

TEACHING CATHOLIC TRUTH BY MAIL

A little advertisement in an English Catholic weekly that has excited much curiosity for some time, states that any one wishing information regarding Catholic doctrine by correspondence can be put in communication with a member of the Correspondence Guild for Inquiring Protestants by applying to the secretary, whose address is given.

The idea of such an organization struck us as an excellent thing, a thoroughly up to date method of spreading Catholic truth. In this country, our magazines are filled with advertisements which undertake to teach every thing and anything by mail. Why not then a correspondence school to explain Catholic doctrine? The method is surely in harmony with our well-developed non-Catholic missionary movement.

That the correspondence Guild for Inquiring Protestants is doing a vast amount of good in England is demonstrated by the fact that a report issued a few weeks ago, "Established only two years ago" we read in the report, it (the Guild) has already more than justified its existence by reason of the not inconsiderable number of converts that have been added to the Church through its wide spread activities.

The knowledge of its existence, and the recognition of its usefulness, and by no means confined to the British Isles. It has made its way into Belgium and France; it is not altogether a stranger in Denmark; even so far afield, as India and the West African coast it has done effective work; while at the moment of issuing this report there is ever present the prospect of establishing a flourishing branch in the United States. Nor does the Guild benefit English speaking people alone; it has among its members those who can correspond in French, German, Spanish and Italian, and on more than one occasion scope has been found for the exercise of this linguistic advantage.

Intended primarily, as its designation implies, for the instruction of those who are Protestants in the usual acceptance of that term, the Correspondence Guild is far from limiting its operations to any one class of non-Catholics. It exists in the interests of all. And even to Catholics it has been of considerable use, in furnishing them with information they have been at a loss to discover for themselves, in recommending suitable books for their perusal, and in assisting them in various ways in their own efforts to bring home the truths of Catholicism to their non-Catholic friends. The Guild is composed, without exception of lay members, of Church and to this essentially lay character of its organization is undoubtedly to be attributed the success which has attended its efforts to cooperate in the conversion of those outside the unity of faith.

The special sermons delivered by eloquent missionary preachers, the increasingly wide diffusion of cheap Catholic literature and the Church's stately ritual and impressive liturgy directly lead in many cases, to conversion; but there are not a few who, while more or less powerfully moved by influences such as these are held back from thoroughly investigating the Church's claim to be the oracles of God by a deep-rooted, and therefore not easily eradicated, prejudice against coming into personal contact with a Catholic priest, yet who have no such prejudice against putting themselves in communication with a Catholic layman.

It is to this class, therefore, that the Correspondence Guild pre-eminently appeals, and it is especially for the benefit of such that it has been established. It may be noted that the Guild's advertisements, which appear in Catholic Times, every week, or a framed copy of the Guild's notice, which is displayed at the entrance to a number of churches throughout the land; or they may learn of the Guild's existence in some other way.

FIVE GREAT EVILS

CARDINAL GIBBONS NAMES DANGERS TO SOCIETY—RELIGION IS NEEDED—HIS EMINENCE POINTS OUT THE GREAT WHICH THREATENS SOCIETY TO-DAY: All young men of to-day who are anxious to win success and anxious to fulfill their full duties as citizens should realize that society to-day is confronted by five great evils: Divorce, which strikes at the root of the family and society; an imperfect and vicious system of education, which undermines the religion of our youth; the desecration of the Christian Sabbath which tends to obliterate in our adult population the salutary fear of God and the homage we owe Him; the gross and systematic election frauds, and, lastly, the unreasonably delay in carrying into effect the sentences of our criminal courts and the numerous wrongs which criminals evade the execution of the law.

Our insatiable greed for gain, the co-existence of colossal wealth with abject poverty, the extravagance of the rich, the discontent of the poor, our eager and impetuous rushing through life and every other moral and social delinquency may be traced to one of the radical vices enumerated above.

The reckless facility with which divorce is procured is an evil scarcely less deplorable than Mormonism. Indeed it is in some respect more dangerous than the latter, for divorce has the sanction of the civil law which our country arises from our defective system of public schools. I am persuaded that the popular errors now existing in reference to education spring from an incorrect notion of that term. To educate means to bring out, to develop the intellectual, moral and religious faculties of the soul. An education, therefore, that improves the mind and the memory to

the neglect of moral or religious training is at best but an imperfect system.

Indeed religious knowledge is as far above human science as the soul is above time.

God has given us a heart to be formed to virtue as well as a head to be enlightened. By secular education we improve the mind; by religious training we direct the heart.

The desecration of the Christian Sabbath which it behooves us to set our faces and take timely precautions before it assumes proportions too formidable to be easily eradicated.

A word must be added on two other pregnant evils. Our young men know that the ballot is the expression of the will of a free people, and its purity should be guarded with the utmost jealousy.

Religion is the foundation of all morals; it is the cornerstone of civilization, the one feature that distinguishes a man from an animal and the bond which unites him with his Creator.

It is a virtue by which due honor and worship are paid to God. It embodies all those fundamental truths that involve God's sovereignty over us and our entire dependence on Him.

I employ the term religion here in its broadest and most comprehensive sense, as embracing the existence of God, His infinite power and knowledge, His providence over us, the recognition of a divine law, the moral freedom and responsibility of man, the distinction between good and evil, the duty of rendering our homage to God and justice and charity to our neighbor, and, finally, the existence of a future state of rewards and punishments. I hold that religion is the only solid basis of society. If the social edifice rests not on this eternal and immutable foundation it will soon crumble to pieces.

Progress All Around. As many of our readers have probably heard, one Baptist minister objected to the resolutions in honor of the late Mayor Collins, of Bo-ton, passed at the conference of the Baptist clergy in that city, on the ground that Mayor Collins was a Roman Catholic, and his son had attended a Jesuit college and was a devoted Catholic. Commenting on this little incident, Harper's Weekly remarks: "The ministers very much regretted the dissent of the one objector; yet it was useful in its way, as showing the progress of the rest."

One of the most gratifying results of the recent mission in St. Patrick's Church, Toledo, was the reception into the church of thirty adult converts. All were instructed in the private class conducted by the Jesuit Fathers and received their first Holy Communion in a body last Sunday.

A DELIGHTFUL ENTERTAINMENT. At St. Joseph's Convent, Lindsay, on Oct. 30, was given one of those treat to which the friends of teachers and pupils always look forward with interest: a musical and presentation of essays and diplomas to the successful students of the year.

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Recitation in Concert of "Kerry Dance" and "Lavinia" by Miss M. Flury.

At the close of the entertainment Mr. B. J. Gough, Town, announced to the Superintendent that he would present a gold medal to the commercial class at the end of the present year.

CEREMONY OF RECEPTION. At St. Joseph's convent, Hamilton, on the Feast of All Saints five young ladies received the habit of the Order and commenced their second term of probation in the novitiate.

At His Lordship Bishop Dowling, on account of recent illness, was unable to be present, and his representative, Rev. Father Manning, rector of cathedral, who also said the very impressive sermon suitable to the occasion.

A Public Necessity. Accident and Sickness Insurance is no longer regarded as a luxury, but is now considered by the broad and most comprehensive sense, as embracing the existence of God, His infinite power and knowledge, His providence over us, the recognition of a divine law, the moral freedom and responsibility of man, the distinction between good and evil, the duty of rendering our homage to God and justice and charity to our neighbor, and, finally, the existence of a future state of rewards and punishments.

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