

CONVERSION.

front of the students of the College, New York... The book is by Rev. Fr. S. J. of New Orleans...

Irish Lamentation.

BY ALFRED PERCIVAL GRAVES. Cold, dark and dumb lies my boy on his bed, Cold, dark and silent the night dew is shed...

CATHOLIC THEOLOGY.

On the Buying and Selling of Votes.

Priests are remarkable for their delicacy in touching on politics, while in the pulpit. Many of them do not even instruct their people, on the eve of a general election...

What about buying and selling votes for instance? One is simply astounded at the loose and even false ideas current on this subject...

Is he not making merchandise of the sacred interests of the public? Either he takes the bribe to vote for the common good or to vote against it...

APART FROM ALL THIS taking money for one's decision in legal matters is forbidden by every law to judges, jurors and such...

Therefore it is dangerous to take money at all, even as a present, on occasion of elections. What shall we say then of deliberately offering one's vote for sale?

IN ADDITION TO THIS there is a meanness in such conduct that is generally recognized, and it is, I think, only the "low downer" speed men of humanity...

WHATEVER IS MEAN IS WRONG. Whoever does a mean thing, even if he cannot be found guilty of breaking this or that commandment...

HOW A CATHOLIC SHOULD VOTE. A Catholic should, if he can do so without causing injurious comment, make the Sign of the Cross, and saying "Here goes in the name of God" place his mark on the ballot...

He must look upon the act as holy. When priests are about to vote for a Bishop they must take an oath to cast their ballot for the best interests of the people of God.

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Are you really anxious to know the truth and ready to embrace it, even if it brings you into the Catholic religion? Are your minds wide open to conviction...

Right here, let us ask you: In what way does reason tell us we may save our souls? Only in God's way. Not in our own way, not in Luther's way...

Since the establishment of His Church Christ has never ordered a change in it. In following Luther, Calvin, Knox, Henry VIII., Pusey, and the other founders of Churches you are simply deserting the standard of Christ...

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Serving Time or Ought to be. Says Brann's Ironclast for September: "A. D. Hubbard, President of the Kansas A. P. Apes, was recently banded into the penitentiary for embezzlement, having previously served a term in the same prison for forgery..."

Pains of Purgatory. Different opinions exist among divines as to the extent of the sufferings of the holy souls, says The Little Pilgrim of Our Lady of Marys. There is a rigid view which makes their positive sufferings practically the same as those of the damned...

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FAITHFUL TO THE END.

A Young Temperance Apostle Whose Example Should be Followed.

The following touching account of the beautiful death of a young hero is taken from the San Francisco Monitor. May his life and death be an example to our boys:

"Death has removed from the ranks of the League of the Cross a brave boy whose heroic fidelity to his pledge entitled him to be known as a Confessor of Temperance. The last words that passed his lips before they were finally sealed in death were a public profession of the pledge of the League and a manly statement that he would prefer to endure the most excruciating pain rather than violate his solemn promise..."

"Again the physician tried to persuade him to drink it, but the little fellow remained firm. 'I have the pledge,' he protested. 'I belong to the League of the Cross.' 'At that moment the priest came to the bedside of the dying boy to administer the last rites of the Church. The priest advised him to take the stimulant, thinking that it would enable him to bear the torture during the few minutes that he had to live.' 'O, Father,' he moaned, 'it would be wrong. It would break my pledge.' 'The priest explained to him that it would not be a violation of the pledge if the physician judged it necessary.' 'The agony will be over in a few minutes,' he argued 'but if you say it is all right, I'll take it.' 'The last rites of the Church were soon administered and death came to relieve him of his suffering. His soul went before the Great Judge to be rewarded for heroic fidelity to conscience. His memory should be an inspiration to the members of the League of the Cross, and his example might well serve as their model.'"

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OUTLOOK OF THE CHURCH IN ENGLAND.

