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MAY 18, 1901. cathedral is cut off from the main THE MONK AND HIS WORK. thorcughfare, but eventually the ground will be cleared through to Vic-In the "Travellers' Record " of toria street. It will be the seat of Car-dinal Vaughan and headquarters of Hartford appeared, recently, a picture of a monk engaged in illuminating a

ainal vaughan and headquarters of English Catholics. The gorgeous throne, which was sculptured in Rome, has arrived as a gift from the English Bishops to the of a mous cargaged in intuminating a manuscript. Apropos of the picture the editor of the Record writes : "Our monk is evidently amused. In his eye beams a beneficent satisfaction: his eye beams a beneficent satisfaction: the set of his lips, the hand that nestles the chin, are full of supreme self com-placency. Evidently the copy is a work of art. The letter has moulded perfectly under his careful tilumination Cardinal. It is of white marble mosaic work and a replica of the throne in St. John Lateran's at Rome.

NEWMAN ON CONFESSION. perfectly under his careful illumination the colors of the careful illumination have blended into a beautiful and per-

A Heavenly Ides, Next After the Blessed Sacrament,

"To him and his kind we owe much. "To him and his kind we owe much. The best thoughts of the old philoso-phers and poets, the history of past ages, the chronieles of his own day, have been preserved to us mostly through his labors; much also of mor-How many are the souls in distress, anxiety, or loneliness, whose one need is to find a being to whom they can pour out their feelings unheard by the world? Tell them out they must ; they cannot tell them out to those whom they see every hour. They want to tell them out, yet be as if they be not told; they wish to tell them to one who is ality and virtue, in an age when civilization seemed vanquished. In the breaking up of the old society which we trace from the fifth to the strong enough to bear them, yet not eighth century, ignorance grew apace. To the men of that day it must have there is one to whom they can betake themselves. There is one who thinks of them, and one to whom in thought they can re-who is whom they be betake they can reed that the world was sinking into barbarism. The arts, the sciences, the culture, all that was best in the old civilization, seemed to have shared the fate of all that was worst and been swept into oblivion. "Rotten and corrupt as was Rome in cur, to whom they can betake themselves, if necessary, from time to time, while they are in the world. How the years of her decadence, yet the shame of these was dimmed by the tramany a Protestant's heart would leap ditions of her magnificence and culat the news of such a benefit, putting

ditions of ner magnincence and cul-ture in the days of power. To the Ro-man subject and to the barbarian, kimself, Bome remained the symbol-of might, and men looked to her, though no longer for power, yet for ideas. They believed she was to rise again, and the raign of Charlemore aside all distinct ideas of a sacramental ordinance, or of a grant of pardon and the conveyance of grace ! If there is a heavenly idea in the Catholic Church, looking at it simply as an ides, surely, next after the Biessei Sacrament, Confession is such. And such is it ever found in fact-the very again, and the reign of Charlemagne d to be the forerunner of a new act of kneeling, the low and contrite voice, the sign of the cross hanging, Roman empire, but it was to be only a break in the slouds of ansrchy and so to say, over the head bowed low, and the words of peace and blessing. chaos of the years that again fell dark-"The Christian Church, powerful through its organization and discip-Oh, what a soothing charm is there, which the world can neither give nor line, incorporated in itself the force of a real religion and the glamor of take away ! Oh, what piercing, heartsubduing tranquility, provoking tears of joy, is poured almost substantially and physically upon the soul; the oll Rome's traditional power and glory. "The monasteries, severe in rule, yet offered a place of peace in the

of gladness, as Scriptures call it, when the penitent at length rises, his God reconciled to him, his sins rolled away forever ! This is Confession as it is in fact. - Present Position of Catholics.

LOSSUET READINGS

threes of change. Here, then, ctuid come not only the ascetic man of the Church, but the disappointed, the man Attract the Cream of Parisian Society.

