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Desert. The dector needed the vaca-"Was the disappointment for your-

face, he said slowly: "Well, I suppose it was the loss of the dostor's companionship as much the dostor's companionship as much as anything.'

Mother Angela went on evenly : for yow. We shall leave Bobby out really say in what that revelation evil and suffering and misery in the of the question. He is tha child who precisely consisted, what it was that world behind the your to was saved from blindness through the dector's sacrifice. It is hardly just or fair to call him a pauper. He is just a child, whose natural protectors have been taken from him.

Her voice was gently reproachful as she continued: "We are all chil-dren in the sight of God, depending on His bounty. We all have ideals; with some it is ons thing, with some another. They are not always real ized, but we are the better for them.' She stared off in the distance for a moment, then continued : "I am an old woman now and life has taught me this: If the doctor had gone, cowardly leaving his duty undone behind kim, he would have taken great controversialists, both Anglican and Catholic, and finally came to the with him a disturbing thought, which conclusion that my position was wholly and utterly illogical and unwould have dimmed the brightness of the fairest Egyptian day, and if he buried that thought he would have tenable. I recognized clearly that a buried with it the grantest and finest revelation was no revelation at all. revelation was no revelation at all, if it left every thing vague and un-certain and if it did not furnish us things that Egypt or the Libyan Desert could teach him."

Her fine eyes flashed, her face was transfigured as it was lighted with the earnestness of her words, then the radiance slowly faded until she was a simple nun, with bright eyes and a face which age and character had deeply lined.

Mr. Martin had nothing to answer. Words seemed superfluous, and he bowed himself out. Afterward, in telling the story to his friend, he said in his blunt way : "I've heard a lot of talk about the

'light that was never on sea or land.' I've put it down as mostly buncombe, but, by George, I saw it that day in that Sister's face."

And being as earnest as he was outspoken, and having a private fortune at his disposal, he took upon himself the plans for Bobby's future, and incidentally some wise plans for the Home. In the months that followed, when Mosher Angela checked her columns, often there was a substan tial balance in favor of the Home. But that is another story.

After her visitor had left that day, Mother Angela knelt before the statue Mother Angela knett before the status of St. Antheony. Bit by bit she pieced out the story of Bobby and his suc-cessful operation and everything was made plain. Gratefully she offered her thanks to their good

The next morning Dr. Sullivan received a package. Opening it he found a beautifully framed picture of St. Anthony.

A card accompanied it, which read : "To our kind friend, Dr. Sullivan, St. Anthony's assistant' from the Sisters and Children of the Home for the Blind."-Margaret E. Donnelan, in The Orphans' Messenger and Advocate of the Blind.

## SPIRITISM : A PERSONAL DOCUMENT

J. Godfrey Raupert, K. S. G., in America

There is a question which is continually being asked me by people with whom I am coming in contact, connection with my crosade against Spiritism to which, in view of the

dogmatic definitions, and regarded is in the hands of God. I saw that belief in Christ and personal devo-tion to Him and obedience to His is ruled by law and that man is the mental and spiritual world too "Was the disappointment for your-self or for the doctor; that is, were you serry because the doctors health would suffer or that you lost the inspiration of his companion-ship?" to no to him and the sum and substance of Christianity. But I very soon that, whatever advantage such an attitude of mind might possess, and hourly molding and shaping his character and, beyond doubt, shaping it for eternity. I saw that heaven and hell are states for which man is preparing himself and that escape preparing himself and that escape from the latter could only be by the ship?" Mr. Martin gave her a startled look, then being henest himsel', and respecting semething he saw in the respecting semething he saw in the themeelves to me which I could not solve, and questions were addressed to me by some of my parishioners diversed to believe. disposed to believe.

admit to myself in the end that, while I maintained that Christianity This serious aspect of matters was am sure, further confirmed by my was a Divine revelation, I could not discovery that there is, beyond doubt precisely consisted, what it was that had been revealed. My attitude adworld behind the veil. I came to this conclusion gradually, after years of careful observation and quite contrary to my expectations and to mitted of no definite and precise statement such as was constantly being called for in the teaching of children and in my dealings with the my accustomed modes of thought. My form of Protestantism held some sick and sorrow and sin stricken amongst our people. I determined vague notions respecting reward and punishment in the after-life, but I therefore, after a time, to make a full did not really believe in hell. was my custom to speak in hopeful confidence of all whose death bed I and exhaustive study of the subject, from its historical as well as from its had attended and I shared with my dogmatic point of view, such a study as I had unhappily never been called upon to make either at Oxford or in contemporaries the common belief that death covered a multitude of my more immediate preparation for sins and that God could not really be Holy Orders. I believe that I read all of real value that had been written unkind to his sinful and wayward children. on the subject, studied the works of The incontrovertible results of my

researches however-several "bad experiences" of my own, and many what I could not but regard as striking confirmation of the truth of the Catholic Faith. I addressed myself to an exhaust-

with truths which the mind could ive study of that teaching, the re-sults of which I have recorded not discover for itself. The works, which, I think, influenced ms more in my little work on "Hell and Its than others were the earlier writings of Dr. Dollinger and those of Car-Problems." Years have passed since reached these conclusions and dinal Newman, especially his "Essay on the Development of Doctrine." formed these views of life. I have. in the course of those years, visited

