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The Catholic Record. averse to all amusement. But withut championing the cause of the Puritan, he can show some reason for his LONDON, SATURDAY, SEPT. 26, 1903. attitude; but the critic, judging him by

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ordinary common sense.

A KNOWLEDGE OF CATHOLIC

TRUTH.

The one antidote to the poison that

is circulated by the press of the country

is a knowledge of Catholic truth. We

do not mean that the trade of the calum-

Now, one of the ways to meet this is

THE THEATRICAL SITUATION.

We are bracing ourselves to with. stand the avalanche of letters anent the theatrical situation. We get them regularly at the beginning of the season. As soon as the tourist strays homeward from isolated hamlet, or the overcrowded, vulgarized and artificial sea-side resort they begin to come in . We should be accustomed to them by this time, but frankly they always dis-

turb our equanimity. But it heartens us somewhat to know that so many of a curiosity. The present day bigot has us have set our faces against the deno war paint and shouts no war cry. gradation of the stage. That we may He wears a bland smile and professes be able to have the stage as an educaaffection for his Catholic friends who tion, and not as a purveyor of sensuality are generally wrapt into an ecstasy of is, we presume, the wish of the normalgratitude for such manifestation of minded citizen. We all agree as to liberality. Then he uses them at the this. But how to bring it about is a polls, prevents them from having repreproblem which, if we attach any credence to sundry screeds, is wondrously complex. But to our minds it is a simple problem which, if we are not hypocrites, can, and ought to solve. We are the judges in this matter of entertainment. No theatrical company will invest in any drama that is not likely to have good box-office receipts. However, it is well to bear in mind that the ordinary manager is not worried by talk. He is used to it, and, moreover, we know that if the eloquence expended here among us on certain chemes, were reinforced by half the amount of action, our towns would be at once the models and despair of our neighbors. Any symptoms of an organall classes. But let us not be misled. ized attempt to turn aside the current The tolerance of which they speak is of dollars from the managerial pocket the child of weariness and indifferentwill prompt prudence in the selecism which has been adapted by those tion of plays. In a word, we can have who take kindly to the religion that the drama as we desire it. If we have flatters human conceit and pride and no objection to the problem drama

which affords opportunities to ladies with pasts and clothes the manager will have none. We may, of course, delude ourselves into believing that we attend points are not reckoned with. such plays on account of the artistic merit of the principals, of the beauty, to know our Faith. Books which treat the lives, or mayhap of the scenic effects. But do we honestly believe this? Is There is no excuse for a Catholic to not that reason a clumsy excuse for lowness of ideal, for morbidity of mind, are to have enlightened piety we must tor a liking for the things which stand for the flesh and the devil. There is no use prating about purifying the stage if we support the drama that drills holes through the sixth commandment. If we do not like it, we can manifest our displeasure by not going to see it. We can let the heroine perform to empty benches. Our "principal citizens," who ought not allow themselves to be seduced by laudatory advance struction. notes of the malodorous, should give good example by their non-attendance.

And the manager who expects to do We are not essaying to preach. No, business will take heed and govern we leave that to those competent to do business will take heed and govern himself accordingly. His aim is money. He is, we believe, not burdened with scruples as to the best means of obtain-ing it—owing,perchance, to the fact that a strict to one of our churches a short a strict to one of our churches a short a strict to one of our churches a short a strict to one of our churches a short a strict to one of our churches a short a strict to one of our churches a short a strict to one of our churches a short a strict to one of our churches a short a strict to one of our churches a short a strict to one of our churches a short a strict to one of our churches a short a strict to one of our churches a short ing it-owing, perchance, to the fact that visit to one of our churches a short he rubs elbows with people who in time ago intensified our conviction in order to be amused either smother conthat respect. For instance we noticed science or salve its hurts with an ointa crowd of men and women who seemed ment compounded of wind and insincerunwilling to get beyond the church ity. If, however, he detects any desire doors. These people, we opine, fight for clean drama, he will do all in his their way to the best seats at a cheap power to gratify it. But if we sit show, but any place is good enough for down, as we did last year, and applaud them in the temple of God, They any ill-smelling old thing that he cares rarely see the altar: they cannot as a to offer us : if we allow him to have the rule hear half of the sermon, but this idea that we dote on exhibitions of how does not disquiet them. But at a political to mishandle the Commandments-well, round-up they are there-very much so we may have some letters anent the -up near the platform. Some of them matter, but nothing else. The manager were on one knee during the most solemn has his fingers on the pulse of the parts of the service : others were withpublic. If abnormal he will proffer us out books or beads or any external aid the drama of the gutter; if normalto devotion. as it should be in any clean-minded and Then again just before the Gospel self-respecting community - he will some of the well-to do arrived, and with

