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News by the Irish Mail.

(Special and Exclusive to the True Witness from Our Correspondent.)

At a sitting of the Convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians (Board of Erin) in the Mansion House, Dublin, Mr. Joseph Devlin, M.P., National President, presiding, the following resolutions were passed unanimously: "That this convention authorizes the National Board to take steps to suppress the sale of and distribution in Ireland of indecent newspapers, postcards, books, novelettes, and other printed matter of a similar description, as we consider such to be dangerous to the moral and Irish home life."

This sane and sensible utterance was very wrongfully converted into a warning to Catholic priests.

IMMORAL LITERATURE DENOUNCED.

His Lordship the Most Rev. D. O'Neill, Bishop of Dromore, has been denouncing the literature of a gross description that is being poured throughout Ireland at such a cheap price as to put it within the reach of all classes. These evil and immoral books and other publications bring untold spiritual and moral ruin to their readers and unwary and unsupported minds are polluted and poisoned by the false principles thoughtlessly imbibed by reading these evil publications, but his Lordship particularly advised as an antidote the reading of publications of the Catholic Truth Society of Ireland.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

At the quarterly meeting in Dublin of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul it was announced that the Society continues to make gratifying progress. The number of conferences now in operation are 133, this figure being the highest on record, and the number of active and aspirant-active members is 3252. The Society's income and relief work increases steadily. The Brother of St. Vincent de Paul takes to the poor man, in addition to bread tickets, words of kind sympathy, which is the strengthening bread of the soul, and as he comes in the name of God, an angel of peace and compassionate love, the wounded soul of the poor man will open to truth and virtue, under the persuasive charm of his visit, just as a flower frozen by the cold blast revives and blooms in the warmth of the sunshine. Bread appeases hunger, charity alone can heal a broken and bleeding human heart.

YOUNGEST PRELATE.

Most Rev. Dr. Duhig, Bishop of Rockhampton, Queensland, who enjoys the distinction of being the youngest prelate in the world—he is now about 38 years of age—will shortly be the guest of his friend, the Venerable Archbishop Roche, P. P. Glin, Co. Kerry. Dr. Duhig was born in Broadford, in that county, and when about fourteen years of age emigrated with the other members of his family to Australia. Soon after he commenced his studies for the priesthood, and after a brilliant collegiate course, was ordained. He labored in several parishes, and ultimately was consecrated Bishop.

NOTABLE VISITORS.

Ex-Empress Eugenie, accompanied by Princess de la Mascova, General Sir Thomas Kelly-Kenny, K.C.B., Monsieur Arcos, and Monsieur Petru, has been on a visit to the seat of the Earl of Kenmare. The party drove to Muckross Abbey and thence to the Queen's Cottage at Derryunihy. The hotel boats conveyed them through the Upper Lake, Long Range, shooting the rapids, and visiting Denis Island, en route. The royal visitor said it was the most enjoyable excursion she had ever had. On July 24th the Most Rev. J. R. Mangan, Bishop of Ardara and Aghadoe, with his Administrator, Very Rev. M. Tuiler, called at the Victoria Hotel, Killarney, and were received by the ex-Empress. In the afternoon the members of the party were conveyed by the royal barge through Lower Lake to Mahony's Point. They were then rowed to Innisfallen Island, Ross Castle, and back to the Victoria Pier.

DEATH OF AGED PRIEST.

Great grief is felt in the locality at the death of the Right Rev. Monsignor Dean Smollen, V.G., P.P., Enniskillen. The venerable clergyman, who had reached the age of eighty-one, had been dean of the diocese of Clogher since the death of Dr. Birmingham a couple of years ago. For many years previously he had been archdeacon of the diocese, and was declared dignus by the votes of the parish priest when selecting a successor to the Most Rev. Dr. Donnelly in 1894. The late Dean was chairman of the Tyrone and Fermanagh County Hospital. He was a strong temperance reformer, and was deeply concerned with every thing pertaining to the welfare and improvement of his people. Protestants as well as members of his own flock held him alike in warm esteem. He was in failing health for some years past, but it was thought that he would be spared still for a long time to carry on his clerical labor. Previous to his transference to Enniskillen in 1885, he was parish priest at Clones.

DISCUSSION AROUSED.