While this search after truth was many countries and have come in in progress I came in contact with the phenomena of Spiritism which personal touch with many great and well-informed teachers with were then being engerly discussed in whom I have discussed the subject intellectual circles in England, and from many points of view. I have respecting which searching questions never seen cause to change my were being asked me by the members mind and that mind remains unof a more fashionable church near changed in spite of the plausible London to which I had meanwhile been transferred. I considered the of the men of "the new revelation London to which I had meanwhile matter of sufficient importance to movement." I am daily becoming warrant my addressing myself to its more deeply convinced that the experimental study, and I did this with energy and perseverance. It did not then occur to me that the result of these researches could be would be increasingly acknowledged likely in any way to influence the were all the facts of the case made movement of my religious thoughts fully known and had we facilizies. were all the facts of the case made for reaching the masses equal But, in looking back upon it all to those at the disposal of now and in examining myselt very our opponents. But the secular searchingly, I have come to see that press deliberately closes its columns

this has been the case. I believe to an exposition of the Catholic aspect of the matter, finding it no doubt more profitable to fill them now that if the influence of spiritistic perceived, it was strong nevertheless and certainly indirectly helped me in finding my way to the Cethett in finding my way to the Catholic Church. one entire window as Brentano's What surprises me today is that ceally well-informed Spiritists who. book store in New York is filled with popular and fascinating works on like myself, have never submitted to Spiritism, there is not a single volume amongst them which prethe mediamistic process and who, like myself, have had "bad experi-

sents the subject from the Catholic orthodox Christian point of view. The odds, no doubt, are very heavy against us. We have enemies. ] know, strong and resourceful, on this side of the veil, as well as on the other, preparing pitfalls for the unwary, and there is that lack of material means which cramps and paralyzes our activities and limits and hinders the spread of

## THE CATHOLIC RECORD

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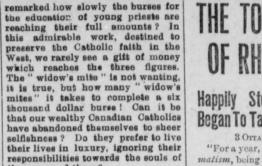
It is not by reckoning up the millions that acknowledge membership in the Catholic Church, or by counting the number of our institutions in this or any other country, or in finding matter for admiration in the architecture and the magnificence of our temples, that one should measure the vast work the Catholic Church is doing in the world today. And yet figures are not such illusive things, and stone and marble may be symbols of something more sub-stantial than themselves, the existence of which is evident even though much of it is hidden from human eyes : namely, the religious zeal, the good will, the devotedness and heroic service, which fill the hearts of all who are called by God to impart His message to men. No one can get an adequate idea of what the Church is ccomplishing in the world unless he take into account the stupendous energy exercised by our hundreds of thousands of consecrated men and women, our clergy, our missionaries and our admirable Sisterhoods, at gated—changed all this. I received are entrusted by divine vocation the propagation of the Catholic faith and the advancement of God's interests on earth.

> At home thousands of our priests are spending their years preaching the Word of God and strengthening the souls of their flocks by the sac-raments. Other thousands of our religious, having left all for Christ, are showing their generosity in His Faith service by spending their lives tend-ing the sick, caring for the aged and the foundling, and instructing those who will carry the burdens of the next generation; they go through the world noiselessly, they die unknown and unsung, leaving behind them, however, an example lack of help towards foreign missions the universal legatee. Other thou-

sands of our missionaries and our are poor, our schools are not equipped religious orders are chowing their for their work, our teachers are generous service, more strikingly underpaid, our colleges and seminarperhaps and more heroically, by abandoning home and country and foreign missions and the patient endurance of every kind of priva-tion, they labor among unciviliant tion, they labor among uncivilized of money made by Catholics for those races until the Catholic faith takes purposes! Alas, we fear that the root, and they count themselves words of the Just Judge will one root, and they count themselves satisfied and well paid if, in the end, satisfied and well paid it, in the bold, they have brought a few poor pagans into the fold or if they have bap-pagan darkness and you offered me no light; I was held in the bonds their souls to Heaven. All this generosity at home and abroad represents untold abnegation on the part of those who are giving their lives to the service of God and who look to Him alone for their reward in the world to come.

