

FATHER BURKE.

SERMON ON "CHRISTIAN PURITY."

The Very Rev. Thomas N. Burke, O.P., preached at the Cathedral, North Parish, Cork, on Sunday, Feb. 4, in aid of the Magdalen Asylum, under the care of the Sisters of Charity.

The Very Rev. Preacher took the following for his text—"Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is scandalized, and I am not on fire?"—St. Paul, 2d Corinthians.

Dear beloved brethren, these words, spoken by the inspired Apostle, express the whole mind of the Catholic Church of Jesus Christ. He who founded her gave into her charge the souls of all men; and whenever a single solitary soul is weakened or injured the heart of the Church burns with indignation and with love.

Wherever, therefore, my beloved, we find the Catholic Church in existence and in action wherever we find her standing a living real thing, exercising her own influence over the minds and over the souls of men, and at the same time propelling her children to action, there of necessity must we find an illustration of the Church's motives—in other words, there must we find the play of Faith and Love.

I am come to speak to you in this great Catholic city, and to speak of one of the greatest charities that exists in the midst of you; the Magdalen Asylum, as ruled and governed by the Sisters of Charity—by an association of Irish ladies, children of the soil, daughters of our blood, the very best and the highest, the purest, the holiest that Ireland's Catholic blood can produce.

And I am come to speak to you of the action of those nuns, consecrated to God, who have brought into the cloister the precious pearl of unstained and unsoiled innocence, and of virginal hearts—the action of these nuns towards the other pale of society, towards the poorest, the most wretched, the most degraded, the most helpless and miserable of those upon whom the eye of man may rest—namely, the woman fallen from her high estate, and recovering through the slow and tedious labors of repentance, the glorious position which she once held before God.

And surely, approaching this great subject, this great restorative labor of the Church of God in the midst of her children and of her people—I am justified in asking myself the question, and to that question inviting your consideration: How are the principles of the Catholic Church developed here, and how do her motives manifest themselves to us?

honored of all. . . . What is there so fallen as the fallen woman; what depth so low as that to which she sinks; what corruption so indefinable as that with which she is clothed? Other sinners go down to the nether hell for their sin, but she of whom I speak is the very impersonation of sin. The sight of her is sin; the touch of her is defilement; the breath from her lips is destruction.

False! False, I say; false as hell! It is a lie in the face of that God who made her the depository of learning, as her history shows. When, therefore, we meet to consider any one point of our divine faith, or our religion, my beloved brethren, we can always rest that faith, that practice, that point of religion, upon an intellectual basis.

Confession is not immoral. Ask those who often go to confession. Who are they that give themselves up to all kinds of immoralities and crimes? Persons who do not go to confession.

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Thanking you for the space occupied in the columns of your paper, I remain, dear Sir, Yours truly, H. WILL.

PASTORAL TOUR.

To the Editor of the True Witness.

PONTIAC Co., March 1st 1877.

Dear Sir,—On the 15th of February, His Lordship J. T. Duhamel left Ottawa, accompanied by the Rev. Dr. O'Connor on a pastoral tour through the Upper Ottawa parishes. The reception His Lordship was met with in Bristol, Portage du Fort, Calumet Island, Franktown, Coulonge and La Pisse, was truly grand and quite expressive of the inward love and high veneration which every Catholic entertains for his first Pastor.

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Confession is not unnatural, it is, he continued, natural to the mind to seek a relief from guilt by manifestations. This fact is proved by experience in everyday life. We often hear of criminals being forced by conscience to confess. Confession elicits our pity and commiseration.

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Dame Janet McAdam, of the City and District of Montreal, wife of Daniel Munro, of the same place, Plumber and Trader, and judicially authorized a *ester en justice*.

vs. The said Daniel Munro, Defendant. An action *en separation de corps et de biens* has been instituted in this cause.

GILMAN & HOLTON, Attorneys for Plaintiff. Montreal, 8 February, 1877. 27-5

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PRESENT: The Honorable Mr. JUSTICE PAPINEAU. No. 1871.

Jean Baptiste Amedee Mongenals, grocer, of the village of Rigaud, in the district of Montreal, doing business as such at Montreal, District of Montreal, under the name, style and firm of "Dufresne & Mongenals," PLAINTIFF,

vs. Dame Mary Cassidy, of the City of Montreal, widow of the late Myles Murphy, in his lifetime of the said City of Montreal, wood and coal merchant, and with whom she was *commune en biens*, and Myles Murphy, of the City of New York, in the State of New York, one of the United States of America, Police Officer, and Thomas O'Rourke, of the City of Montreal, laborer, and Edward Murphy, of the City of Montreal, laborer, and Demeselle Anne Murphy, of the said City of Montreal, *fille majeure et usante de ses droits* and Edward Murphy, of the City, County and State of New York, one of the United States of America, and Thomas Murphy, of Tarrytown, County of Westchester, in the State of New York, one of the United States of America, and Michael J. Murphy, of Yonkers, County of Westchester, in the State of New York, one of the United States of America, DEFENDANTS.

IT IS ORDERED, on the motion of Messrs Pagnuelo & Major Counsels for the Plaintiff in as much as it appears by the return of R. Lessard, one of the sworn Bailiffs of this Court, on the writ of summons in this cause issued written, that the Defendants, Myles Murphy, Edward Murphy, Thomas Murphy, & Michael G. Murphy has left their domicile in the Province of Quebec in Canada, and cannot be found in the district of Montreal that the said Defendants by an advertisement to be twice inserted in the English language, in the newspaper of the City of Montreal, called The True Witness and twice in the French language, in the newspaper of the said City, called Le Nouveau Monde be notified to appear before this Court, and there to answer the demand of the Plaintiff within two months after the last insertion of such advertisement, and upon the neglect of the said Defendants to appear and to answer to such demand within the period aforesaid, the said Plaintiff will be permitted to proceed to trial and judgment as in a cause by default.

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