

PRESENTATION BROTHERS IN CORNWALL

The advent of the Presentation Brothers to Cornwall marks a new and important departure in educational matters in that town.

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A musical programme admirably carried out ended the day's festivities. The CATHOLIC RECORD firmly believes that wherever the Presentation Brothers establish a home in Canada they will be as welcome as the "flowers in May."

ENGLISH AND SPANISH AMERICA

Catholics generally have probably heard many stirring remarks recently as to the status of the Spanish-American countries, their lack of progress, their frequent revolutions, their ignorance and barbarism all with the recent troubles in Mexico to point the lesson.

For those who have any such thoughts it is well to recall just what the conditions are in the Spanish American countries and in our own as far as regards the condition of the people.

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Our poor Indians used to go on the warpath because of the awful conditions. They know how hopeless this is. Just now they are being treated so awfully that we ought to have plenty of revolutionary mutterings among them.

BACK TO THE CHILD

In a recent pastoral letter the Most Rev. Dr. Whiteside, Archbishop of Liverpool, England, dealt with the recent census of church attendance in Liverpool and the general question of public worship, and offered an explanation of "the outstanding fact of the increase of the Catholic Church attendance amidst the decrease of the other denominations."

According to the official returns of the diocese, the attendance of Catholics at divine worship on Sunday mornings in the city of Liverpool last year was on the average about 70,000. The census put the figure at 22,000, but this was for one Mass only.

The advance in church attendance finds its counterpart in spiritual progress in other directions. The Catholics in the whole diocese have increased in ten years from 334,000 to about 372,000. This increase includes nearly 10,000 converts.

While finding consolation in these results, Archbishop Whiteside contemplates the decadence among non-Catholic denominations with some regret, "both for our own sakes and for the sake of the country to which we belong." An increase in the number of those who are hostile to the Christian religion may

eventually prove a menace to ourselves, who represent dogmatic Christianity in its most uncompromising form.

"Might we not expect that there is some feature in her (the Catholic Church's) method, the presence of which explains her success, and the absence of which, in other denominations, explains their comparative failure?"

The true explanation of the decline in religious worship must be sought in men themselves—in the decay of what is called the religious sense. Ignorance of the divine fundamental truths in stifling that sense in so many outside the Catholic Church.

"The great lesson of the census of church attendance," concludes Archbishop Whiteside, "is the necessity for Catholics and for non-Catholics of their having denominational schools if, as a religious body, they are to continue to exist."

ORDINATION AT ST. PETER'S SEMINARY

On Ember Saturday His Lordship Bishop Fallon ordained the Rev. James Harding of this city to the priesthood; and the Rev. Thomas McCarthy of Logan, and Parnell Mahoney of Dresden, to the diaconate.

Following are the names of the priests present in the sanctuary: Monsignor Aylward, Rev. Fathers West, McKoon, Forster, Hanlon, Egan, Brennan, Stanley, Ford, Halligan, Nagle, Goetz, Goodwin, Laurendeau, Doyle, C. S. R., Corcoran, McCullough, Valentin, Labelle, Petre, Quigley and Majorano.

CARNALITY IN MANY WAYS

Carnality in song, dance and dress is growing apace. Social morals are visibly on the decline. There ought to be established a legal censorship of songs. The immodesty of women's dress is another thing to be censured—as well as the immoral dances, such as the Tango, the Turkey Trot, and half a dozen more.

A writer in the New York Musical Observer comments on the present-day songs as follows: "Is it not pitiful to look upon a little girl, perhaps seven or eight years old, snapping her fingers, swaying from side to side, and lustily singing as if her very heart were in every note, 'Everybody's doin' it, doin' it.'"

George Hamlin, the tenor, says: "The average American song is drivell, if not something worse. This could not be true if it were not for the fact that both composers and the purchasing public will consent to accept drivell. The young people of this country should be familiarized with good poetry. If better songs are to be the by-product of deeper culture, hasten the day!"

In regard to the modes of to-day the Kansas City Catholic Register says: "There is no artistic excuse for some of the costumes to be seen in public places," and it classifies certain garments as "designed to compel instant attention to their indecency."

It is learned from the secular press that women's dress models this summer are "the most audacious since the Directoire," and the explanation follows: "The Directoire audacity is understandable. France had been having a debauch in the name of freedom, religion had been insulted, anarchy had just been quelled, and in the slow process of restoration of law and order old conventions had been

nearly obliterated, morals were at a low ebb, and the social condition was exactly expressed in the dress of the women. But that social condition surely does not exist now.

Therefore fashions, to express the new sense of the alarming development of evil and the need of suppressing it, should become more formal and modest, not take on the aspect of the bacchanalia. There is no accounting for the extravagance of the prevailing Parisian mode."

It is a fact that immodest dress is responsible for many a young girl's ruin and downfall and every medical man of large practice and experience knows only too well the fires kindled by the present dress of young females.

The immodest dances are still greater agencies for the purposes of the devil. But there is a reaction on hand. Let us hope that the reaction will ever be on the increase, and



that these dances will never more be tolerated in decent society.—Intermountain Catholic.

If you are desirous of convincing anyone of error, first discover his own point of view; make the most of such truth as there is in it, and then put the other side before him.

It is a world we need be careful how we libel. Heaven forgive us, for it is a world of sacred mysteries, and its Creator only knows what lies beneath the surface of His lightest image.

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