There has just been closed a series the scholar, the scientist. These monof religious meeting clothed with circumstances the most extraordinary ever witnessed in Paris. Leo Claretie has given numercus addresses upon They taught not only the rule of plain living, but the dignity of the sermons of Mgr. Bosuet in the Boulevard theatre, while Mounet-Sully has been his companion on the roelabor. They gave to the people of that time some knowledge of the arts of peace, of agriculture far in advance trum, reading extracts upon which of peace, of agriculturous tillage that of the rude and barbarous tillage that was generally practiced. They taught the value of public morality, and them Claretie commented.

All Paris is puzzled over the spectacle of these two men, famous in the dramatic world and hitherto considered ing. To their influence most of the typical Parisians, devoting themselves to the propagation of Christianity. social morality and virtue of the time

The audiences that heard the two "The Benedictines, especially, enwere composed of the cream of Pariscouraged learning ; reading was com-pulsory, and during certain hours chosen brethren made their rounds to ian society. Venerable duchesses, who had not appeared at public gath-Venerable duchesses, erings since the days of the empire, see that all the inmates were reading or writing instead of languishing or gossiping. To them, and the orders came out of their seclusion to bear the expositions of M. Claretie and the

that sprang from them, we owe in great part the preservation of the Greek and Roman classice, and though in the utter darkness that seemed to to be like those of the great Bishop of Meaux. Whenever Sully concluded a creep over the western world in the tenth century—the dark age ; the age tenth century-the dark age; the age of lead, as those years were called which saw the growth of the feudal ince applauded, as did hearers in those olden days in the churches when carried away by the words of the system, the decay of the Church, the brilliant Bossuet. Another example cannot be recalled frightful immorality of priest, monk, noble, and people alike-yet the work of sermons originally delivered two hundred and fifty years ago arousing of copying the old manuscripts, the building up of the great monastic libraries, the art of illumination, had such enthusiasm when read to day. People say that Claretie and Sully are following in the footsteps of many liter en so far accomplished and so widely ary Frenchmen who recently have betaken up as a means of monastic emary Frenchmen who recently have be-come religicus. Among them are Francois Coppee, Ferdinand Brune-tiere, Paul Bourget, Jules Lemaitre, Huysman and Jules Verne. ployment, that the momentum of past practice brought it through into the regenerating influences that came in the middle years of the eleventh cen-tury; and though the indifference of many years and the iconoc'attle theor

of hell shall not prevail against it ;" and "Behold, I am with you all days, even to the consummation of the world." -Rev. James O'Doherty, Haverill.

THE CATHOLIC RECORD

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TALKED TO SOCIALISTS. Jesuit Answers Their Questions Regarding the Church.

Rev. Henry Wocds, S. J., prefect of studies at S^{*}. ignatius College, lectured in the Academy of Science in San Francisco, recently, to an audi-ence that filled the large auditorium of the building, on "The Catholic Church and the Labor Problem." Church and the Labor Problem. The lecture was under the suspices of Liberty branch, social D-mocratic party, and was preceded by a reading by a Socialist member and of an in-

formal address by Chairman Jones of the Socialist Democracy. Father Woods, whose address was extemporaneous, held the attention of

his hearers during an interesting and eloquent speech of one hour's duration it which he enumerated many importoo strong to despite them; they wish tant phases of the labor and social to relieve themselves of a load to gain question from the Catholic stand-

with people representing all religious denominations as well as socialists and agnostics of every school who remained to the conclusion without manifesting any fatigue. Several times during the delivery of the lecture was Father Woods the recipient of applause as he showed in clear, logical and unmis-takable terms the doctrine of the Catholic Church and its position as the un-swerving friend of the sons of tcil. Father Woods opened his address with an outline of man's attributes as a social being, his instincts and environments, his needs of companionship, his natural right of life, his right to live in decency and comfort, his relations to human society and to the state-showing from a theological standpoint how an intringement on man's natur-al rights are not valid if contrary to the laws of nature, which are above

human laws, Father Woods continued : "Under the beneficent influences of the Catho the benchent influences of the Gaund lic guilds of what some people are prone to designate as the dark ages, labor was in possession of rights and privilegee that under our modern civilization they are seeking to re-

cover. UNDER THE GUILD SYSTEM labor was organized into different crafts and an apprentice had to serve so long at his trade before he could practice his trade or calling as a journeyman. In those days labor held the highest offices of state and municipality, in some cases over the heads of nobles of rank. In the city of Flor ence preference was shown to laborers, the highest offices being within their reach owing to the strength of their organizations. Thus labor sat in state and council hall where a nobleman by blood could not hold or acquire civic bonor. If labor thus organized held controlling interests in legislation, I similar lines cannot do so to day.

