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PURIFYING THE STAGE.

Every right-minded person in the city, and country, for that matter, owes a debt of gratitude to His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi for his firm and decisive action in calling to time and squelching those who would debase the public mind with immoral stage productions.

Can anything more than this be required by our non-Catholic friends to show the great power for good of the Catholic Church?

The Theatre des Nouveautés is not the only play house in Montreal, by any manner of means, that is prone to the presentation of vile plays, and if the managers of these places are wise they will be warned by the Nouveautés incident.

The time has come when these panders to the lowest passions in human nature have reached the end of their rope.

There is no doubt His Grace would prefer to leave these distasteful duties to the law, but failing there, the strong arm of the Catholic Church intervenes for the benefit of mankind, and the guilty ones are quickly on their knees begging for mercy.

His Grace assures them:

"Seeing that you now recognize your error and as you have given your solemn assurance of good faith in the future, I consent to cancel the interdiction on the condition that future bills of presentation be submitted to a committee of censors."

WHAT IS IRISH MANUFACTURE?

In years past many an Irishman, with no expert knowledge and no guide but love of country and a desire to help his own, has bought Irish matches—made in Liverpool, Irish crochet—of French origin; Caricatures lace—from Switzerland; Donagall tweed—of Yorkshire manufacture; Irish linen—made in Germany; and has never known that he was not benefiting his own industries. Many a helping hand was given to an artful rival posing as a struggling friend. In the battle of the world's commerce Ireland has had no standard and no rallying cry. Foes masqueraded as friends, and those who wished most to help her have helped her rivals unconsciously. Many discovering these frauds gave up trying to encourage Irish industries, disappointed and disheartened by the impossibility of distinguishing the true from the false. What was wanted was some device by which they could know when they were on safe ground, when the manufacture was genuinely Irish.

On December 8, 1906, the formal certificate of the registration of the brief trade-mark was issued. Twelve months previously, on Nov. 21st, 1905, the Cork Industrial Conference had taken the initial steps to secure that registration.

In this connection Mr. Seumas MacManus' remarks while in the city this week are pertinent. Asked as to the interest the Irish people generally were taking in the ap-

proaching Dublin Exhibition, he said:

"Mighty little interest is being taken, and I don't blame them. It is spoken of as a national exhibition, but it is nothing of the kind. It has no distinctive Irish character of any kind, and is just such an international and conventional affair as hundreds of others. For this reason the people of Ireland are taking little or no interest in it. They feel that far from encouraging Irish manufactures as it should have done, it is doing nothing more than advertising the wares of other countries."

THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

The attitude of the Lords does not seem to have changed since the days of the "Great Liberator."

As far back as 1839, Daniel O'Connell put in a speech in the House of Commons the case of Ireland against the House of Lords with terseness and force: "Though a majority," he said, "in this House may be disposed to do us something like justice, all efforts will be frustrated by the other House of the Legislature."

Here are a few records of the House of Lords in their dealings with Ireland: In 1825 a Catholic emancipation bill passed through the House of Commons, was refused a second reading in the House of Lords by a majority of 48. In 1880 the compensation for disturbance bill, whose rejection, in the words of Gladstone, brought Ireland to the verge of civil war, and was the direct cause of the Land League agitation, was rejected in the House of Lords by 282 votes against 51; and the Home Rule bill was rejected by 419 votes against 41. T. W. Russell, M.P., so far back as 1885, gave the following appreciation of the House of Lords with respect to Ireland, which was cited with approval by Michael Davitt in his maiden speech in the House of Commons in 1893:

"It is quite impossible for any man out of a lunatic asylum to defend the House of Lords. But it is there, and it has been there a long time, and I know that the English people are dreadfully conservative. In Ireland we would make quick work of it."

A VISIT TO THE ARCTIC REGIONS.