And yet in presence of what still remains to be done, it may well be asked, not whether the limit of the heroic zeal of our clergy and Sisterhoods has been reached, but rather whether or no the rest of the Catholic world is doing its share to help them in their quest for souls. When we contemplate the vast multitudes that live outside the Church in civilized lands and the still vaster multitudes dwelling in pagen countrise, we stand amazad at the work before us. There are, we are told.

the accurate information so sorely needed just now. One has to look ou, helpless and discensiolate, while a movement which, with such infor-mation might so easily be given a Romeward direction, is daily shap-ing it sort and the source of these least, heither did before us. There are, we are told, over fifteen hundred million inhab-itants on the easth at the present time. Of these, sixty one per cent. Now not Jesus Christ. Leaving aside the hundreds of millions liv-tion its or professing various ing in schism or professing various recent War the world got a taste forms of Protestantism, twere are of the results that can be produced nine hundred and ferty millions of infidels still awaiting conversion to the Church which Christ built on strenuous years should be learned by the reck. Generous service and heart by Catholics and then put heroic zeal will be easily found to in practice. Human prudence and labor among those appalling numbers, but will zeal and self-sacrifice on the part of our consecrated men and women alone accomplish the task when they are handicapped at every step, owing to lack of resources, often even of the necessaries of life ? This urges us to ask the question. What is the rest of the Catholic world doing to help the propagation of the faith ? There are nearly three hundred million Catholics in the world; what share are they taking in the extension of the Kingdom of God ? They are not called to preach or teach at home, or to travel they can give; the least the wealthy to foreign lands to convert the can do is to be generous in helping heathen, but surely they are called them. to do something! Are they employ-ing their wealth and their oppor-tunities to help those who have enlisted in the noble cause? De wealthy Catholics realize that it is dearth of material resources which is hampering the work of Ged's Church throughout the world? Take one instance, typical of many others, which has fallen under our notice in recent weeks. Newspapers from Ireland inform us that the Maynooth Mission to China has had spalications from three hundred young Irishmen who have offered done, prices must go up, since money is becoming cheaper. Remember that money is not a fixed measure like a work among the Chinese, but owing to lack of funds only about one-seventh of that number could be received in the new missionary college in Galway. Is the Chinese



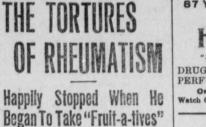
those around them? And yet the wealthy are only the stewards of their wealth. The gold they possess was created by God and still belongs to Him. The accident of birth, or the enterprise, or the stroke of luck, which puts them in possession of their pot of gold, does not justify the bored and supercilious air they assume when approached for a donation to charitable works at home, or when asked to give generously to help the extension of God's kingdom in foreign parts.

It would seem that the secret of generous giving is being held by the enemies of the Church. We have merely to look at the millions which are gathered in yearly by the sects for the propagation of their doc trines in pagan countries to feel the blush of shame. Can it be true that the sectaries are more zealous in spreading their errors abroad than Catholics are in spreading the truth Should not all Catholics be interested in the glory of their Church ? Why should the burden of Catholic propaganda throughout the world be laid on the shoulders of the poor 2 Why is it, for instance, that our foreign missions should have to depend almost entirely on the Society for the Propagation of the and the Holy Childhood for funds which are gathered in cent by cent? The only answer is that wealthy Catholics have not yet learned that they are merely the



was deprived of all advantages f membership in the Catholic Church and you did nothing to help me enter ; in a word, my soul was naked and in dire want and, notwithstanding your opportunities, you passed me by." Then the rich will ask, "Lord, when did we see Thes kangry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or in prison and did not minister to Thee ?" And the Judge will answer them, saying : "Amen ' Amen I say to you, as long as you did it not to one of these least, neither did

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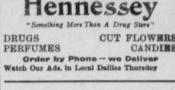
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daily growing interest in this subject, I feel I ought to furnish the answer. The question is, after all, not altogether a personal one since it may well and logically be concluded that if the study of a subject like Spirit ism has really been instrumental in pointing one searching coul in the Removed direction it with the source as this. But Cath-olics little know how vague and Romeward direction, it might well be indefinite the belief of these outside supposed to be instrumental in pro- the Church is, even in such a fundaducing a similar effect on other souls. And if this is found not to be the And it this is found not to be the amount of subjects provide case, why is it not the case? The amongst those who pose as the question referred to is: Has your authorized teachers of the people in long and exhaustive study of the be City of confusion. On the other phenomena of Spiritism influenced hand are there not hours, or at the state of the stat phenomena of Spiritism influenced your mind in making your submission to the Catholic Church, and, if so, to what extent has this been the

It is not easy to reply to such a question as this as fully and as adequately as one would desire within the limited space available in a periodical. For the satisfaction, however, of those to whom I have promised the explanation and who do promises the explanation and who do me the honor of being interested in strong and immovable conviction my personal history, I shall here briefly state to what conclusions I have come on this point in the course who lacks it as a mental imbecile of the years.

