

forty-five divorce suits tried by me this term, in no single instance was either the plaintiff or the defendant an Irishman or Irishwoman." Why should this be a singular thing, has not the doctrine of the Catholic Church regarding marriage been spread broadcast, and where is that doctrine more revered and obeyed than among the children of Erin.

The *Ave Maria* says that the noble career of Father Damien has made it hard for any missionary to the lepers to be a hero; but Don Michael Unia, a priest of the Salesian Society, has shown in a striking way that the mold in which heroes are cast has not yet been broken. Having, not without difficulty, obtained permission to devote his life to the service of the lepers of Columbia, South America, he also "shut with his own hand the door of his own tomb." He had the love of a saint for his soul-trying work, and it was useless to advise prudence. One day being reminded that it was his duty to use every precaution to safeguard his own health Don Unia replied: "Leprosy, you must know renders these people extremely sensitive. Were I to show repugnance in my intercourse with them, they would hate instead of love me. Only yesterday a poor creature embraced me and expired in my arms. Believe me, if we wish to be of any assistance to these poor sufferers, we must love, not loath them for their misfortunes.

Father Ignaz Uerge, a Lazarist missionary and a Hungarian by birth, now living in China, writes concerning the spread of the Catholic religion in that country: "Our religion may be preached freely in any part of China. It is true that the natives do, now and then, destroy and burn our buildings, that they plunder the Christians and drive them away, or even put them to death. But we always prosecute them, and cease not until the injury has, so far as possible, been made good. In almost every part of China churches and chapels are building, some with towers, all with the symbol of the cross rising above them. In many districts we carry the Blessed Sacrament to the sick openly through the streets, and celebrate burial services. Our Christian sea-

captains hold public devotional services on the decks of their ships, and the high-born passengers offer no objections, but sometimes sanction it by their presence. The truth is that upon this gigantic native tree, which we call China, many a noble Christian growth has been already grafted."

Bishop Potter, Episcopalian, speaking to the Young Men's Christian Association of Newburgh, uttered a very Catholic sentiment, and one which we, with our Catholic contemporaries heartily endorse. His Lordship shows clearly that in what appears to be a clash between one's duty to the church and to the state Christians must first of all obey God. "Whether," said the bishop, "we belong to one party or the other, when it comes to an issue in which the foundations of morals are threatened, we are the servants of the Lord Jesus Christ. What has that to say as to safety of the state? It is first of all to say this to any man who seeks an office, who holds it or who contributes in any way to put any other man into it, that the question concerning which we want to be satisfied with him is not whether he is loyal to the party whose colors he bears, but whether in the discharge of the duty to which that party may choose him he purposes to put party gain and advantage over and above his duty to the God whose child he is, and to the Master whose sacred name he bears."

A report of the educational work done by the Christian Brothers in France contains some startling facts. According to the last quinquennial report of the Minister of Public Instruction there were 114,439 fewer children being educated in the French primary schools than there were five years before. In the same period the number of children in the schools of the Christian Brothers nearly doubled, and in the year in which the report was issued the Brothers were teaching 1,365,886 children. Considering that the schools of the Brothers receive no aid from the Government and have to compete with schools lavishly supported at the public cost, these results are most significant.

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