his copy on the drama, is devoid of

niator is plied so busily now as in bye-gone times. Here and there a bigot comes out in war-paint and cavorts in the antique style, but he is regarded as

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liberality. Then he uses them at the polls, prevents them from having repre-sentation in the Dominion Parliament, and does it all so skillfully that Catho-lies never evince a feeling of resent-ment. But what we wish to point out at present is that much of the printed matter which finds its way into the household tends to destroy faith, or at least to hamper the development of spiritual virility, and it does this effect-ively. It has its say on every subject in heaven and on earth. It approaches the loftiest themes and presumption and with such plausibility as to effect those who cannot give reason for the faith within them. It dilates on the kindly, tolerant feeling which prevails between t all classes. But let us not be misled. The tolerance of which they speak is the lofterance of which they speak is the lofteran had been sick and was at one period of her illness about to send for me, for she said: "I know you could have done me good." Would I have gone? Certainly. INSTRUCTIONS ON RAILWAY TRAINS. Frequently have I given brief in-structions on trains to trainmen, with splendid results. Very soon I expect to receive into the Church, or have some other priest receive for me, one of my train catechumens. These young does not deal too severely with the vagaries of human passion. That we are here to do God's will ; that hell awaits the sinner; these and other

foundation. Hearts afire for the interests of the Church are not formed by the reading of sentimental rubbish. The lips that can inform the questioner or silence the slanderer are not taught by the average magazine with its silly clatter about love and the world. These require the touch of the Lord through the sermon and the book of in-IRREVERENCE IN CHURCH.

and Protestant churches I have never

Catholic Record.

plan away many of the texts of Scrip-ture which teach Catholic doctrine, My experience in local missionary work to non-Catholics, which I have practised since my ordination, may prove interesting, or at least encourag-ing and possibly suggestive, to young priests just beginning their sweet labors in the Lord's vineyard. "What do you do to interest non-""What do you do to interest nonto receive into the Church, or have some other priest receive for me, one of my train catechumens. These young men feel flattered to have a priest take such an interest in them—and, after all, it is only our duty of charity. At every funeral, large and small, of the old and the young, even infants, I preach a short sermon on some beautiful Catholic truth, for many non-Catholics and lukewarm Catholics at any other time darken the door of a Catholic ehurch. My experience teaches me that the pointed funeral sermon is productive of the best spiritual results. As much as possible I hold Sunday evening devotions in the church, which is always accompanied by an instructive talk or lecture. The evening is the auspicious time to reach the non-Catholic. For this reason especially I sometimes rent the opera house for a Sunday evening series of lectures. Everybody—people who will not cross the threshold of any church—will crowd into the public hall. At every one of eight lectures delivered in our opera house Sunday evening sduring the past winter we had

are committed in thy name." There is nothing slavish in a dignified submis-sion to lawful authority, and that is the nature of a Catholic's submission to the yoke of confession. Wo do not hesitate have been heard to express surprise at to use word yoke, for it is a word used Himself. Americans Our Lord think we Canadians impair our independence by remaining under the flag of a monarchy. We feel that we can enjoy all the independence that is

the confessor is not merely a physician he is a counsellor at law, explaining clearly the law of God in its particular

being a purely human institution, con-ferring no sacramental grace, cannot be ferring no sacramental grace, cannot be expected to do the good work which the Catholic confessional does. We have read the utterances of prominent lay-men of the Church of England, however —men like Mr. Athelstan Riley—de-claring that this mere human institu-tion, believed by them to be divine, had exercised a very subtary influence tion, believed by them to be divine, had exercised a very salutary influence upon their own youth and that they wished to see it used by their children. Be this as it may. When we speak of the influence of the sacrament of pen-ance upon Catholic youth we speak whereof we know. The editor of the Deduction Witness speaks whereof Presbyterian Witness speaks whereof he knows not.—Antigonish Casket.