Considerable discussion has taken place in Ireland with regard to Mr. John Dillon's speech in London on July 24th. The Conservative Irish and the anti-Catholic press have been trying to make it appear that Mr. Dillon, speaking in the name of the Irish Party, has practically declared war not only on the English and Scottish Bishops and priests, but on all Catholics in Great Britain who are not home rulers. The "Irish Catholic" of Dublin takes the view that the speech was extraordinary, and that it would be interesting to know in a precise degree the number of concessions which would be proposed to allow bishops and clergy of the Church, if he held the same position of authority, in the direction of Irish political and social concerns. As Mr. Briand, for example, occupies in regard to these matters a position of authority in France. It winds up a long article by Mr. Dillon's speech, expressing the opinion that Mr. Dillon's address was not only anti-clerical but absolutely contrary to both the teaching and the decrees of the Holy See.

On the other hand other Catholic papers emphasize the fact that Mr. Dillon's argument was more than anything else that it would be fatal to the Catholic cause if the laity was excluded from the councils of the Catholic party where political questions are concerned, and that

CHURCH GAINING GROUND.

Father Bernard Vaughan is becoming nearly as well known in Ireland as he is in England. Preaching at Belfast last Sunday he said that compared with the state of affairs when he was a child, the Church is gaining rapidly. In no past period of her life has the Church been in a more healthy or vigorous state than she is to-day. She lives the charmed life, not of the fabulous talisman, but of the unerring promise of Christ.

VIRTUES AS WELL AS FAULTS.

But after reckoning all these faults of the press in England to-day, it is only right to reckon also its virtues. Compare its truthfulness and its respect for the privacy of individuals with the lying gossip which fills so large a portion of the American Press and of some few English newspapers run on American lines. (I think it was Max O'Rell who said that the only thing he ever believed in an American newspaper was the date!) Compare, again, its sense of decency with that of the modern French press, which seems to look at adultery as almost an honor rather than a shame, and when it becomes humorous sees fun only in the stirring up of filth. Take it all in all, we have reason to be grateful that the English press is what it is and to hope that it may not be led to follow too closely in the steps of the Press of neighboring nations. On the whole it is still a Christian Press, and Christian ideas and traditions still rule its Christian workers and enjoy respect for those who worship not the Christian God.

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CATHOLICS AND THE PRESS.

ITS POWER APPRECIATED.

Church Makes Headway Where Press is Strong.

The following is a very fine paper by Rev. James Hughes, read at the annual conference of the Catholic Young Men's Societies of Great Britain, at Whitehaven, England. It will prove most interesting: The attitude of Catholics towards the modern press is a subject well worth the consideration of the more thoughtful amongst our young men. Is the modern newspaper, as some would hold, the root of all evils, or is it the source of countless good? The Press is very much what its readers make it. If the readers are thoughtful, pure-minded, honest, truthful, they will require and will procure a thoughtful, pure-minded, honest, faithful press. If the readers are frivolous, superficial, in-chaste, dishonest, and lying, they will bring the press down to their own level.

Now, if one wishes to rouse a person to a higher sense of honor, one can often do this best by thinking kindly of them, and letting them see outwardly manifested that kindly thought. In most men there is more good than evil, and in the press, which is a reflection of the most of men, we shall generally find the goodness outbalanced the evil; and so in speaking of Catholics and the press I would first ask for a proper esteem of the work which it can do and an esteem of the work it is doing. In speaking of the press, I naturally refer to the press as we know it, the press of England to-day. That it has its faults no one can deny. The divorce court reports might well be shortened or suppressed, and their place taken by extracts of a literary or historical character, for what men feed on they acquire a taste for. Gambling news which has been for many a young man the signpost leading him on to folly, to dishonesty, and to ruin, could well be spared. Even the football reports, catering less for those who love the game than for those who are risking money on one of the contending teams, might well be considerably reduced. The hysterical readiness to see an enemy in every bush, and to refuse to other nations the right to see, like ourselves, the motto "Defence, not Defiance," though in ordinary times it may seem only ridiculous, has yet a tendency to plunge us, as it has done before, into unnecessary war.

ATTACKS MUST BE REFUTED.

