

subdeacon. The music was exceptionally fine, the choir rendering Ross-wigg's mass which is an excellent sample of that touching and tuneful music that seems particularly appropriate to the joyful festival of Christmas. During the low mass of Thanksgiving, which followed the high mass, and for which the whole congregation remained, the choir sang Lambillotte's "Pastoral" and several Christmas hymns and canticles. At the offertory and other parts of the service the organist Mr. A-Bétournay, rendered some selections of airs associated with the feast.

There were large congregations present at the regular Sunday morning masses and in the afternoon there was a special service for the foreign members of the congregation, especially those speaking the Polish and German languages. About three hundred attended and a most energetic and evidently very telling sermon was preached by Rev. Father Kulawy, O. M. I. During this service appropriate hymns in the Polish language were sung, the singing being led by a young Polish woman, who possesses a remarkably strong and clear soprano voice, and the congregation joining in with the greatest heartiness.

In the evening the regular vespers of the day were sung, followed by an eloquent sermon by the pastor of the parish, Rev. Father Cherrier, and benediction of the blessed sacrament, at which more special music was rendered.

An interesting incident at the Christmas day services was the celebration of a low mass according to Oriental rite by Rev. Father Giraud, of the Order of St. Basil, who has just arrived in the city from Armenia and who will remain here for some time. It is understood that the reverend father will report on this country as a field for settlement by the persecuted Armenians, and he will whilst here minister to the Catholics who come from Armenia and Assria, of whom, it is said, there are a considerable number here. Father Giraud comes of old crusader ancestry, and besides speaking the language of the east, which is his native tongue, he has a perfect command of French. He is at present staying at the archbishop's palace, St. Boniface.—Free Press.

In the Cathedral of St. Boniface His Grace celebrated High Mass at midnight and preached a short pithy sermon. There were also two masses between midnight and one A. M. at the Hospital. Rev. Father Gravel began his three masses at 1.30 in the Grey Nuns' chapel, and Rev. Father Béliveau began his at 7 A. M. in the Hospice Taché. The beautiful French popular Christmas hymns were sung in all these places, and were especially well sung in the Hospital. Some of the devout people in these institutions heard as many as seven masses on Christmas day.

CATHOLICS IN NON-CATHOLIC COLLEGES.

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public schools. Schools," Hale continued, "are not for the mere purpose of instruction, they are for education; and there is no real education that is not moral education."

THE REALLY EDUCATED MAN MUST BE A PHILOSOPHER, SAYS U. S. COMMISSIONER HARRIS. The Hon. William Torrey Harris, United States Commissioner of Education, in an address delivered at the Quarter Centennial of Boston University, May 3, 1898, and subsequently in an address at Washington, declares that "our numerous self-educated men, of whom we are so proud" (and who, I may add, are continually quoted against us), "have never advanced beyond elementary methods. Very often," he says, "they are men of great accumulations in the way of isolated scraps of information. They have memory pouches unduly developed." They have become conspicuous chiefly because they are narrow and have forced their way along that narrow pathway into prominence. "It is absurd to suppose," he continues, "that those men can solve the problems that are now before us, especially since territorial expansion has widened our national horizon. The America of the future must be fashioned by men of higher education, and the glory of higher education is that it makes philosophy its leading discipline, and gives an ethical bent to all its branches of study. Higher education must direct the students in history and psychology, in the understanding of deep national principles and the aspirations which mold and govern men in their individual and social actions. The really educated man must be a philosopher, and is by that fact the spiritual monitor of the community of which he is a part."

OUR OWN CURRICULUM THE MODEL FOR OTHERS.

There we have it. With Oxford and Cambridge insisting upon Latin, Greek, modern languages, elementary mathematics and some science as the proper college course, with Edward Everett Hale pleading for systematic teaching in morality, and the United States Commissioner, whose word is accepted as law by public school educators throughout the land, decreeing that philosophy is an essential in higher education, what have we but the actual lines of our own curriculum? Surely with such authorities as these it cannot be said that Catholic teaching is out of touch with the times we live in. Nay, with one of these classical languages used among us as a living medium of speech, with moral sacramental helps not obtainable elsewhere; with philosophy, which is not a mere historical knowledge of exploded systems, as in most non-Catholic colleges, but a scientific reasoned course through the whole range of metaphysical and ethical research, which always concludes our course, and which is pursued six or seven years by all the professors as a preparation for teaching even grammar, we can safely say that we are not only not out of touch with the times, but better equipped than most men to

meet the exigencies which are indicated by those great authorities in the matter of education.

Our attitude on this matter calls to mind a notable utterance made on the battlefield of Gettysburg, at a moment when many in our army were already despairing of the issue.

Behind the dense woods to the west the war-scarred legions of Lee had hurried to the fray. North of the town the heroic Reynolds fell and the first blood was spilled. In the town and south of it the retreating Federals made a stand on the second day; and the third found them ranged behind the deadly line of cannon on which the troops of Pickett broke, and fortified on that fierce hill which nature reared for them as an impregnable fortress. "We have been hammered into a position," said Newton to Meade, "from which we cannot be dislodged." Round that fortress the fury of the battle spent itself, down in the bloody wheat field and in the Devil's Den, until at last, shattered and defeated, the great army turned and fled, and the country was saved.

THE INSUPERABLE DIFFICULTIES UNDER WHICH CATHOLIC COLLEGES HAVE LABORED.