LIFE IN A SCOTCH MINING VILLAGE.

Just now when every one's attention Just now when every one's attention is fixed on the housing question, a de-scription of a Scotch mining village, typical of many that still exist, espe-cially in Lanarkshire, may be interest-ing. There is a somewhat popular im-pression that if a plan could be devised for shifting a negation of the nonvelocion pression that if a plan could be deviated for shifting a portion of the population from the congested centres of the cities to rural surroundings in the country the annihilating diseases resulting from

doing good for the help and the help and the happy ness of their fellowmen. These are heroes and great men, indeed, but it is only the Church that holds them in eternal remembrance. Yet, as high as she would place them on the roll of finding nine-tenths of the doors standhonor, there is one name she places almost infinitely higher than all the ing wide open all day, and every move-ment of the inmates exposed to the passers-by. This is due to the efforts rest, and that is the name of Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Virgins, Queen of the people to obtain the fresh air which the design of their houses de-prives them of. The floors are laid of Martyrs, Queen of All Saints. So everything concerning our Blessed Lady is of moment to the Church. A few weeks ago we celebrated her As-sumption into heaven, and now, Sept. 8, with tiles, and, as a rule, are scrupulously clean and ornmented weekly with stucco. House coal is purchased in half-ton lots, and if these lots are not we take up anew her glorious career, and commemorate the feast of her Natitaken at regular periods there is sus-picion in the official mind that the wagand commemorate the teast of her Nati-vity. How we should delight to honor her in the day that marked her birth ! That was the beginning of the world's redemption, for she was to be that Vir-gin who would lie in wait for satan and would empth hered. gons at the terminus adjoining are being plundered. There are no coal houses, or indeed outhouses of any kind, and the coal has to be stored under one of the beds. When scientifiwould crush his head. There was to be enmity between her seed and his seed, cally packed the half-ton just fills this and this was brought to a triumphal climax in the coming in time of our cally packed the halt ton just this this space up to the bed-bottom. House-wifes can easily guess the effect which this has on the bed. In many cases in addition to the members of the family, Lord and Saviour, born of Mary's im-Let us felicitate our maculate womb. Blessed Lady on the feast of her Nati lodgers are kept, and over-crowding is frequent. Two cases in particular ocvity and congratulate ourselves on all the blessings it brought to us. She cur to the memory of the writer. In one house (remember they are all single was born immaculate, free from sin and satan's power, that we, through the re-demption of Christ and the purifying waters of baptism, might also be torn from Satan's grasp and restored to origiand girls, ranging from one to sixteen years of age-a married daughter, her husband, and child-fourteen in all, in nal innocence. one apartment ! In the other there were the parents, four children, aged from seven to thirteen, and five men boarders—eleven in all. Where did Where did they sleep? Well, in various places. A common practice is to keep a " hurley" bed, which, during the day, is run under the bed-not the one resting on the coal-and at night supplies a resting-place for the poor little children, with not room to stretch themselves. I

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NON-CATHOLIC MISSIONS.
Ihave three under instruction for bap-olies. I am convinced, is claiming much of America to day.
Ihave three under instruction for bap-lies become pronder, so to speak, of the holy religion; they are not forced to apologize for their belief, nor are good points each recurring year for the Catholic priest who has not scored mang good points each recurring year for the that is in them. The priest on the street, on the stage, in the home, in the street, on the stage, in the home, in the street, and not y cowards who has priestant system may be compared to the stage of religit and that which is based on private that is in them. The priest on the street, on the stage, in the home, in the street, on the stage, in the home, in the street, on the stage, in the home, in the street, on the stage, in the home, in the street, on the stage, in the home, in the street, on the stage, in the home, in the street, on the stage, in the home, in the street, on the stage, in the home, in the street, on the stage, in the home, in the street, on the stage, in the home, in the street, on the stage, in the home, in the street, on the stage, in the home, in the street, on the stage, in the home, in the street, on the stage, in the home, in the street, on the stage, in the home, in the street, on a separated berethere, for eligit and is a solid fundation for atter conver-sions and making himselt an active is allow to the points in is own peculiar methods dealing with this class of inmanity, what a colored a theresting and street is no authority in the World of do for he Confessional," and then proceeds the Confessional," and then proceeds to point in its own peculiar methods to apologize the street streets tached to them, and except an improve-driaes. In the moral order, however, no man is ever in perfect health and therefore he is always in need of a physician. The skilful specialist in medicine, after hearing an account of symptoms, sees the meaning of them better than the patient can; he advises and prescribes; bids the sick man do this, and forbids him to do that. But the confessor is not merely a physician he is a counsellor at law, explaining the tok law of God in its particular.