Bishop Pascal, O.M.I., writes, in Catholic Missions, an interesting account of an expedition which the Canadian Government sent out in August of last year to offer a treaty to the Indians of Green Lake, Lac Poule d'Eau, Lac Camot, Ile la Croix, Rivière aux Anglaises, Rivière du Bouff and Grand Portage. The Bishop accompanied the expedition, and describes thus the mission of St. John the Baptist:

"As we are about to enter the village the roar of cannon announces our coming; flags and banners float on the air, and the bells ring out a merry peal. The Missionary Fathers, their helpers, the Sisters, the children, and the Indians are on shore, ready to receive with all possible reverence the blessing of the first Pastor of the diocese. They rejoice to see once more him whom they name 'Great Chief of Prayer.' They wish to kiss his pastoral ring; here no discordant note is heard, all the Indians are Catholics; neither pagan nor Protestant words are mentioned. Joy beams on every countenance."

"After the Fathers we greet the good Sisters of Saint Joseph, these dear exiles who have come from Lyons, and from the heart of France, to devote themselves in a strange country to the education of the poor children of the woods. Nothing more admirable could be found than the self-sacrifice and devotedness of these holy women, who spend themselves so generously for the salvation of souls, for the conversion of the Indians, and for the honor of their congregation."

FILIPINO STUDENTS IN AMERICAN SEMINARIES.

The Apostolic Delegate to the Philippines, says Catholic Missions, has appointed Father Zaro, O.M.I., to obtain from the American Bishops free scholarships in their seminaries

for a certain number of Filipino students. Father Zaro's mission has been most successful, and already more than forty scholarships have been secured in twelve American seminaries.

"This is gratifying news, and will help to solve the problem of giving the Philippines a native clergy."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Press cablegrams from Rome say the Holy Father has decided to hold a consistory April 15 and create six Cardinals, namely, Mgr. Cavalari, the Patriarch of Venice; Mgr. Rinaldi, the Papal Nuncio at Madrid; Mgr. Lorenzelli, the ex-Papal Nuncio at Paris; Mgr. Luaidi, Archbishop of Palermo; Mgr. Mercier, Archbishop of Malines, and Mgr. Maffi, Archbishop of Pisa. The last named will be transferred to Rome as a Cardinal of the Curia.

The Holy Father has stated to the friends of America that they must be patient, but that they will be given a Cardinal in due time.

These two rules should be ever uppermost in your mind: Be not so selfish about your own daily duties—be not so solicitous about the judgment that awaits the actions of your neighbor. Perform well the action of your daily lives; do them for God, and the doing of them will make you saints. To your neighbor be a neighbor in the widest sense of Christian charity, but never seek to be his judge. These two principles give you a summary of the duties of the Christian life. You can make of these two wings that will carry you to heaven.

The Catholic paper is an insurance policy in the faith of every member of the household. A Jesuit father calls it "the catechism of the nineteenth century," and Leo XIII. has said it is a "perpetual mission in every parish." From another writer: "The Catholic paper is the priest's assistant." Bishop von Ketteler intimates that if St. Paul should come to life, he would publish a Catholic journal as a means of doing "the most good."

The twin brother of the saloonist, and the sharer in his nefarious calling, is the race track rogue. He, too, is blind and foolish enough to believe that the people of the country can be brought to countenance a continuance of his high-hand robbery. Between the thief who steals the young man's money at the betting stand, and the wretch who debauches him with liquor, we infinitely prefer the former.

These are trying times for the confessors of the Christian Science faith. Dowie is dead, and Mrs. Eddy is an imbecile. The courts of Illinois settled the pretensions of the Second Elijah; the courts of Massachusetts will decide the fate of the author and founder of Christian Science.

Economy and Race Suicide.

The apologist of small families—the latest is a woman writing for the North American Review—pleads that the increased cost of living and higher educational requirements have made it too expensive for most parents to have large families. If this were the real reason for small families, we would expect to find the size of the family in direct proportion to the amount of income; but the opposite is true, the wealthy, as a rule, having far smaller families than the poor. Ability to live within one's income and to support a family depends upon the standard of living, not upon the amount of income. As to educating the children, those who show aptitude for studies beyond the rudimentary can and usually will find a way to gain an education; and it is those who work for it that make the best use of the education they have earned. To plead the cost of educating a family as a reason for not having one is hypocrisy. Elementary education costs the parents little; while the more money the boy in college gets from his father the less he learns.—The New World.

A Progressive Concern.

