

PROTESTANT CONFESSIONAL

Time was when even among the Protestants who were avowedly anti-Catholics the very mention of "Confession" was received with an expression of horror and scorn as one of the worst corruptions of Rome.

For some years past certain of the Anglican churches have had a modified confessional, the similarity to that of the Catholic Church being more in name than in the substance of the Sacrament of Penance.

Perhaps the opposition to the very thought of it among the members of the evangelical sects.

For surely the opposition has disappeared to a great extent if we may judge from the proposal offered to the general convention of the Christian Endeavor Society recently held in Los Angeles.

By the Protestant Confessional, he explained—for his plea in behalf of it had occasioned no little consideration among his hearers—"I mean the opportunity given by the pastor to his congregation of counseling with him on any subject where they need help or advice."

That explanation explains much. It does not explain, however, why there should be any consternation among those who were urged to establish such a Confessional.

For the thing which Rev. Mr. Sheldon advised is very far removed from the Catholic Sacrament of Penance. He does not believe that he can forgive sins; and just as well he does not.

With him, the Confessional is simply to be a bit of good advice, of "counseling with him on any subject where they need help or advice."

That is all very good as far as it goes; but it does not go far. Not nearly as far as we were led to believe when the first newspaper announcements of the reverend gentleman's speech came out.

It is merely the plea for what we had supposed already existed in all churches, the parishioners seeking the advice of their pastors in time of trouble or uncertainty.

Even that is desirable. And familiarity with that thought may lead those who make use of that modified "Confessional" to go further and come back to the old Church where God has so provided for the needs of the human soul in the Sacrament instituted not merely for advice but for the remission of sins.—Pilot.

A STIRRING CALL TO DUTY

BISHOP ANDERSON'S INSPIRING ADDRESS TO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AT BOSTON

At the supreme council of the Knights of Columbus, which opened in Boston on a recent Sunday, Bishop Joseph G. Anderson of Worcester, Mass., delivered a notable address on the issues of the day and the duty of Catholic laymen in relation thereto.

Bishop Anderson pointed out the evils of the day, the mistakes made by the dispensers of so-called modern nostrums for the ailments of the body politic, and sounded a keynote of action for the Knights of Columbus in the days that are to come.

He said in part: "We see how the enemies of religion fully realize the power of organization, and profiting by the apathy and indifference of Catholics, seek to carry out their nefarious schemes of opposition to and persecution of the Church in the various countries of Europe. They have managed to gain control of the reins of government and the public press, with the result that they have been able to enact unjust laws against the Church and to shape public opinion by the power of the press against the Church, thus crippling her in every way and discrediting her in the eyes of the people."

recently, the Holy Father, seeing such activity on the part of the enemy, complained of the apathy and indifference of the Catholics in response to His appeals to them to rouse themselves to action.

There is one great question and problem that perplexes the world today and in which the Church is deeply interested because it affects not only the welfare of her own members, but the general welfare of society. It is the social question. This is the great question that has so fixed the attention of the world and so stirred the souls of men as to cause the social unrest so universally felt throughout the world.

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VENERABLE PRELATE'S LAST LETTER

The following beautiful letter to his people written by Bishop Janssen when he realized the end was near, was made public after his death:

"Reverend and Dear Fathers and Beloved Faithful of the Diocese of Belleville: "When God shall take my soul it is my desire to be buried honorably according to the rites of the Holy Catholic Church and in accordance with the ceremonies prescribed for the burial of Bishops."

"For many years it had been my desire to have a burying vault or crypt constructed which should serve as a fitting burial place for the Bishops

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"Tobias of old instructed his son to bury him honorably. The Cathedral is the place of the Cathedral, or chair of the Bishop. It is the Bishop's church, and as such acquires a certain dignity supplementary to that which marks the parish church. It is, therefore, fitting and also in accordance with Christian practice that the Bishop be buried in this Cathedral."

"It seems that my earthly pilgrimage will soon come to a close. My remaining days are few. During the twenty-five years of my episcopate I have always endeavored to act justly and in accordance with the dictates of my conscience. If I have offended anyone I ask God's pardon."

"My parting words to you, beloved priests and faithful of the Diocese of Belleville, are the words of Tobias to his son: 'Hearken, therefore, my children, to your father; serve the Lord in truth and seek to do things that please him, and command your children that they do justice and alms-deeds and that they be mindful of God and bless him at all times in truth and with all their power.'"

"When they have laid my body to rest, remember me at the altar of the Lord. Imparting to you the episcopal blessing, I ask your prayers."