"It is to the highest interest of every citizens and every country that a prop er understanding and a kindly spirit should prevail between capitalists and laborers. There need be no antagon-ism, there should be no war between

spirit of Christian charity, asking no return. While the Church laws have not been changed, economic and com-mercial conditions have changed, and traveler from New Z saland shall, in if what is loaned be taken from a pro-ductive ent prise, and is similarly employed by our neighbor, and not to satisfy necessary or immediate motion for the midst of a vast solitude, take his bridge to sketch the ruins of St. Ductor satisfy necessary or immediate wants, the amount charged for such a loan, if npensation is made, might reasonably be accepted, viz , the amount represented as our less by gain loaned to

our neighbor to invest in a similar productive industry." GOOD PEOPLE.

"To my mind," says Father Faber, "the faults of good people-I do not mean slips and infirmities, but cold, beartless faults — have something specially odious about them." For "good" people, read

people. Good people, read "correct" people. Good people ought not to be cold and heartless; goodness suppcess kindness of heart. Bat correct people may be austere of manner, exemplary of conduct and religious in appearance -- without being really good. Pride of position, selfishness and cal-culation preserve them from slips and infirmities, but their want of charity, kindness and all the generous traits of humanity will crop out in conduct. And the moralist bewails it :

" Alas for the rarity Of Christian charity."

We have a saintly example pointing out the better pathway. It is related in the life of St. Francis de Sales that when some quarrel arose among the workmen engaged in laying the foundation of a convent, the Sister Superior requested St. Francis to come and put a stop to the trouble. Tho saint came, but, instead of becoming angry with the men, he spoke to them in gentle the men, he spoke to Mother Superior tones; whereupon the Mother Superior exclaimed: "Really, Father, if you do nothing more, you should not have taken the trouble to come. Your gentleness only augments the audacity of those rude men." "Not at all," re plied the saint. "Do you wish that in aquarter of an hour I should destroy the little edifice of interior peace at which I have labored for eighteen vears?

THE PRIEST, THE SCHOOL AND THE SCHOLARS.

The Rev. R R. Dolling gives an account in The London Pilot of the plan he is pursuing in his endeavors to

bring the little ones of his flock in the East End, in London, under the power and influence of Christ. After insist ing that the priest must be continually in the schools he proceeds to lay down in the schools he proceeds to hay down a programme which has underlying it the same principle as that of the Cath-olic Social Union. "The priest, too," writes Father Dolling, "chould gather them into rooms, where the little ones can learn, sing, play, dance, and skip, and discover that there is a place better than the gray streets, and that that place is theirs by right because it be blood could not hold or acquire civic bonor. If labor thus organized held controlling interests in legislation, I see no reason why labor organized on aimilar lines cannot do so to day. learned at school, and never mastered because they could not practice them. And as the boys grow older their playground should be made a real play ground for football and cricket, a rea

touched the highest point of her glory, and is now fast marching on her downward course. In the past year the United States has outrivaled her in competitive industry and secured con-tracts from England over the heads of her own merchants and builders Moreover, it has taken England more than two years to beat down a handful of Boers, and to day, at this very mo ment, Eogiard, with all her pride and boasted strength, is packing down be fore the Russians at Tien Tsin. Thus nations arise and fall, but the Church of Christ contin ues to flourish, and is to.

CONVERTS AND THE SACRA-MENTALS.

hend the use of the sacramentals in the Church, and by a strange attrac the Unurch, and by a strange attrac-tion they readily and enthusiastically take them up. The Catholic World Magazine has a very practical article on the Catholic spirit of devotion.

