

Notes and Comments.

It has been remarked that many modern literary critics allow their attention to dwell too confinedly on the literary brilliancy of the writings which come before their notice, and that they pay little attention to an analysis of the good or bad morals which mark the development of the story. This is quite true. It is an absolutely wrong and unpardonable principle which leads critics to extol a work as a literary treasure, and excuse the luring incitement to evil which is to be found within its lines.

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Of course, it is regrettable that literary art should be prostituted to an evil theme. But we are no less sincere in our condemnation of the critic who will defend the possible literary excellence of a work, and forget to comment that the author with his stout pen, has shoved his characters along the path of evil, characters who speak the boast of immorality and all the rest of it.

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Coincident with the increasing triumph of the temperance movement in Ireland, a National Catholic Total Abstinence Congress will be held in Dublin next summer. This will mean the united and organized assemblage of all the temperance societies in Ireland. It will be a fitting expression of the wonderful work along the lines of temperance which has been accomplished since the inception of the movement by the great Father Matthew.

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December 8th marked the close of the jubilee which commemorated the one thousand six hundredth anniversary of the Edict of Milan. The decree of Constantine was the first sign of a harvest which had been sown and nurtured with the costly blood of so many Christian martyrs. A recollection of the manifold sufferings which the early Christians endured, in order to ensure the stability and security of Faith which we now enjoy, should inspire us with zeal and courage to "win the world for Christ."

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The recently issued report of the Catholic Immigration Association of Canada is a striking tribute to the energetic and zealous work of its Director, Rev. Abbe Casgrain, of Quebec. The object of the society is the care of Catholic immigrants upon their arrival