

ST. MARY'S MISSION

All the Services Very Largely Attended—Eloquent Addresses

(Free Press)

The women's mission conducted at St. Mary's church by the Passionist Fathers during the past week was brought to a most solemn close yesterday afternoon. Morning and evening since the mission was opened on the previous Sunday the church has been thronged with the women of the parish, and yesterday at the closing service every seat was occupied and the proceedings which terminated with the solemn Papal Benediction were of a most impressive character. At the service some beautiful and appropriate music was given, notably a very effective soprano solo by Miss Rose Braniff, whose sweet voice and artistic method added in no slight degree to the solemnity of the occasion.

The mission to men opened at 7.30 in the evening and the service proved to be a most striking evidence of the growth of Catholicity in the city. An hour before the time of the commencement men began to flock to the church, and it was soon filled to the doors with the galleries crowded and a large number unable to find seats. Rev. Father Richard Barrett led in the opening prayers which were recited by the grand congregation with a fervor which gave striking evidence that all present thoroughly entered into the solemn spirit of the occasion. The opening sermon was preached by Father Gregory O'Brien, who for an hour held the vast audience in breathless attention, as, with his truly wonderful oratory, his controlling sincerity and his personal magnetism, he spoke of the soul of man and urged and entreated his hearers to attend diligently and without ceasing to that one only important undertaking which should engage their time and attention, namely to work out their salvation. It was a magnificent discourse that evidently deeply affected the congregation and went straight to their hearts and appealed at the same time to their intelligence.

The mission for men will be continued throughout the week. Each morning the principal Mass with instruction will be at 6 o'clock, with a second Mass and instruction at 9 o'clock. The evening services, at which the mission sermon will be preached, will commence at 7.30.

Next week will be devoted specially to a mission to non-Catholics.

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FATHER TYRRELL LEAVES THE JESUITS

We were pained, but not surprised, to read in the despatches of last Friday that Father Tyrrell had left his order, being unwilling either to retract his un-Catholic writings or to discontinue them. For some years this, gifted priest was the most popular Catholic writer in England; and a certain novelty of expression and fascination of style won for him a host of readers in this country. The Catholic press everywhere welcomed him as the translator of mediaeval asceticism into modern thought and feeling. We don't remember ever having read a more extravagant commendation of any writer than was contained in our most ex-



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clusively ecclesiastical review regarding the "Lex Orandi" of Father Tyrrell. That was the book that broke our patience with this priest. We discovered a false note running through every sentence of that book. Our criticism was the reflection of our hot indignation, and there were many who considered our animadversions not only severe, but unjust. There was only one writer of prominence who supported our criticism; while dozens deprecated and condemned it. What puzzled us more than a little was the imprimatur of his Jesuit superior which the book bore. The Jesuits are good theologians. In moments of introspection we sometimes thought that perhaps, after all, we were too severe. This latest denouement satisfies us that we have a good many enlightened companions in our error, if error there was.

Perhaps it is better that Father Tyrrell has left the Jesuits. It was his association with the Society that gave him his influence. Now none will read him; and his power for good or evil will be vastly curtailed. As between Father Tyrrell and the Jesuit order Catholics will not hesitate long in deciding which to follow.

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There was never any pronounced Old Catholicism in England; but Acton and Mivart were warm sympathizers with Doellinger. And these two illogical men had many followers in England. Before the advanced coteries of modern English writers became weedy, they grew horribly wordy. Truth is laconic; error wraps itself up in the folds of high-sounding periods. Father Tyrrell was smotheringly wordy. There are at least two other popular writers, with unmistakably Milesian names, now busy with their pens in England, who will bear watching.

The latest achievement of these modernizers is an up-to-date theology; a theology that will be stripped of all casuistry; in which the sacraments will have to be introduced to each other; and which will resemble a present day theological text book as Newton's Principia does the theories of Zoroaster. These men have already revolutionized the study of Scripture. They have given us a Bible without inspiration, and a Gospel without miracles or a divine teacher. The Holy Office has dealt as unkindly with these innovators as has the Jesuit Order with Father Tyrrell; and poor Father Loizy will now have plenty opportunity to compare notes with his English brother.

We profess undiminished reverence for the old theologians, from St. Thomas and St. Bonaventure down to Koenings and Genicot. Call their theology old, if you will; you will find the old theologians very young if you put on the gloves with them. We have always contended that the Summa of St. Thomas contains scientific sensations for all time; but the startling innovators among our Catholic writers would do well to confine themselves to Thomastic fireworks.

We are strongly of opinion that Rome has had something to do with the silencing of Father Tyrrell. A false note is soon detected by that much abused tribunal, the Inquisition. God bless Rome! What a bedlam the Catholic world would be without her! —Western Watchman, March 15.

"I presume your wife makes life for you one grand, sweet song," said the old friend.
"Mostly recitative," answers Mr. Henry Peck, with just a tinge of sadness "mostly recitative."



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