Among other things it says : "And even though a soul has been properly guided in the choice of its devotional practices, another handle to misunderstanding and abuse is offered by the gaudy livery-distracting to those of good taste - with which modern devotions are too often clothed. Since devotion is of its nature an interior act of religion, the sodality, the prescribed prayer, the badge, and the medal are only the external and the signs of interior sentiments, mere ac-cidentals with which the Christian soul may on occasion altogether dispense, while-in theory at least-remaining absorbed in deep and loving communion with God and His glorious saints. True enough, we are not, therefore, justified in concluding that external practices are injurious or of little practical value to internal piety Such a doctrine would be altogether out of harmony with the mind of the Church, clearly manifested in her re peated sanction of innumerable sodal-ities, and in the offer of immense spirit ual favors to those who enroll themselves in her various confraternities The utility of the sodality is patent, and needs no defence ; but its proper function, as a bulwark to human weakness, is sometimes forgotten. Da votion is degraded into a system of props and stays, and sanctity becomes a flimsy and ill balanced affair, ready to topple over the moment its multitu dinous external supports are removed. It is not always easy to answer a hos tile critic who complains that certain levotees should spend more time and energy in erecting a solic edifice of true piety, and less in the invention

rafters of the roof." EVEN CHILDBEN WONDER.

of a dozen shaky outhouses, weak

Even our Catholic school children wonder at times at the ignorance of our separated brethren, and, in particular, ground for football and oricket, a real of our daily newspapers, in regard to drilling ground for marching and physical exercise. All this should be done by the Church, because the Church loves them, because they are her chil-loves them. Because they are her chil-loves them, because they are her chil-loves them. Because they are her chil-loves them are the near the should be are the should be the should be know as little about the Catholic ra-know as little about the Catholic ra-know as little about the catholic ra-know as little about the should be are the should be the should be are should be about the should be are should be are should be about the should be are should be a

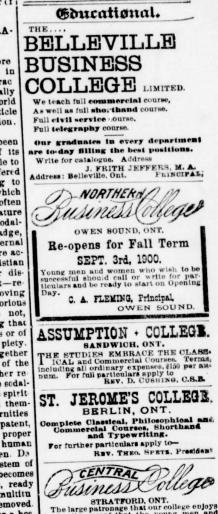
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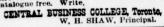
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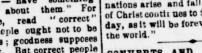
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Converts find it difficult to compre

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holy water, which, as is is usually blessed by a blessing may be per-y time and in any suit-t is directed to be done before Mass with the exter and Pentecost, when used on the previous even asperges. In the Orien-there is the custom of sing water on the feast of in memory of the baptism a the river Jordan, w -Weekly Bouquet.

THEM TO MARRY.

pril, 19.-At the eighth nion and Irish night of 's parish of Cambridge last w. Thomas Scully declared or he intends to tax all un. in his parish over twenty. age \$25 a year until they age of thirty-five years will be taxed \$50 After y will be exempt from the priest says that no woman to marry them then. propose to open a matrimo-, but something has got to beep so many of these selligent young men from achelors."

SUSTAINING POWER OF GOD ies of certain periods caused great damage to many priceless works, and, in the days when writing material was scarce, and argumentative and disputations brethren wrote their tire-some discourses and the miracles of the ended of the miracles of the

We are sometimes told that it is the grand ceremonials of the Catholic Church that produce a sentiment in the Catholic people that binds them to the Church, yet the fallacy of this statement is apparent to every student of history. During the early persecu-tions of the Church in Ireland, instead of grand Church ceremonies, the holy sacrifice of the Mass was offered in keep intact until the Renaissance and caves, on the mountain tops and on the hillside by [stealth, while a guard treasures of the past. "Done by hand, every letter copied with care, a whole year oftentimes spent on one copy of a work, these manuscripts have come down to our watched the approach of the persecut. ors. There was no altar but a rock, and no grand ceremonisle, if we except the incense of the prayers of a days perfect in form, and, though the people persecuted for worshipping God according to the distates of their Latin of the later years of the art is so corrupt as to be an almost untranslat conscience. These was no sentiment or grand Church ceremonials there, yet the Catholic faith lived and flurished. These was no sentiment able horror to modern scholars, yet a great number are triumphs of careful and painstak ng labor, while for har-We gave only to look back half a celtury in our own city to see a little band mony of rich coloring the old illumin ated manuscript, fresh almost as the day it was done, stands out as an exof Catholics worshipping in an humble dwelling that now stands in the rear of the Christian Brothers' school on ample of exquisite art, to the despair of the imitator and illustrator of the Broadway; again in a hall on Main street, and later in a little wooden edi-fice where grand ceremonials were