he is a counsellor at law, explaining clearly the law of God in its particular application to the case presented by his client. This gives the most ignor-ant Catholics clear notions of right and wrong, while highly educated Protestants are found unable to explain so plain a commandment as "Thou shalt not kill." All these advantages accrue to Cath-olies from frequenting the tribunal of Penance. The instances quoted by the Witness of children demoralized by the confessional of the Anglican Church which, fessional of the Anglican Church which, being a rurely human institution, conwill find many of the men scretched of the grass at the roadside, their wives sitting knitting on stone seats at the doors, and the children playing merrily on the road. Though ready to quarrel when under the influence of liquor, a high standard of fellowship and kindly feeling exists amongst them at other times. If a family be short of food it is because it is unknown to their neigh-bors. If a man has been unemployed for a week a collection is taken up for him, which often exceeds what he would have earned. If he be disabled for a time regular collections are made for his family. It is a pity such generous his family. souls must live under such conditions ! souls must hive under such controlloss , And yet, you might heard many of them talk recently of "our" country and "our" Empire and sing "Briton's never shall be slaves; "greater slaves than they are at present!—Ex-Miner in Glasgow Observer.

DEVOTION TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER.

DUE HONOR SHOULD BE PAID HER ON ALL HER FEASTS.

Bishop Colton in St. Stephen's Church Bulletin.

It is just to honor the perfect in mind and heart the same as it is just to adby the same day it is just to ad-mine and praise what is beautiful in an-overcrowding would no more be heard of. I am afraid that that pleasant im-orecrowding would no more be heard of. I am afraid that that pleasant im-orecrowding would no more be heard of. I am afraid that that pleasant im-pression of country life must be dis-counted, and something more will be counted, and something more will be required ere we reach that happy state where the homes of a large section of the working classes will have ceased to be death-traps. The village I refer to is situated within a few miles of Glas-tised, it is all for the sake of preserv-ing their independence of character wile ways! "O Liberty, what crimes are committed in thy name." There is are committed in thy name." There is mire and praise what is beautiful in na-ture or art. Thus we honor men who

of it can be had for almost nothing. remain ignorant on this score. If we have knowledge of dectrine for its

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tender us a drama that will amuse and instruct. STAGE CRITICISM.

Honest and competent critics could social functions. They would not dare do much towards turning the theatrito treat a host or hostess as they treat cal manager off the danger line. But God Almighty. To what are we going when these gentlemen undertake to to ascribe this behavior ? To ignorance talk of a drama, especially when it has or to malice ? No, not malice - but an eminent actress as central figure, ignorance that is a disgrace and a they begin to slobber about art. shame. It makes ones blood boil with Were they sent to "do" the police indignation to see the carelessness and court they would have small comthe irreverence which characterize the passion for the unfortunate prisoners. bearing of some of our people while in But when the same kind of woman church. But they can remedy this. comes before the footlights tricked out More, they are bound to remedy itin lace and silk they wax idiotic. that is if they hold their souls life in Free tickets may have something to do any esteem.

