

from definite teaching and means of grace. We, too, know how good, how pious, how exemplary are numbers and numbers of those for whom we pray. Let this move us all to pray earnestly for them, that they may gain admission to the full privilege of the communion of saints."

Critics and Champions.

It is truly an "ill wind that blows no good." We are forcibly reminded of this trite truism, when we consider the periodical spasms of those who scoff at sacred things, and try to tear the truth to tatters. The recent lecture in Buffalo of an ignominious and noted infidel called forth valiant champions of holy Church. It was also an occasion to awaken the fire and eloquence of the brilliant editor of the *Catholic Union and Times*, who, while castigating the scoffer, penned a beautiful and convincing reply to the question, What has the Church done for humanity? In his masterly article, Dr. Cronin brings the strongest proofs to show, among other things, that the Church broke the bonds of enslaved woman and elevated her to her proper sphere, a point that is brought prominently to the front this month by a writer in the pages of THE CARMELITE REVIEW. Furthermore, it was the Church, to quote Dr. Cronin, "who preached the brotherhood of the race and the equality of all men before God. It was she who protected the poor and the weak from the rapacity and tyranny of rulers. It was she who saved Europe from the cruelty and barbarism of Frank, Goth, Vandal, Visigoth and Hun by converting them to the creed of the Cross and civilizing their manners and lives. It was she who taught the arts of agriculture and, through her monks, made arid wastes to bloom. It was she who erected asylums for every phase of helplessness throughout the world. It was she who inspired the erection of the great universities in Europe and filled their professorial chairs with numbers of her illustrious sons. It was she who, through the aid of her 'monkish' mariner's compass, enabled her sainted children, like Columbus, to plow unknown seas and open up a new world to the astonished children of men."

PUBLICATIONS.

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