PAROCHIAL BUSINESS METHODS

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doors to meet the rush, and systematically record the contributions; but for the laggards whose offerings come straggling in during the following two weeks, the usual attendance of the bookkeeper at the church entrance suffices to complete the record.

Finally, instead of the pastor reading out the list of offerings from the pulpit—a process apt to become wearisome to himself as well as to the congregation—the bookkeeper supplies him, when collection is closed, with the names of all contributors in alphabetical order, (all similar surnames being grouped together), and this is promptly printed and distributed by the bookkeeper, or ushers, to the people as they pass out of church, the contributors having been previously requested by the pastor to point out, without unnecessary delay, any errors or omissions, if any, which may be found in the printed list, in order that they may be rectified.

The same plan should be followed for other principal collections, throughout the year, such as Seminary Collection, Peter's Pence, and such like. It will save the bookkeeper much subsequent labor if he carefully preserves a corrected copy of all such printed lists for use when compiling the annual complete detailed printed statement of all contributions to every fund at close of year. The printing of lists costs, after all, but a trifle; and it is observed that the people give more gladly and generously if their natural desire to know the financial condition of the parish is thus gratified. The annual printed statements also enable every person to satisfy himself that all contributions are duly accounted for to the pastor, and as to how his money is expended.

DISTRICT VISITORS

In small towns where the pastor, unless he chances to be a veritable recluse, knows (or at least knows of) nearly the whole population, District visitors are not so necessary as in larger places. However, even in the former, they would be found useful if there are factories which employ a large number of hands, especially if the employees are frequently recruited from outside localities.

The District visitors are volunteer assistants, composed mostly of women. They meet together and organize under the pastor's leadership. If enough of them are available two visitors are assigned to each division of the parish; and it is their duty to visit, in a friendly way, at stated intervals, every Catholic family in the district assigned them. Each couple either make their rounds jointly, or else visit separately in order to cover the ground more rapidly. Their object in calling upon the well-known Catholics is principally to enquire as to the presence in their vicinity of newly-arrived Catholics, so that the latter may be at once welcomed, and their presence made known to the pastor. They also take note of cases of mixed marriages, unbaptized children, non-attendance at Catholic schools, destitution, and such like information as may be useful to the pastor and beneficial to the new-comer. It has been found that in this way the pastor, having been kept in rapid and frequent touch with all parts of his parish, has been enabled to get quickly in communication with Catholics of whose presence he might have had no knowledge for a long time.

It is essential that District visitors should promise the pastor from the outset that such information as they may glean in discharge of their duties shall be given only to him, and under no circumstances disclosed to other parties. Hence it would seem best for a pastor wishing to employ District visitors to himself select women of good judgment and discretion, and induce them to offer their services, rather than to publicly call for volunteers, some of whom might not be suitable in this or that respect for the work in hand.

AID FOR THE MISSIONS

It is a fact that from all over Eastern Canada bales of good serviceable second-hand clothing are being sent from time to time by non-Catholic congregations to their missionaries in the newer parts of Canada; and that in some cases gifts of such clothing have been made by the missionaries to poor Catholic settlers and Indians accompanied by efforts to get them to forsake the ministrations of their own clergy. And sometimes not without success. To assist the latter to meet this scheme, but above all to put it in their power to relieve the necessities of their poor for the sake of Jesus Christ, the congregation has been appealed to every fall for some years past to contribute good, clean, substantial second-hand clothing for the missions. Each call was more successful than the last, and it was astonishing what a creditable quality of goods was donated. These were sorted, neatly packed in grain bags, duly tagged, and shipped off to missions and orphanages in the far west. The missionaries acknowledged their receipt with joy and gratitude.

Now, this would be useful help under quite ordinary conditions, but how much more so now, when poor Catholics from all Europe are pouring into the North-West in such vast numbers that the struggling clergy there are at their wits' ends to find means and time to minister to their flock's spiritual needs, not to speak of their temporal wants. The immigrants come from overcrowded Europe seeking an asylum and a home, many of them practically destitute. They are, as a rule, a fine promising lot who will become good Catholic Canadians, but they often need a little assistance to get started, especially as the winters are severe and clothing expensive to families with but little money. Picture the joy of a missionary priest when he is able to say to a very poor but struggling Catholic immigrant "Bring your family up to the mission house and you shall all have some warm clothing, for kind friends have sent me several bales!"

