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THE GOSPEL AND THE PRIESTHOOD.

The Papal Encyclical to the Archbishops and Bishops of Italy is a document that the feverish world outside the Catholic Church may not pause one moment to consider; but the gain will be great to the faithful as the result of its study.

The unrest of the modern world is, however, such as to produce a continual anxiety for the preservation of the Faithful; and it is this anxiety that the Holy Father beseeches the brethren in the episcopate to share with him.

The entire burden of this Encyclical in its references to the Seminaries, to the connection of priests with periodicals and publications of every class, as well as with popular organizations, only increases the emphasis of the Holy Father's warning that the object of the sacred ministry is to preach the Gospel in that obedience which is absolutely obligatory.

If, outside of the Church, this important letter should attract attention, it is not at all unlikely that it may be called reactionary both in tone and spirit. But the Catholic Church has often in the past heard the same charge laid against her.

FORSAKEN LITTLE ONES.

A Protestant newspaper writer from Ontario who is engaged in the time-worn task of revealing the failings of Quebec to her neighbors is shocked beyond measure that religion should have anything to do in this city of Montreal with the care and fosterage of disowned and forsaken babes.

The Province of Ontario conducts a sort of broker's business in this line. The municipalities that have a surplus of waifs and strays on their hands, send the children into a clearing house in Toronto under government auspices.

claimed babies at the forthcoming Toronto fair, so that visitors can select what they want without losing any time from the pursuit of pleasure on the Midway and among the ballet-dancers before the grand stand.

We have no particular disposition to criticize Ontario. But we do say that were it not for the little part that religion is allowed to play in the protection of the neglected and dependent babes of Ontario, the system in vogue up there might some day develop some of the characteristics of slavery and paganism.

FRENCH GOVERNMENT REPLIES TO ENCYCLICAL.

In the person of M. Clemenceau, Minister of the Interior, the French Government has launched forth a reply to the encyclical of Pius X. Prefects have orders to seek out all religious educational institutions which have remained open despite the laws of July, 1901 and 1904, and to put into force these laws, thus definitely closing all institutions which may thus far have escaped.

All this bespeaks increased devotion and attachment to old Mother Church, who has always remained unharmed no matter how great the persecution. In fact, her greatness has been proven through centuries of the cruellest persecution; and she will continue to influence, and inspire and gather souls innumerable into her fold long after M. Clemenceau and the other infidels of whom he is the mouthpiece, will have gone to their reward for the war they have waged against her, this Church, built on an eternal foundation.

Peace is the Church's watchword; and with this emblazoned on turret and steeple, who will be able to withstand the gentle Gospel, begotten of that first message of Peace to Men countless ages ago; who ignore the admonition to put away all strife.

That much suffering will be caused to the orders in France is beyond doubt, but as to whether they will be completely paralyzed, time alone can tell.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The gigantic catastrophe in Chili following the recent horror in California must set the scientists guessing again at the cause of the so-called earthquakes that are responsible for the great shocks felt occasionally in those parts of the world.

The place of science in the investigation of disturbances of the earth's crust is of course to become, if possible, the warmer and protector of the inhabitants of dangerous zones. It is claimed that on the day preceding the shock throughout Chili some warning was published in the press. The visitation in San Francisco was without any premonitory sign. Opinion based upon examination of the results of these and other occurrences seems gradually tending towards the admission of the theory that the foundations of the central and southern regions of America are not solid, so to speak, and that a landslide is really what happens when the process of sinking into the sea sends a tremor across the crust of the land.

Mr. John Redmond has received the following letter from Archbishop Bourne:

Archbishop's House, Westminster, S.W. 1st August, 1906.

Dear Mr. Redmond: Before you leave London I desire to express to you once more, and through you to your colleagues, my

sincere and hearty thanks for the earnest and able efforts that you have been making during the past months in defence of the interests of our schools.

In saying this I know that I am expressing not only my own feelings but those of all my brethren of the Hierarchy of England.

I hope that you will have a good rest in preparation for the renewed struggle in the Autumn. I leave England on Monday and I shall be away until about the middle of September.

Wishing you every blessing, believe me, yours very sincerely, (Signed) FRANCIS, Archbishop of Westminster.

Particulars have now been received of the circumstances attending the tragic death of Monsignor Fielding, the brother of the Earl of Denbigh, who was drowned in the Rhine recently. Monsignor Fielding was on a boating excursion with another brother, the Hon. Everard Fielding, and when in a Canadian canoe a few miles above Rheinfelden they noticed some rough water in the middle of the stream. They endeavored to get across to the inside of the curve in the river where the water was running slack, but they misjudged the strength of the current and their boat was swamped. The deceased seized the canoe, but in a few moments loosed it, and his brother saw him swimming strongly for the shore. Mr. Everard Fielding made for the canoe, and the last he saw of his brother was when he was apparently within a few yards of the landing, swimming on his back. Mr. Everard Fielding was carried down the river some three miles, and landed in an exhausted state.

The Chapter of the Fathers of the Pious Schools held in Rome during the first week of August ended in the election of Rev. Father Emanuel Sanger, assistant of Spain, to be General of the Order.

