

LOVE OF CATHOLIC DOCTRINE

Christ has taught, and the blood of martyrs in every age has exemplified the truth that the doctrine of the Church is the precious pearl for which everything is to be sacrificed. It is that "very excellent knowledge" for which the great Apostle tells us he suffered the loss of all things.

THE FIRST LESSONS of the child ought to be in the doctrines of faith, and afterwards through the years of growth its virtues ought to be wedged into the expanding mind to strengthen its life and mould its character.

conscience and dampen the zest for enjoyment! It is much nowadays if people will content themselves with light reading that is not positively harmful, even the trashy novel, provided it does not openly afford fuel to passion and incentive to sin.

TRUE LOVE for Catholic doctrine will inspire us with aversion for all that tends to corrupt its purity, weaken its vigor or diminish its brightness. We have been born and brought up in contact with the influence of the so-called Reformation, the essence of which is the denial of Catholic faith.

Others again, despite pastoral prohibitions and the Index of forbidden books, reviews and journals in which the teaching and institutions of the Church are misrepresented, attacked and turned into derision. They seem to forget that our book is our teacher for the time being. We surrender ourselves passively to its influence.

For the month of September our special prayer in union with the Heart of Jesus shall be that all Christians may show their love for Catholic doctrine by devotion to its study and zeal for its defence.

CAPITAL AND LABOR.

Cardinal Gibbons, in an article in the New York World, recently says: "I deeply deplore the present attitude of Labor and Capital. I have never questioned the right of the workmen to organize. Indeed I am a firm believer in the efficacy of organization, especially when it is applied to working men and women."

MR. DAVITT.—The Irish correspondent of the Manchester Guardian writes: "I think I can safely say that Mr. Michael Davitt is about to return to political life and to re-enter Parliament."

Impressions of a Catholic Land.

The visitor to Catholic countries does not always derive edification from what he sees. There is so much that is strange, unaccustomed, and—because of his own peculiar point of view—even disedifying to him, in the conduct of foreign Catholics.

THE beautiful Swiss town of Lucerne gave me my first experience of Catholicism out of England. I was on my way to Rome, and arrived at Lucerne in the early morning, when everything was shrouded in mist.

THE BROTHERS OF CHRISTIAN INSTRUCTION.

The third Superior General of the Brothers of Christian Instruction, founded by Jean de Lamennais, brother of the once famous Felicité de Lamennais, spent a day here recently on his way from the Rocky Mountains to France.

THE OLD-FASHIONED MOTHER. That old-fashioned mother!—one in all the world, the law of whose life was love; one who was the divinity of our infancy, and the sacred presence in the shrine of our first earthly workshop.

THE BROTHERS OF CHRISTIAN INSTRUCTION.

One of these Brothers will teach in St. Boniface College this year, and several more will probably be employed in subsequent years. Brother Abel is one of the last novices received into the order by its founder, whose process of canonization is under way, is a charming talker, a man of wide and accurate information, and a fearless servant of God.—Northwest Review.