A Quarter Century's Steady Progress Marked by an Important Milestone.

Among the evidences of advancement that have recently taken place in the business world has been the reorganization and extension of the well known proprietary medicine business of Dr. T. A. Slocum, Limited, of Toronto.

Its progress has been so rapid during the past few years that it had outgrown its capital, consequently the Company has taken out a new charter, with extended powers and enlarged capital. On the Board of Directors and among the Shareholders of the Company are some of Toronto's most prominent and enterprising citizens.

The Company has built up for itself an enviable reputation throughout the Dominion for integrity of business methods and excellence of products. That great and popular tonic and famous curative remedy, Psychine, has stood the test of more than a quarter of a century's public use and criticism, and is to-day unquestionably the most effective, most successful, and most largely used of all remedies for the prevention and the cure of Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Catarrh, La Grippe, Pneumonia, Stomach troubles, and all incipient cases of Tuberculosis or Consumption. It has completely proven Dr. Slocum's theory that while the safest and best consumption cure is by preventing and curing the troubles that lead to it, yet consumption in its early stages can be cured by proper treatment and the use of Psychine. Thousands of letters on file in the offices of the company prove this. These letters are always open to the inspection of all interested.

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The Company has authorized us to say that any persons sending their name and address, with this article clipped from this paper, mentioning the name of this paper, and the nature of their trouble, will receive by return mail a large sample bottle of Psychine absolutely free of charge.

This is an excellent opportunity to test a valuable medicine, and we would advise those of our readers who are suffering from throat, lung or stomach troubles to avail themselves of this offer. The Company's address is: Dr. T. A. Slocum, Limited, 179 King street West, Toronto.

Coal Logic.

Among the most prosperous citizens of a certain Virginia town are two brothers, well along in years, who are engaged in the retail coal business.

A noted evangelist visited the town, and his fervid style of exhortation resulted in the conversion of many sinners, among whom was the elder member of the firm mentioned.

For weeks after his conversion the brother who had lately "got religion" endeavored to persuade the other to join the church, but whenever the subject was broached the younger man waived consideration thereof, absolutely declining to discuss the matter. One day, however, when the elder brother was making another effort to convince the erring one of his mistake, he asked: "Why can't you, Richard, join the church as I did?"

"It's all right for you to be a member of the church," replied Richard, "but if I join, who's going to weigh the coal?"

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St. Ann's Has New Organ.

A fine new organ was installed at St. Ann's Tuesday evening.

Mr. J. A. O'Shea, of Boston, who is connected with the New England Conservatory of Music, presided at the instrument. The congregation was admitted by ticket, and were treated to a fine programme, consisting of works of Bach, Mendelssohn, Wagner, Rossini and Handel. The new organ is one of the largest in Montreal.

The first part of the service consisted of blessing the organ which was done by Bishop Archambault. This part of the ceremony was brief and then followed the first half of the musical programme. The opening number, one of the best from a musical standpoint, was the Fantasia and Fugue in G, of Bach. It was finely rendered. After playing an offertory of his own composition, Mr. O'Shea played a theme by Thiele, which was notable for its pedalling effects. A sweet melody was beautifully brought out in Mendelssohn's "Flower of the Gesanges." The choir was then heard in a setting of Sanctus and Benedictus, by Fauconier-Gounod.

This was the first opportunity the congregation had of judging the harmony of music and voices. Everything was in keeping and by this time it was all too evident that the musical service was one of the best heard in a church in this city for a long while. The fine tones of the organ that seemed to have unknown resources of expression, so to speak, harmonized perfectly with the splendid setting of the Sanctus and Benedictus, which fairly flooded the sacred edifice with devotional music.

Rev. Gerald McShane then pronounced a short allocution on the fostering care of the Catholic Church as exercised on the fine arts through many centuries. Wherever the visitor went he found paintings, statues, and organs, and other insignia of art in Catholic lands. Father McShane spoke of the power of the organ to raise in the human heart the feelings of respect, of awe, and of many other emotions, that made it the instrument proper to the church and not to the concert hall. Father McShane concluded by congratulating St. Ann's parish on possessing the latest production of the skill of Messrs. Casavant, of St. Hyacinthe.