with it. But whatsoever the cause, for drivelling nonsense commend us to the notices of the drama which appear in the average newspaper. The critics, we know, do not pose as puritanic In fact they dislike a Puritan, who looms large in their imaginations as a person one sou!. large edifico was packed with most attentive auditors, who listened in breathless silence to Catholic doctrine for full ninety minutes. At the conclu-sion all stood during the singing of the last hymn in "grateful thanks" for the last hymn in "grateful thanks" for the "splendid lecture." That lecture broke the backbone of prejudice in that town

the backbone of prejudice in the term for many a day. One "enlightened lady" made this remark next day: "Well, after all, the Catholics do believe in Christ, don't they?" Another had this to say: 'That priest seems very much a gentle-nan, but I don't understand how he man, gets into that infernal collar he has

Replies to questions can always be Replies to questions can always be made spicy and at the same time clinch the nail on the head. The reasonable in sermons, lectures, replies, and talks has a telling effect on the hearers of our day. The local press is a most potent factor in mission work to non-Catholics. "Stand in" with the newspaper fra-

swishing of skirts and edging their way " with the newspaper fra-Stand in ternity and they will assist you nobly I have found all of them courteous through the door-flowers created quite a diversion before they found themgentlemanly, clever, broad-minded, and always ready to push forward every solves in their pews. They are, we are willing to wager, always on time for worthy cause, every progressive move-ment. The aid of the local press is invaluable in all church work. To reap the best results from sermons, lectures, and questions we must advertise them ment

in a catchy way in the local paper. The Devil's Picnic," for instance is a lecture on the eve of drunkennes showing the drunkard to be a fine play-thing for the devil. Advertise that as a sermon on drunkenness and the drunkards would surely not come to it. My experience shows me that the im-mediate result of this work among non-Catholics is manifest in the return to their Father's house of many Catholics who had not been to church or confes who had not been to church to comes-sion from ten to forty years. Just the past few weeks I have received again fifteen such, and they usually turn out very good. In the next place, a most excellent brotherly feeling is brought sion from ten to

about among all classes of believers and unbelievers ; umbers study our holy religion and a

enjoy all the independence that is good for us while under the flag, even though we are not permitted to shoot, hang and burn our colored fellow-citizens. permitted burn our So with the Catholic ; he feels he has all the independence that is good for him. He is free to do everything except to violate God's law,-free to do that, also, but more keenly alive than his non-Catholic brethren to the iniquity of such conduct. " Habitual

confession tends . . . to wea' en the sense of right and wrong, " says the editor of the Witness, who must pardon us for remarking that he hereby shows very plainly that he does not know what he is talking about. If he had said that habitual confession makes the natural sense of right and wrong pos-sessed by every man almost painfully sessed by every man almost painting on house (remember they are all single world which offers no difficulties to a good Protestant is lined with thorns and briers to a good Catholic—if he had said this, he would have struck her and mother, nine children—boys father and mother, and briers to a good Catholic—if he had said this, he would have struck her and and girls, ranging from one to sixteen years of age—a married daughter, her being and child—fourteen in all, in nearer the mark. If a Catholic tells a if he steals a quarter white lie, dollar's worth, he knows he has commit ted sin and must confess, repent and make restitution. He knows he cannot enter heaven until he has explated these sins. If a Protestant has com-promised with his creditors at ten cents

promised with his creditors at ten cents on the dollar, or taken advantage of the statute of limitations, he has no one to tell him that he must pay the remaining ninety per cent. of his liabilities if he ever becomes able to do so, and that no debt is ever out of date in the account books of God. He forms his conscience according to will not deal with the moral side of this

This, then, is the true state for every Christian man and woman to be in nocent, pure and immaculate—and this will be the state of all who take Mary for their Mother, and by fidelity to the graces she will obtain, keep themselves ever her innocent and worthy children. Let us, with Mary our blessed Mother' nativity, renew in spirit our own souls -be reborn again with her by grace and rise higher year by year in the virtue and holiness that must ever mark her loving and faithful children. tue and holiness that

The granite hills are not so changeless and abiding as the restless sea

condition of things. Most people are, unfortunately, now familiar with it. I

ut among all classes of believers and of date in the account books of God, unfortunately, now familiar with it. If he forms his conscience according to would ask you to ponder a second, how-the laws of his country and says with ever, on the sufficient door barred, become converts. At this writing

Select one soul for whose conversion you wish to pray in a most special manner, and then pray daily that the Most Precious Blood of our Lord and Saviour lesus Christ may fall upon and save that