So, if we may compare little things with great, has the battle of education been going on. Beginning in poverty and debt, oppressed and harassed with a thousand occupations to get money to keep the sheriff from

the door, gathering what hurried resources we could, struggling as best we might to keep body and soul together, with nothing but the scant fees of the students and often not even that in the way of revenue, with absolutely no compensation for our professors, with no help in the way of gifts and foundation, deserted by many wealthy Catholics, with little sympathy and plenty of coldness and criticism and condemnation, taunted for our failures and flouted for being out of joint with the times, we have struggled on year after year through good and evil report, until at last we have edifices which we can look at with pride, facilities for literary and scientific education in libraries and laboratories which are equal if not superior to those of many much-talked-of institutions, with representatives of our training not only in the sombre black or princely purple of the ecclesiastical state, but in all the learned professions—in business life, in the halls of legislature, on the bench, in the army and in establishments of the higher or the highest education, with an ever increasing number of students in our upper courses, and, what is most amazing, with precisely that course of studies which we have been clinging to through the dark and gloomy days of what we may characterize as the scientific rebellion, recognized and endorsed as the only one that can fit men to be leaders in the battle of life. "We have been

hammered into a position from which we cannot be dislodged."

WITH BETTER SUPPORT CATHOLIC COLLEGES WOULD LEAD IN THE WORK OF COLLEGIATE EDUCATION.

No one is more keenly alive to our limitations and our defects than myself; but I do not think it rashness to say, that if we could receive a thousandth part of the pecuniary help that is showered on the most inconspicuous institutions, not to speak of the millions that are granted to the great universities, nay, if we had even the loyal support that we have a right to of the wealthier Catholics, we could be the acknowledged leaders in the work of collegiate education.

With the refining and elevating influences of classical studies, with the deep knowledge and comprehensive grasp of the principles of individual and social life which Catholic philosophy bestows, with that religious and moral formation which Catholic colleges alone can give, we are better able than others to meet the dangers which threaten civilization from the grossness and sordidness of growing wealth, from the atheism which is pervading the whole social and political world, as well as from the immorality which is increasing with such appalling rapidity, and to build up in Catholic colleges the rock upon which those forces will be shattered, and around which the battle will be fought which will save the nation.

I have used Ripans Tablets with so much satisfaction that I could cheerfully recommend them. Have been troubled for about three years with what I call bilious attacks, and which I have called once a week. Was told by different physicians that it was caused by bad teeth, or worms, I had several. I had the teeth extracted, but the attacks continued. I had seen advertisements of Ripans Tablets in all the papers but had no faith in them, but about six weeks since a friend in the district tried to give me a box of the small boxes of the Tablets and have had no recurrence of the attacks. Have never given a testimonial for anything before, but the great amount of good which I believe has been done me by Ripans Tablets induces me to add mine to the many testimonials you doubtless have in your possession now.

I have been a great sufferer from constipation for over five years. No medicine has ever relieved my feet and legs and I was told to use only a laxative. I have tried many of these and only a little relief. I have seen Ripans Tablets advertised in our daily paper, bought some and took them as directed. Have taken them about three weeks and there is such a change! I am not constipated any more and I owe it all to Ripans Tablets. I am thirty-seven years old, have no occupation, only my household duties and nursing my sick husband. He has had the dropsy and I am trying Ripans Tablets for him. He feels some better but it will take some time, he has been sick so long. You may use my letter and name as you like.

I want to inform you, in words of highest praise, of the benefit I have derived from Ripans Tablets. I am a professional nurse and in this profession a clear head is always needed. Ripans Tablets does it. After one of my patients found myself completely run down. Acting on the advice of Mr. Gen. Fowler, Ph. G., 58 Newark Ave., Jersey City, I took Ripans Tablets with grand results.

Mother was troubled with heartburn and sleeplessness, caused by indigestion, for a good many years. One day she saw a testimonial in the paper endorsing Ripans Tablets. She determined to give them a trial, was greatly relieved by their use and now takes the Tablets regularly. She keeps a few cartons Ripans Tablets in the house and says she will not be without them. The heartburn and sleeplessness have disappeared with the indigestion which was formerly so great a burden for her. Our whole family take the Tablets regularly, especially after a hearty meal. My mother is fifty years of age and is enjoying the best of health and spirits; also eats hearty meals, an impossibility before she took Ripans Tablets.

I have been suffering from headaches ever since I was a little girl. I could never ride in a car or go into a crowded place without getting a headache and sick at my stomach. I heard about Ripans Tablets from an aunt of mine who was taking them for catarrh of the stomach. She had found such relief from their use she advised me to take them too, and I have been doing so since last October, and will say they have completely cured my headaches. I am twenty-nine years old. You are welcome to use this testimonial.

My seven-year-old boy suffered with pains in his head, constipation and complaint of his stomach. He could not eat like children of his age do and what he did eat did not agree with him. He was thin and of a sallow color, and of a saffron color. Reading some of the testimonials in favor of Ripans Tablets, I tried them. Ripans Tablets not only relieved but actually cured my youngster, the headaches have disappeared, bowels are in good condition and he never complains of his stomach. He is now a red, chubby-faced boy. This wonderful change I attribute to Ripans Tablets. I am satisfied that they will benefit any one (from the cradle to old age) if taken according to directions.

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