King Edward has made it known that his health can be drunk quite as loyally in water as in wine or spirit. Some of the old school of patriots are beginning to feel doubtful about the perfect security of the Constitution.

St. Joseph's Academy, Toronto.

Amongst the educational institutions of the Dominion which may congratulate themselves on the scholastic work of the past year, the Academy of St. Joseph, Toronto, stands amongst the foremost. A record of over half a century with ever increasing facilities and equipment has placed this institution in the forefront of the academic homes for the children and young ladies of our Catholic families.

Senior Leaving, Part II—Miss M. McKay (honors), Miss J. MacGregor, Miss S. Meader. Senior Leaving, Part I—Miss J. O'Malley. Junior Leaving—Miss K. Phelan (honors), Miss M. Ryan, Miss T. O'Driscoll, Miss C. Sullivan, Miss F. Tobin.

Junior Matriculation—Miss M. Rush. Music.—June Examinations. Senior Pianoforte—Miss J. Morin (second class honors), Miss K. Clarke.

Junior Pianoforte—Miss E. Corrigan (first class honors), Miss Keogh (second class honors), Miss A. Quigley (second class honors), Miss K. Lyon, Miss E. Fraser. Primary Pianoforte—Miss T. Burns, Miss K. Moore, Miss I. Abbott, Miss L. Conlin, Miss A. MacLaren, Miss A. Bourke, Miss A. Fay and Miss M. Morrow.

Junior Theory—Miss C. Scully (honors), Miss E. Clarke (honors). Senior Singing—Miss J. MacGregor (first class honors), Miss C. Scully, Miss M. Bourke.

Junior Singing—Miss D. Gillies. This list is but one of many published, testifying to the thoroughness and efficiency of the Academy.

A Struggling Infant Mission

IN THE DIOCESE OF NORTHAMPTON, FAKENHAM, NORFOLK, ENGLAND.

Where is Mass said and Benediction given at present? IN A GARRET, the use of which I get for a rent of ONE SHILLING per week.

Average weekly Collection.—3s 6d. No endowment whatever, except HOPE. Not a great kind of endowment, you will say, good reader. Ah, well! Who knows? Great things have, as a rule, very small beginnings. There was the stable of Bethlehem, and God's hand is not shortened. I HAVE hopes. I have GREAT hopes that this latest Mission, opened by the Bishop of Northampton, will, in due course, become a great Mission.

But outside help is, evidently, necessary. Will it be forthcoming? I have noticed how willingly the OLDFATHERS OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA readily come to the assistance of poor, struggling Priests. May I not hope that they will, too, cast a sympathetic and pitying eye upon me in my struggle to establish an outpost of the Catholic Faith in this—so far as the Catholic Faith is concerned—barren region? May I not hope, good reader, that you, in your zeal for the progress of that Faith, will extend a helping hand to me? I cry to you with all earnestness to come to my assistance. You may not be able to do much; but you CAN DO A LITTLE. Do that little which is in your power, for God's sake, and with the other "littles" that are done I shall be able to establish this new Mission firmly. DON'T TURN A DEAF EAR TO MY URGENT APPEAL. "May God bless and prosper your endeavors in establishing a Mission at Fakenham."

"ARTHUR, Bishop of Northampton."

Address—Father H. W. Gray, Hampton Road, Fakenham, Norfolk, England.

P.S.—I will gratefully and promptly acknowledge the smallest donation, and send with my acknowledgment a beautiful picture of the Sacred Heart.

This new Mission will be dedicated to St. Anthony of Padua.

THE CATHOLIC "SNOB"

It is but natural that, as our communities become older, there should develop among Catholics different social sets divided from each other chiefly by the circumstance of wealth and to some extent by the circumstance of culture.

But there is an added feature to this social evolution which we cannot contemplate as leniently. It is the disposition of some Catholics, who esteem themselves of a social caste higher than most of their co-religionists, to cultivate with an eager desire the society of Protestants thought to be in the social swim.

And this sort of social ambition is accompanied by a certain spirit of aloofness from the society of Catholics.

Of course the moralist will be inclined to regard the danger of mixed marriages as the chief objection herein. Mixed marriages certainly are apt to result. The ambition to associate culminates in the ambition to marry. Overmuch or exclusive going into a non-Catholic marriage mart results in the selection of non-Catholic wives and husbands.

But the objection to the situation which touches the core of character and true gentility is to the very attitude of mind which sends the Catholic into the non-Catholic social circle with a special craving therefor and an avoidance of his own people. When you hear a Catholic allege that "all his social friends are Protestants," or that there are no nice Catholic young men whom one cares to know or vice versa, your instinct warns you that you are close to the atmosphere of snobbery. It is the same pushing vulgar temperament that is born and bred among all creeds in every nation, in every age. Wealth or fine clothes do not disguise the snob nor cover up the mean spirit, the imitative nature, the instability of moral principle and intellectual conviction, which go with that kind of social struggle wherever he exists.

