they supply such a number of these cases. But statistics go to show that they at least compare very favourably with the non-Catholic nations. Whilst the proportion of suicides to the million in the purely Protestant States is 190, in the purely Catholic States it is only 58. The Catholics are more content with life, or at all events are more patient in bearing the ills to which flesh is heir and submitting to the Will of God.—CATHOLIC TIMES.

Sparks from the Pittsburgh Catholic.

Seek reform within yourself first, before looking to that of your neighbor. Never call yourself a Catholic until your conscience tells you are one in practice; otherwise you are a lie unto yourself and a scandal to your neighbor.

The surviving heroes of the sweater and pigskin are glorified in the sporting columns of the yellow press. But who can tell the names of their college presidents or their professors? They are unknown.

Pain Past Endurance.

G. W. Coon Hopelessly Crippled With Rheumatism.

Could Not Raise Either Hand or Foot and Had to be Fed and Dressed—The Doctors Told Him a Cure Was Impossible Yet he Attended to His Business To-day.

From the Milbrook Reporter.

Rheumatism has claimed many victims and has probably caused more pain than any other ill affecting mankind. Among those who have been its victims few have suffered more than Mr. G. W. Coon, now proprietor of a flourishing bakery in Hampton, but for a number of years a resident of Pontypool, when his severe illness occurred. To a reporter who interviewed him Mr. Coon gave the following particulars of his great suffering and ultimate cure:—"Some seven or eight years ago," said Mr. Coon, "I felt a touch of rheumatism. At first I did not pay much attention to it, but as it was steadily growing worse I began to doctor for it, but to no effect. The trouble went from bad to worse, until three years after the first symptoms had manifested themselves I became utterly helpless, and could do no more for myself than a young child. I could not lift my hands from my side and my wife was obliged to cut my food and feed me when I felt like eating, which was not often considering the torture I was undergoing. My hands were swollen out of shape, and for weeks were tightly bandaged. My legs and feet were also swollen, and I could not lift my foot two inches from the floor. I could not change my clothes and my wife had to dress and wash me. I grew so thin that I looked more like a skeleton than anything else. The pain I suffered was almost past endurance and I got no rest either day or night. I did not work many doctors, but they did me no good, and some of them told me it was not possible for me to get better. I believe I took besides almost everything that was recommended for rheumatism, but instead of getting better I was constantly getting worse, and I wished many a time that death would end my sufferings. One day Mr. Perrin, storekeeper at Pontypool, gave me a box of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and urged me to try them. I did so somewhat reluctantly as I did not think any medicine could help me. However, I used the pills, then I got another box and before they were gone I felt a trifling relief. Before a third box was finished there was no longer any doubt of the improvement they were making in my condition, and by the time I had used three boxes more I began to feel, in view of my former condition, that I was growing quite strong, and the pain was rapidly subsiding. From that out, there was a steady improvement, and for the first time in long weary years I was free from pain, and once more able to take my place among the world's workers. I have not now the slightest pain and I feel better than felt for seven years previous to taking the pills. I thank God that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills came in my way as I believe they saved my life, and there is no doubt whatever that they rescued me from years of torture. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills strike at the root of the disease, driving it from the system and restoring the patient to health and strength. In cases of paralysis, spinal troubles, locomotor ataxia, sciatica, rheumatism, erysipelas, scrofulous troubles, etc., these pills are superior to all other treatment. They are also a specific for the troubles which make the lives of so many women a burden, and speedily restore the rich glow

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