Order's saints over the priceless copies

of their predecessors, enough had been done, and still continued to be done in

the periods of revival, to secure and

the reign of the printing press the

present day."

tract from which both should obtain fair compensation. Certainly union strife between partners is and not necessary for their common success. "His Holiness Pope Leo XIII., has by his recent encyclicals on 'Christian Damocracy,' 'The Condition of Labor,' etc., thrown a flood of light on the respective rights and interests of capital-

ists and laborers. While might is in-variably on the side of the rich trust or syndicate of capitalists in their deal-ings with their employes, there is still a mightler force—the moral power of public opinion, which ultimately, by its sympathetic influences, advances the just claims of the toilers when right is shown to be clearly on the side of organized labor."

RUNNING FIRE OF QUESTIONS.

The most interesting feature of a so-cialistic meeting followed, namely, the questions and replies to the interroga-tories of the audience. Replying to a question propounded as to the actual benefit to the wage earner of better in dustrial conditions, Father Woods said: 'The Catholic Church does not undertake to change the inequalities of human society, whose advantages and blessings are for our use, not to be abused." The next was a question advanced by Mr. George Barnaby, an active socialist, who asked: "If the active socialist, who asked : If the wage elaves under higher wages were to pay gamblers' profits to merchants, would not wealth continue to concentrate in the hands of the capitalistic money changer, and poverty continue the inevitable fate of the wage slave ?" to which the lecturer replied : "Idon't agree with you that a wage earner is a slave. The Catholic Church's idea is that there should be a more equitable distribution of wealth, small pro-fits for capital, larger returns for labor. The inevitable result of an in-The great Catholic cathedral in Lon-don, close to Westminster abbey, is nearing completion. It is remarkable as the only cathedrals built of brick-the reddest of red brick at that. It dif-fers radically in architec ure from the majority of cathedrals, being almost Moorish in design. It covers a large extent of ground, and has a single tall, square brick tower rising from one corner. The

with God, and that it is Jesus Christ who still 'pipes to them that they may dance.' If they really want to grow cord up they must gain their true growt first of all in their souls, and that can only be done by religion, and therefore the day school and all work among the children must be led up to because it proceeds from the actual service

f God."-American Herald. SENSATIONAL PREACHING.

At the recent dedication of the new St. Joseph's Church, South Baltimore, Bishop Donahue of Wheeling, W.Va., in his able sermon took occasion to say in regard to the tendency of Protestant ism toward sensationalism :

ism toward sensationalism : "Alas, that so many have gone as tray ! You will see men to-day pro-fessing to be ministers of Christ laps ing into sensationalism — low, cheap sensationalism containing the negation of some of the most sensed truths of the of some of the most sacred truths of the Bible, such as details of future pun-ishment, a questioning, if not the de-nial, of the divinity of Christ !

"Some of the topics these alleged ministers of the gospel' discuss are the Lessons from the San Francisco Ship-'How Railroad Accidents Could be Avoided and What They Teach; ' The Evils of Bicycle Riding, and 'The Crime of the Census,' as dis cussed recently by & Washington minis-ter. To the churches whose pulpits are filled by such ministers the people come desirous of the bread of life and are put off with a stone !

"By this time these ministers are beginning to find that they are treading on dangerous ground, which is leading them farther and farther away from the truth. There is now nothing too foolish or too childish to form the subject matter of their alleged preaching. But you, my Catholic friends, may re-joice, for you know that to you is preached the Word of God, teaching

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