The first number of the second part of the programme was a melody of Irish airs. The simple but touching music, now lively, now gay, and then something that makes the heart ponder, lost nothing in the hands of Mr. O'Shea, who was equal to interpreting the Irish bards as he was in playing Wagner's triumphant march in Tannhauser.

Rev. Father Rioux, rector of St. Ann's, was congratulated after the service by many parishioners on the success of the inauguration.

A Spring Danger.

Many People Weaken Their System by Dosing with Purgative Medicines.

A spring medicine is a necessity. Nature demands it as an aid to enriching the blood and carrying off the impurities that have accumulated during the indoor life of the winter months. Thousands of people recognizing the necessity for a spring medicine, dose themselves with harsh gripping purgatives. This is a mistake. Ask any doctor and he will tell you that the use of purgative medicines weakens the system and cannot possibly cure disease. In the spring the system needs building up—purgatives weaken. The blood should be made rich, red and pure—purgatives cannot do this. What is needed is a tonic, and the best tonic medical science has yet devised is Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Every dose of this medicine actually makes new blood, strengthens every organ and every part of the body.

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Japanese Catholics.

Will Soon Have a University at Tokio.

Father Ferrand, one of our missionaries who recently paid a visit to America, gave some interesting details of the movement that is destined to bring about the conversion of the people of Japan. He it was that laid the foundation of the Goshakuya work among the students, and which has had remarkable success. Writing in the American Ecclesiastical Review he gave his views of the situation in plain, straightforward language. Tokyo, the capital of Japan since 1868, contains within its walls more than 50,000 drawn from all over the provinces of the Empire. These young men are destined to play an important part in the molding of popular thought and action. What Japan is to-day in her student body that will be with some slight modifications for generations to come. Christianize them and the whole country will follow their example.

Among these there are not more than 300 young men either Catholic or attending the Catholic conference of the Catholic missions. There are therefore 49,700 who will grow up in error, without suspecting that we represent the truth and the Son of God made man for the salvation of the world.

It is evident, therefore, that if we are to convert not merely a few individuals and families, but the nation as a whole; if we want to take a leading part in the great movement of idea and progress of civilization, it is necessary to attract to us the youth of the rationalistic schools, to instruct them in the doctrines of the Church, and make them apostles and propagators of the Faith.

The Holy See, weighing the importance of this movement, has instructed the Fathers of the Society of Jesus to establish a Catholic university in Tokio, where the students may learn the position of the Church and go from its halls into the world to spread abroad a knowledge of the truth.

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caused a pastoral letter to be issued in several of the churches, the faithful to attend the des Nouveautés in the future play "La Rafale" is the only His Grace's condemnation for the second time is believed at the above theatre, the text of the pastoral letter.

"Many times we have solemn warning against theatres. During the last theatres have been multiplied. We have not been of warning and advice to the managers. Often we sought Catholic newspapers to advertise plays that we might properly or fund doing this we are only full of the most imperious obligation—calling to guard the virtue of the people under the About a year ago, on the memorable event, we saw issue a letter, which concluded the following:

"As everybody knows, in this city a certain theatre, some of the most obscene productions have been offered at the theatres of the most depraved are frequently played without complaints against these theatres have been addressed from various sources. Reminders of this theatre remind the criminal code of Canada condemns such theatricals. Their duty to maintain the civil authorities are under grave obligation to watch we are taking the liberty them of this. For our part in accordance with our episcopal authority, we are warning to these directors they continue in the path have entered, we shall have against them through moral order, that may prove more efficient than the laws of the state.

"We shall not hesitate to duty and we will then to who are willing to be sons of the Church and to scorn its commandments at. Let us hope that we have to perform this painful duty. My dear brethren, which we were then administering the Theatre des Nouveautés compelled to perform the which we spoke, be it ever so full. We must above all young people, fight scandal out the salvation of souls.

"But a short time ago and reprimanded by us who placed before the public a was certainly bad, the pro the theatre himself and on principle colleagues came to and after having pleaded, offered their excuses, and their word of honor the immoral dramas would be.

They assured us of their Catholic sentiments, and they would deem themselves of condemnation and of the day their promise was broken.

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