In an article entitled "Our Outlook," on the present position and the future of the Church in England, the Tablet writes: As a moment like the present, when a great landmark has been just made in Catholic history, and when a great movement of prayer for the conversion of England has been happily inaugurated by the Supreme Pastor of the Church, it is natural that we should seek to examine as closely as we can the actual position and to take stock of the helps which promote and the hindrances which retard the work which lies before us. If we could have any doubt of ultimate success, a mere glance at the ground which has been covered within the last fifty years would be sufficient to reassure us. Those of us who may be old enough to compare England of 1847, and her attitude towards the Catholic Church and Catholic doctrine, with England of 1897, feel that if only as much has gained with the fifty years next to come, the children and grandchildren of the Catholics of to-day will rejoice at beholding and hearing 'the things which we have wished to see and have not seen, and which we have wished to hear and have not heard.' Certainty we have only to scan the chart of the last half century, and the two facts that religious England is steadily moving in a curve, and that the curve is turning more and more rapidly towards Catholic Christendom, are just as plain as the evidence of our senses can make them. When a body moves towards a given point—certain mathematical possibilities apart—it ought only to be a question of persistence and time that it should get there. Hence our hopes in the future rest upon a very real basis of fact in the past, and we are neither unreasonable nor visionary when we say to ourselves, let things in England only continue to proceed as they have been proceeding, and some day we are certain to witness the realization of all that we hope and pray for: but we must see to have it that things shall proceed, not only as they have been proceeding, but, God helping, very much better and very much faster: and thus we shall hasten the desired consummation."

WORTHY OF IMITATION.

Catholics who are members of the Church whose first ministers Christ commanded to go and preach the Gospel to the world, may well find something worthy of imitation in the alacrity and generosity with which their Protestant neighbors contribute for Protestant missions in foreign countries. A year ago, at a Protestant gathering held down in Maine, the magnificent sum of \$100,000 was raised on a single Sunday for the support of foreign Protestant missions; and last week, at the same place, \$11,000 was collected for the same purpose on the closing day of the gathering; and these amounts are but a small part of the money which Protestants in this country annually contribute for the foreign missions of their sects. Now if Protestantism, whose preachers have no divinely appointed mission to preach what they call the Gospel, contributes such large sums for its foreign missions, assuredly Catholics, whose Church was commanded by Christ to evangelize the whole world, should not show themselves less generous in giving for the maintenance of those who are endeavoring to execute that command. The truth, though, is, painfully as it may sound, that we Catholics are woefully remiss in this duty of ours. The annual contributions which the American Catholics make for the propagation of the Faith appear shamefully small in the reports of the association that charges itself with the financial affairs of that work. The generosity of our Protestant friends in this respect ought to appeal to our pride and religious feelings and cause us to imitate their example. If the foreign missions fail to appeal to us as they should, we should at least show ourselves more interested in and generous towards the missions that are being continually conducted in various parts of this country for the conversion of non-Catholics to the true faith. Were those missions supported by American Catholics in the manner they should be, in the Catholicization of the United States would be materially advanced and rendered eventually certain.—The Catholic Columbian.

STUMPED THE MISSIONARY.

An Indian Belle Put a Question Which Dismantled the Priest.

In the current number of the Salesian Bulletin Rev. Bernard Vachina gives an interesting and graphic account of his labors among the Indian tribes of Central Patagonia. The missionary devotes several paragraphs to a description of an encounter with a belle of the Cacique Foyel tribe, in which the writer, as he himself admits, narrowly escaped being flouted.

"Her face," writes the priest, "was streaked with a kind of black paint that gave her a disgusting appearance. I wished her good evening and asked her name. 'I am a Christian,' she replied, 'and my name is Manuela.' 'You a Christian?' I exclaimed. 'You did quite right in telling me so, otherwise I could not have believed it. To me you look like Gualicho (the devil) with that frightful face. A Christian should never paint her face. Do you think to render yourself more beautiful and attractive? Believe me, you look more hideous than a hob goblin.' 'Those standing by began to laugh, to the great discomfort of the unlucky woman, who, I am sure, would have disfigured my visage with her long nails had she only been able to do so. However, after looking hard at me for a short while, she asked in a rather sharp and bantering tone: 'Pray, tell me, are not the Christian women, perhaps, in the habit of painting their faces?'"

"To tell the truth this question rather disconcerted me for a moment, seeing that a great deal of beauty derives its origin from the powder box. But, nevertheless, I felt justified in replying that good Christian women would not make use of this deceit, fearing thereby to offend God. 'The Indian woman remained silent after that and returned to her work. My rebuke, however, as I heard later on, had the desired effect, for since then she has never again attemped to paint her face.'"

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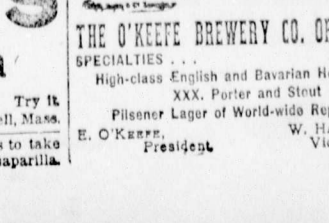
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