Every parish can, and should, send at least one bale if not more. At present many excellent cast-off clothes are being thrown away, or fed to the moths, all over Ontario. The Catholic Church Extension Society, 119 Wellington St., West, Toronto, will no doubt gladly advise where such donations are most required.

CATHOLIC LITERATURE

Complaints are often made, and with considerable reason, that Catholics as a whole do not sufficiently appreciate and support the Catholic literature, and that most non-Catholics will not read it at all. But let us glance at a method which has been tried, and with considerable success, to bring about an improvement. First, take the Catholics. The pastor subscribes for not a few religious papers and magazines for his own use. These are never destroyed but allowed to accumulate. Then suppose an important article comes out which it would be well for every Catholic to read; or a papal encyclical upon some subject affecting every one of the faithful in some degree; he orders twenty-five or more copies and marks the article. Every few months this accumulated mass is brought to the church porch and, during mass, all the congregation "who desire some Catholic reading matter are invited to signify same to the bookkeeper at the door as they pass out." The result is, the vast majority apply for a copy, and presumably read what they have asked for. Doubtless an increased taste for religious reading is thus being formed, (for a good taste, like a bad taste, can be cultivated,) and subscribers to Catholic publications are rapidly increasing in the parish.

Turning now to the non-Catholics, some occasional meandering lecturer, or local preacher, makes an ignorant and erroneous attack upon some doctrine or practice of the Church. This is briefly, but courteously, replied to in the local press, and the public informed that on the following Sunday evening all non-Catholics are cordially invited to hear the Catholic side of the question. They appear in shoals on such an occasion, for the non-Catholic temperament dearly loves a disputation; and small blame to them, for are they not ever confessedly "searching for the truth?" and it is only human to enjoy a little religious excitement.

But there isn't any undue excitement, for the subject is handled calmly and amicably, though very lucidly. In conclusion, the non-Catholics present having been complimented upon their willingness to hear the presentation of the case from the Catholic stand-point, are told that on passing out they can have for the asking a Catholic book more fully explaining doctrines generally misunderstood by our non-Catholic neighbors.

On one occasion such as this, I am told, over forty copies of the "Question Box" and "Faith of Our Fathers" proved so inadequate to the demand that the bookkeeper (whose duty it is to distribute the literature) was compelled to keep a large number of non-Catholics waiting at the entrance (and they waited cheerfully) while he went to fetch enough from the supply of such books always kept in reserve; such supply being bought in wholesale lots at cheap prices for purposes of dissemination. It is said that that evening fully sixty non-Catholics willingly carried home these powerful Catholic books!—which does not seem to bear out the idea that they will not read them at any price. The fact is, they wanted such literature, but did not know where to find it till this opportunity came to them. And the plan is producing results. The pastor always has a numerous "inquiry class" under instruction, some of whom refer to this church-door distribution as the cause of their gravitation towards the True Faith.

THE CHURCH EDIFICE

Who is there who has not, upon entering some of our churches, been charmed by the beauties of the adornments or the architecture, and, a moment later, when the eye became adjusted to the "dim religious light," been disappointed to observe the inexcusable prevalence of dust and dirt and grime?

In the very muddiest seasons the parish church I speak of is kept clean; not so cleanly perhaps as most non-Catholic churches are, for they have not thronging congregations, as a rule, and besides are locked most of the time; but still it is kept as fairly clean as can be reasonably expected. Better of course a live church a trifle dusty under foot than a deserted one "painfully clean." And in cold weather it is always comfortably warm. Who does not commiserate the worshipper from several miles (or less) distance, who arrives on a winter's day benumbed with cold to worship in a chilly church? It does not seem fair that his or her health should be put in jeopardy (not to speak of the discomfort) because of inattention to heating arrangements. Surely with a dirty church and a too-frigid atmosphere one could not wonder if such a half-frozen person should find it a difficult matter to realize the words of Jacob of old "How dreadful is this place! this is truly none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!"

R. S. T.

Letter Concerning Milton's Catholicity

MILTON LIVED (1608-1674)

Dear Sir,—You say "we have read statements or arguments based principally upon Comus to prove that Milton was a Catholic. They never convinced us." No wonder, indeed.

The matter stands thus I think;

Pro. (a) Milton's Catholic brother, Sir Christopher Milton, said that his brother the poet had been a Catholic for "some years before his death."

