

obtains little or no remuneration for his works, and that most of the material from the hand of the Catholic author is either sent back or placed in the waste-paper basket. How can a publisher be expected to pay large sums for Catholic works, when he knows the work will have a small circulation? How can an author be induced to waste his time writing when he is positive his work will be sent back from the publisher? It is for this reason that Catholic writers give up in despair and refuse to write.

Catholic books and newspapers are a necessity in Catholic homes today. In order to hold his own with people of other denominations he must know his faith and enlighten the others. What better way can he keep in touch with it than by reading Catholic papers and books? If we were to inquire into the number of families having a weekly Catholic paper, I think we should find less than one in six. Under those conditions we cannot expect to find a flourishing Catholic newspaper.

Germany, of all countries seems to have the best Catholic press. There we find something over two hundred daily Catholic newspapers with a good circulation. This is due no doubt to the great number of libraries devoted to Catholic books and pamphlets. We also find a society there called Volksverein for social education, which published many pamphlets against Nationalism and in defence of the Catholic Social position.

What then is to be done in order to increase the circulation of Catholic works? The main object is to increase the circulation and by so doing the publishers will be willing to buy and Catholic authors will become anxious to write. In Boston and the Arch Diocese of Boston, the Pilot a weekly newspaper which is widely known, used to be on sale at the church after mass. This caused somewhat of an increase in its circulation but still it was not sufficient to insure its publication. So the Arch-Bishop ordered every pastor in the Diocese to obtain a certain number of subscriptions in his parish in proportion to its size. This has greatly increased the circulation of the paper and has caused it to be found in nearly every home in the different parishes. If this practice were followed in all parishes I think that in every section of the country a Catholic weekly could thrive and obtain a circulation which would be enormous.

Another means of circulating more widely Catholic works, would be the opening of Catholic libraries and the formation of clubs and the like, with libraries containing the best Catholic books, magazines and papers. In this way the Catholic people