From the standpoint of the well being of the Catholic community at large, the fate of Catholic snobs in their social wanderings is not unimportant. Perhaps it is better that they be eliminated as much as possible from Catholic social life and from leadership of any kind in our

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ing influence so far as they are allowed to affect Catholic public life. In their favorite social habit congregations. They are a debilitating among Protestants they can engender only the respect that snobs can engender for anything religious or political with which they are associated.

Cholera morbus, cramps and kindred complaints annually make their appearance at the same time as the hot weather, green fruit, cucumbers, melons, etc., and many persons are debarred from eating these tempting things, but they need not abstain if they have Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Dysentery Cordial and take a few drops in water. It cures the cramps and cholera in a remarkable manner, and is sure to check every disturbance of the bowels.

A HUMBLE HEROINE

Some years ago in a city in France all the soldiers were drawn up on the plaza. A woman in the habit of charity was called out in front of the Governor-General, and this is what he said:

"Mother Mary Teresa, when you were twenty years of age you received a wound from a cannon ball while assisting one of the wounded on the field at Balaklava. In 1859 the shell from a mitrailleuse laid you prostrate in the front ranks on the battlefield of Magenta. Since then you have been in Syria, in China, and in Mexico, and if you were not wounded it was not because you have not exposed yourself."

"In 1870 you were taken up in Reischaffen covered with many saber wounds. Such deeds of heroism you crowned a few weeks ago with one of the most heroic actions which history records. A grenade fell upon the ambulance which was under your charge. You took up the grenade in your arms; you smiled upon the wounded who looked at you with feelings of dismay; you carried it a distance of eighty meters. On laying it down you noticed that it was going to burst. You threw yourself on the ground; it burst. You were seen covered with blood, but when persons came to your assistance you rose up smiling, as if your wound were scarcely re-

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covered from your wound when you returned to the hospital whence I have summoned you."

Then the general made her kneel down and, drawing his sword, touched her lightly with it three times on the shoulder, and pinned the cross of the Legion of Honor on her habit, saying:

"I put upon you the cross of the brave in the name of the French people and army. No one has gained it by more deeds of heroism nor by a life so completely spent in self-abnegation for the benefit of your brothers and the service of your country. Soldiers, present arms!" The troops saluted, the drums and bugles rang out, the air was filled with loud acclamations, and all was jubilation and excitement as Mother Teresa arose, her face suffused with blushes, and asked: "General, are you done?" "Yes," said he. "Then I will go back to the hospital."—From "The Companionship of Books," by Frederick Rowland Marvin.

CANCER OF THE FACE

Stott & Jury, Bowmanville, Ont., will gladly send you the names of Canadians who have tried their painless home treatment for cancer in all parts of the body. Some of the cures are simply marvelous.

RICH SILVER MINE

Silver has been discovered in a quarry at Boho, near Castlereagh, County Roscommon, P. J. Costello, foreman of the quarry, made the discovery.

After a rock about twenty feet under the surface of the land had been opened by blasting he discovered a large vein in the centre of the rock which had all the appearance of silver.

The vein had been greatly shattered by the force of the explosion, but Mr. Costello gathered up as much of the fragments or small bits as he could and forwarded them to a jeweler in Dublin for analysis. Mr. Costello has received a reply stating that it is a most valuable mineral and to preserve as much of it as possible for further examination.

In proceeding with the work of quarrying, since further discoveries have been made of material which has all the appearance of containing silver in a raw state.

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ITEMS OF ACKNOWLEDG For Mission in Ind Already Acknowledged "A Subscriber" DEATH OF FATH Rev. Father Groulx ablest young priests diocese, and for year Archbishop Duhamel, was a victim of tub disease starting in th and working slowly body. He was a nat

ST. GABRIEL'S T. CIETY'S EXCO Come with St. Gab B. Society on their at to Burlington on Sa 1. Tickets good until bor Day. Tickets ma 447 Centre street or of the society; also of the day of the excurs ther particulars see p

ST. MARY A couple of Sunday ther Brady, pastor called attention to th no very distant de would be called upon honor to the twenty sary of the opening U unite with the rev fond hope that nothi undone to give due e event, calculated as so many pleasing an mories of the past.

Be There a Will, Wisd Way.—The sick man p but he dislikes sending tor, which means bot never consumed. He resolution to load his compounds which smel and taste worse. But will to deal himself w ment, wisdom will di tion to Parmelee's V which, as a specific f and disorders of the d gans, have no equal.

BLESSING OF CON BELL AT STE. MAJ Ste. Marguerite of was in gala attire on the occasion of the b parish convent and a sided over by His Gr Archbishop. Immediately a gious ceremony a banq ed in the convent at clergy and visitors par convent is the outcome priest's efforts to give of his parish every ad vantage. The Sisters have charge of the tea the Rev. Father Desros guine of great results.

ST. GABRIE Last Sunday was a day in St. Gabriel. T the Assumption of th gin was celebrated with unity. Solemn high sung by Rev. Father R ly-ordained priest, assist Rev. Fathers Fahey and deacon and sub-deacon At the prom: the past ther O'Meara, gave a cise interpretation of th the feast that was bei pointing out in a str the difference between th the Ascension and th assumption.