(b) Lord Dorset (1638-1706) told Matthew Prior 1664-1721) the same thing.

Con. (a) John Milton's "On True Religion, Heresy and Schism and Growth of Popery," a product of the no-popery agitation against Charles II.'s Declaration of Indulgence was published in 1673, within one year of the writer's death.

(b) His "Treatise of Christian Doctrine," published posthumously, occupied him during the last years of his life. This treatise is Arian; it defends polygamy and divorce and the free right of everyone to interpret the Scriptures.

(c) Of the poems that occupied the last ten years of Milton's life, is not "Paradise Regained" frankly Arian? Is "Paradise Lost" not so?

W. F. P. STOCKLEY,
University College, Cork.

Feb. 5, 1910.

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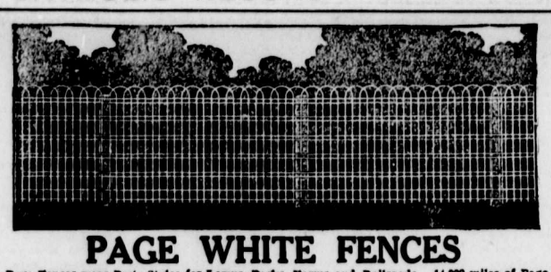

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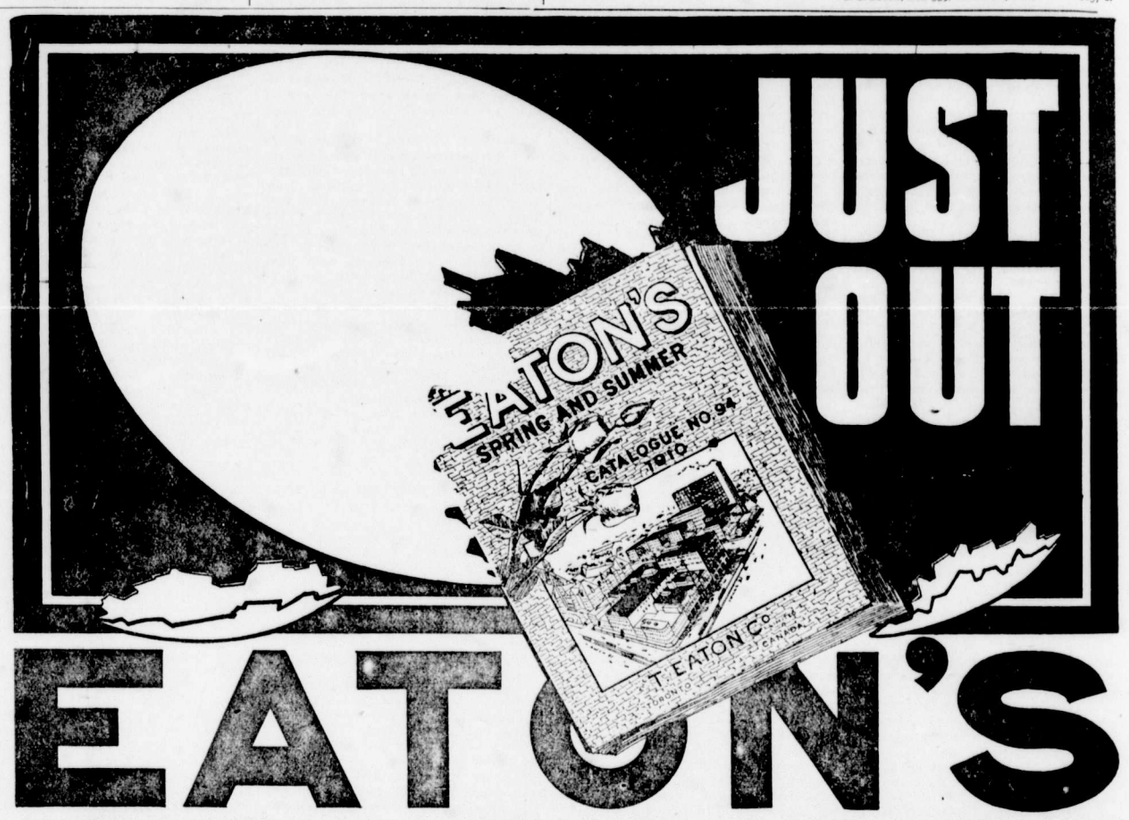

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