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Shall we sharpen and refine the youthful intellect, and then leave it to exercise its new powers upon the most sacred of subjects, as it will, and with the chance of exercising them wrongly?

THURSDAY, APRIL 14.

Some Chicagoans, it is said, proposed to purchase the famous cottage of Anne Hathaway at Shutteray and transport it over the Atlantic to Chicago.

The Presbyterian Witness weeps over "the state of morals in the pre-eminently Catholic countries of South America."

One of the most brilliant and successful diplomats in the British service is Nicholas Roderic O'Connor, an Irish Catholic.

The United States, it would seem, is guilty of the diplomatic outrage of attempting to force upon Spain as Consul at Ponapi, one of the Caroline Islands, a man who is peculiarly obnoxious to the latter nation.

A striking illustration of the almost incredible ignorance of Catholic doctrines on the part of even learned men is furnished by a recent editorial in the New York Sun, whose editor, Charles A. Dana, is one of the most scholarly men in the United States.

"D. M." writes us from the Province of Quebec: "In a copy of your paper dated some time after Christmas I observed you state 'there is absolutely no proof for Infant Baptism in the N. Testament.'"

The Halifax Critic somewhat tardily takes up the question of the proposed monument to Cardinal Newman in Oxford, and parrot-like refers to "the incongruity of erecting such a monument within a hundred yards of the spot where Cranmer, Ridley and Latimer were burned at the stake."

The Local Government has brought in a bill providing for compulsory instruction in the schools of the province on the effects of alcohol on the human system.

Andrew Carnegie, the Scottish-American millionaire, is a benevolently disposed man and deserves credit for his princely gifts to the public both in the land of his birth and in that of his adoption.

"I rejoice when young men and women have been fully occupied in obtaining knowledge of practical affairs, of shorthand and typewriting, of methods of farming, banking methods, book keeping, penmanship, business correspondence, business customs and commercial law."

Orange Loyalty. The Unionist members for Ulster held a private caucus on the last day of March, at the residence of Lord Arthur Hill, in London.

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THE TAXATION OF CHURCHES.

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THE PARKHURST DISCUSSION.

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But leaving aside Dr. Parkhurst's method of obtaining evidence, which we believe no right-thinking person will attempt to defend, we wish to call attention to one or two other points in connection with the controversy that has been raised by his attack on the city authorities.

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THE SCRIPTURE PROOF.

The Son of God, the second person in the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one substance, and equal with the Father, did, when the fulness of time was come, take upon him man's nature, with all the essential properties and common infirmities thereof, yet without sin; being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, of her substance.

According to the teaching of the Confession, which, on this point, is in reality no other than that of the Catholic Church as set forth in the definitions of General Councils, the Son of God, who is of one substance, and equal with the Father, took upon Him human nature, being conceived by the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the Virgin Mary.

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