

St. Francis of Assissi had always been Mr. Walshe's ideal saint. After his wife's death he became a Franciscan Tertiary. The final developments of his personal sanctity were quite in keeping with his earlier tendencies. His secret mortifications and austerities only seemed to increase the sweetness of his disposition ; and they finally culminated in a habit of ecstasy. We could indeed wish that these secrets like those of so many of the saints, could have been got at without such liberal recourse to the keyhole, a method which slightly weakens our confidence in the witness's general trustworthiness, and which is scarcely justifiable, even by a thirst for edification.

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A Movement for Moral and Religious Instruction.



FOLLOWING close on the struggle for denominational schools in England, comes a reaction in The United States against purely secular teaching. Many influential Protestants, including clergymen, heads of colleges, etc., warmly support the movement. For the present, Catholics stand apart in distrustful neutrality.

The failure of the much boasted secular instruction to meet even the demands of material prosperity, is now acknowledged by those who most extolled the system in the past. Professing to include neither religious nor moral training, its fatal consequences are of too startling a nature to be entirely ignored. 'Tis a system upheld by a State growing in disregard for supernatural belief,