Our Catholic young men might also take a more active part in writing to the press. From time to time attacks are made on the Church in local papers, and to leave them unanswered gives others the impression that no answer can be made. Sometimes the clergy may find time to answer these; oftentimes, they find their hands too full to undertake it. The members of our C.Y.M.S., and especially those more intellectual ones who are members of the Literary and Debating sections, should set themselves to deal with this. A series of lectures, followed by discussions, on a number of controverted points would fit them well to deal with these attacks. Take, for instance, a Catholic Truth Society pamphlet, interleave it with a writing paper, give the gist of it as a lecture, and then after the discussion add your personal notes or enquiries. Ask the chaplain or some friendly priest to suggest to you the names of books dealing with the subject; see if those books are in the local library, and if they are not, put their names down in the suggestion book until they are procured. In all these ways we may take up a right attitude towards the Press, striving in every way to increase the power and influence of the Catholic press; for it is beyond all doubt that where the Catholic press is strong and well supported, the Catholic Church makes headway, whilst she is losing ground wherever the Catholic press is divided, timid, or weak. Amongst the great Saints of God there is one particular body to whom the Church gives special honors, and these are the Doctors of the Church. Other Saints, virgins and martyrs, priests and bishops, may have their feast cut down in rank or blotted out altogether in particular years. The Doctors of the Church, even if they keep their feast on some later day, still retain their full rank. Like the Apostles, they have the honor of having the Creed recited in their Mass. These earthly honors from the Church are only a shadow of the far greater honors promised them in heaven. "They that instruct many unto justice shall shine like stars in the firmament for ever." What Chrysostom and Athanasius, what Jerome and Augustine did for the Catholic world sixteen centuries ago, the editors and the writers of our Catholic papers are doing in their own degree to-day; spreading knowledge of the Faith, destroying the darkness of ignorance, and bringing souls day by day nearer to the Truth.—Catholic Herald of India

Now, whilst I would ask esteem and courtesy, encouragement and co-operation for the Press in general, and especially for the local press of the town in which we live, on the same principle I would ask a deeper esteem, a fuller courtesy a kinder encouragement, a more generous co-operation, with our own Catholic Press. "Let us work good to all men," says St. Paul to the Galatians, "but especially to those who are of the household of the Faith." If we take several papers each week, a Catholic paper should be one of them. If we only take one paper in the week, then surely a Catholic paper should be that one. We have to remember that the circulation of the Catholic newspapers is practically limited to Catholics alone, and it is a shame for any Catholic who does not support our Catholic Press. I remember a fervent Catholic once mentioning to me with indignation that in the house of a Catholic friend with a number of grown-up sons he saw lying on the table one Sunday morning no less than eight newspapers, and not a single Catholic paper amongst them!

LEND YOUR PAPER.

There is some well meaning and sincere Protestant friend whose is full of prejudice against Catholicism. To lend him a Catholic newspaper even for one evening will surely him reading Catholic answers to some difficulties and seeing what Catholic teaching is. What an amount of good would be done if an earnest Catholic workman would lend during the six-week nights his Catholic newspaper, to six Protestant friends. It is marvellous what a respect people have for what they see in print. The words of their

Could Not Sleep in the Dark

HEART AND NERVES WERE RESPONSIBLE, SO THE DOCTOR SAID.

There is many a man and woman tossing night after night upon a sleepless bed. Some constitutional disturbance, worry or disease has so debilitated and irritated the nervous system that it cannot be quieted. Mrs. Calvin Stark, Rosmore, Ont., writes:—"About two years ago I began to be troubled with a smothering sensation at night, when I would lie down I got so bad I could not sleep in the dark, and would have to sit up and rub my limbs, they would become so numb. My doctor said my heart and nerves were responsible. I saw Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills advertised and got a box to try them. I took three boxes and can now lie down and sleep without the light burning and can rest well. I can recommend them highly to all nervous and run down women. Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills are 50c. per box, or 3 boxes for \$1.25, at all dealers, or mailed direct on receipt of price by The T. Milburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

friend pass in at one ear and out at the other; but a sermon by some leading Catholic preacher or an article by some distinguished Catholic scientist or historian gives them food for thought. Cardinal Gibbons mentions a striking case of the conversion of a Protestant doctor in North Carolina who knew absolutely nothing about the Church until he read the report of a Catholic sermon. He enquired further, became a Catholic, and through him three hundred others became Catholics, in a place where formerly there was not one. We have to remember that the best way of killing evil is by strengthening good. We must not be satisfied with denouncing bad books or bad newspapers. Let us call attention to good books and good newspapers. There is many a respectable Protestant who would not care for his daughters reading all that comes in the average weekly newspaper; and just as many Protestants send their children to Catholic schools because of their higher moral standard, it would not be very hard to get many a Protestant to take a Catholic newspaper on the same grounds.

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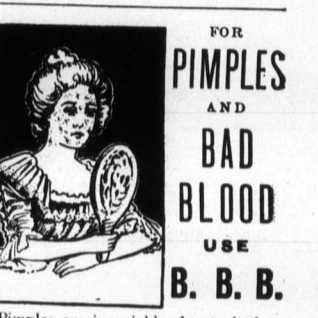
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