

truth and purity, and this we can do by the establishment of parochial libraries. Good books are so many effective preachers of truth and sound morality. They instruct and edify; they entertain and improve; they elevate and refine the taste, and contribute to a pure and healthy tone of mind. In a country like this, in which many families live far from Church, and are unable to assist at mass and hear a sermon every Sunday, the circulation of good books would seem to be a positive duty if not a necessity. Our clergy should also encourage their people to take well-conducted Catholic newspapers. As it is numbers of families take cheap weekly newspapers, which, whilst they do not contain a single friendly word towards the Catholic Church, are stuffed with gushing accounts of "tea-meetings," "socials," "Bible meetings," *et hoc genus omne*. By the perusal of such papers, some lose the very language of Catholicism, and adopt that of the conventicle. Thus you will hear some people say that they are going to "prayers" or to "meeting" when they mean that they are going to assist at the holy sacrifice of the Mass. It is easy to see what injury all this is calculated to inflict, for inaccuracy of language in such matters logically begets a confusion and inaccuracy of ideas, and destroys the correct notions which should be entertained of Catholic doctrines. Our people, we repeat, should take good Catholic newspapers which will bring them into more direct relationship with the Catholic world, which will tell them what their brethren in this and other lands are doing for the triumph of truth and the promotion of Catholic interests, and will thus make them take a lively interest in the work and labors and trials of the world-wide church of which they are members, and which, in fine, will take them as it were out of their isolation and solitude in the remote townships and back-woods of the country, and make them partake of the great current of Catholic life. The Catholic press has a great and glorious mission to fulfil in this country and it should be encouraged and fostered by all who have the sacred interests of the Church at heart.

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