WHAT DID MR. FOY SAY? Editor Ottawa Citizen.—In the account of the Chelsea picnic which appeared in your paper of Tuesday evening Mr. C. J. Foy is quoted for the following:

"After all, said Mr. Foy, we are all striving for the same goal, and what does it matter if Smith or Jones in going to Montreal take the Grand Trunk or the C. P. R.? Are they not going to the same place? Then, in the name of God let us sink these petty differences, which, after all are accidents of birth, and stick together, work together, and build up the grandest country in the world to-day."

I presume that the word "goal" here means Heaven. Although I did not hear Mr. Foy I may safely state that he has been entirely misquoted. The error contained in this paragraph which comes under the title of Indifferentism and Latitudinarianism is this: "Men can find the way to eternal salvation itself by the practice of any religion whatever." This error has been condemned by Pius IX. in his syllabus of 1864.

Mr. Foy's words, no doubt, have been wrenched from their strong Catholic moorings and twisted into the sophistry contained in the above quotation. Mr. Foy may have said that every Catholic child knows that we are obliged to love our neighbors though they differ from us in religion, and he may have said that we should work together for the temporal and moral welfare of our country. At any rate we know that Mr. Foy is too well instructed in the doctrines of the Church to make the statements attributed to him. He knows full well, as every Catholic layman

knows, that the differences between creeds are not petty but exceedingly great and that the possession of the true faith is not a mere accident of birth, but a free gift of God.

I submit this as an interim correction. Mr. Foy is a well known lawyer and a prominent leader of the Irish Catholics of Ontario. His words therefore ought to appear in print as words becoming a Catholic leader. We trust that Mr. Foy's personal correction will soon follow.

G. W. O'TOOLE, Cantley, Que.

NO ONE LIVETH TO HIMSELF

Our Lord once said to St. Catherine of Sienna: "It would indeed have been easy to give each man all that is necessary for his body and his soul. But I willed that men should need one another, and that they should become ministers and dispensers of My gifts."

Whether a man will or not, I force him to exercise charity toward his neighbor. See, therefore, it is to increase charity that I have made men My ministers and placed them in different states. There are many ways of living in My mansion, but loving is the only way I demand. For who loves his neighbor loves Me and fulfills the law. And whose possessive love renders to his neighbor all possible service.

In this life, while ye pass as strangers and pilgrims, I have bound you together by insoluble ties of charity; each man is forcibly united to his kind. Should he wish to separate himself, he is yet held by necessity. For I have bound you by your works as well as by love. I have not given to each what is necessary for his existence, so that should man lose the love of his brother, yet shall his actual needs enforce him. You are each bound to the other by the decrees of charity. For the tradesman needs the farmer, and the farmer needs the manufacturer. The religious needs the secular man and the secular the religious. The one cannot act without the other. And so it is with all men."

DIED KEENAN.—In Chatham, Ont., on July 14, 1913, Mr. Patrick Keenan. May his soul rest in peace!

Goodness and greatness come not by wishes, but by self-sacrifice and persistent effort.

STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, CIRCULATION, ETC., OF THE CATHOLIC RECORD, published weekly, at London, Canada, required by the Act of August 24, 1912.

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DOUGLAS SEPARATE SCHOOL. Renfrew Mercury, Aug. 5. During the past few years people who attended the Douglas Separate School, which was a separate school with its own grounds, etc., wondered what work there was for such an institution in a rural district of the kind.

After three years of work the school now justifies its existence in a remarkable manner. This year it sent up for the Entrance Examination, nine pupils and all these nine passed; it sent up for Lower School Entrance, twenty-two pupils and four passed; it sent up eight pupils for Final Middle School Entrance to Normal and all these eight passed, one with honours; bearing in mind the fact that the school is situated in a rural district, and that the pupils are from a wide area, and that the school is a source of satisfaction to all those within or without the school, it is a credit to the energetic parish priest, to provide such education for the youth of that section of the country.

The Mercury gave great praise to St. Michael's school and its appointments on the occasion of the Feast Day of its opening, three or four years ago, and is certainly glad now to add further tribute to the excellent work this school is doing by means of its success. Following are the names of the successful entrants to Normal pupils:—Lower School, Loretto Dillon, Hannah Sammon, Viola Bulger, Mary Walsh, Middle School—Anna Lynch, Mary C. Foran, Elizabeth Lynch, Clara Green, Mary Agnes Kilgour, Cecelia MacEachern, Timothy Downing, (honors) Wm. J. Neville.

Whatever differences of opinion there may be about Separate Schools, there surely can be no difference in this, that whatever the schools may be there should be thorough training furnished in the home. From the fact that in the province in the last year or two the Separate schools have been making records in examinations it is evident that the instructors are determined that the young people under their shall not be handicapped by inefficient education.

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