Those of my American friends who ave read or heard the story of my searches in the course of time, also have read or heard the story of my conversion to the Catholic Faith will have observed that there is no refer-ence at all in that story to Spiritism express it, there is a sphere where and psychical research. This is due to the circumstance that I endeavored from the beginning to keep the two lines of inquiry apart, so far as this to our fellows, if we were asked, but was pessible, for the simple reason as it really is, and that consequently was possible, for the simple reason that I then looked upon my spiritistic ly reported, embraced the spiritistic creed. My religious difficulties be- deings of men are not such trivialgan soen after my erdination in the

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and operate apart from, and inde-pendently of, bodily organization.

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The ascertained facts of Spiritism

in the first place, brought me a very full and vivid conviction of the objec-

tive reality of the unseen world. I saw that if they did not actually demonstrate human survival and im-

mortality they did demonstrate the existence of a spirit world and of

spiris beings, and that the phenomena were, therefore, to say the least, a

strong presumption in favor of the survival of the human personality in

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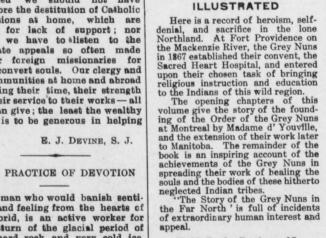
ing itself into a more formidable antagonist to the Church. Bat Ged's It will seem strange to some that ways are not our ways. Strange and a clergyman who is supposed to believe in such survival should mysterious things are happening on this earth and we can but hope and pray that not too many of our people will be swep's away by the flood and that the awakening may speedily come. Meanwhile one can but strive to rescue individuals who, distracted by the perplexing mental matter as this and what an amount of skepticism prevails problems confronting them, have rashly ventured on the perilous and uncharted sea of Spiritism. But I cannot dwell on this aspect of the subject at greater length here and now. I have said enough, I least moments, in the lives of the most convinced believers when the practical every day world takes possession of the imagination and think, to enable my friends to see to what an extent I believe my paychical researches have aided and influenced me in finding my way, when spiritual things are, for the time being, felt to be hopelessly along a thorny road, to the Catholic impossible and unreal? In this respect, therefore, and to this extent Church.

the facts of Spiritism unquestionably PURCHASING POWER OF THE influenced my mind and fortified a DOLLAR

Prices are high mainly because the purchasing power of the dollar is low. The purchasing power of the dollar is rather than as a person of superior low because we have too much money in circulation for the amount of business that is to be done. Practically all economists are agreed in accept-ing what is called the quantitative theory of money, which holds that if the quantity of money increases faster everything respecting every single human life is known and accurately recorded, not as we would present it than the amount of business to be every individual life must have an yardstick, which always remains three feet in length. Money is subthat I then looked upon my spiritusic researches as a purely scientific in-vestigation not directly connected with religious questions and that I never, as is so often and so mistaken-ly reported, embrased the spiritistic has been increasing too rapidly, and Missionary College recently estab-during the War we have had infla-lished in Almonte, Ont., receiving tions of currency and too many sub gan soon arver my erdination in the lates as the vast majority of men Church of England and my appoint. ment to a densely papelated parish ticular effect or significance—but at the East End of London. I then, that they are very important and ities as the vast majority of men held liberal Evangelical views, permanent links in a continuous and exchanged will be dear. attached very little importance to unbreakable chain, the end of which Ryan, in Catholic World.

the encouragement it undoubtedly cheap, and everything for which it is exchanged will be dear. Dr. John A. Ryan, in Catholic World.

of the results that can be produced by organized effort. The lessons which were taught us during those **The Grey Nuns** foresight which served so well in wouldly affairs might well be applied to our own, in view of the eternal interests that are at take. If our reseurces were well organized we should not have to deplore the destitution of Catholic institutions at home, which are wilting for lack of support; nor should we have to elisten to the desperate appeals so often made by our foreign missionaries for aid to convert souls. Our clergy and lay communities at home and abroad are giving their time, their strength and their service to their works - all



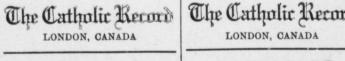
appeal.

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The man who would banish sentiment and feeling from the hearts of the world, is an active worker for the return of the glacial period of very hard rock and very cold ice. Who would eclipse the dawning hopes of youth, or draw the curtain of twilight over the sunset memories of old age ? Must all the canvas on which are

painted the pictures of the world, be made into flour sacks, and all our ATLANTIC CITY, N. J monuments broken up to macadam ize our roads?-Father Donnelly, S. J.

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