TEMPERANCE

A SALOON KEEPER'S OPINION

From an article which appeared recently in the Kansas City Star, and which was written by a saloon-keeper, we take the following pas-

sage :
"I have been a saloon keeper

Kansas City twenty two years. My place is centrally located, elaborately

fitted up, completely stocked, and is well patronized. The salcon is for

booze business in this country is in

sight, and I prefer to step from under before the roof falls in. "I would not undertake to say

when nation wide prohibition is going to arrive, but it is coming as sure as fate, and it is not many years

away. It is coming not so much as a result of feverish and hysterical

agitation as a result of a majority of the voters of the country making up

their minds that boozing is a crim

inal waste of time and money and

drug."

booze a nuisance and a dangerous

The writer gives from personal ob-

convince him that the selling of

liquor is going to be a very unprofit-

able business. He says:
"Social and business conditions

have changed until booze and booze-

fighting have no place in the present

day scheme of things. The ability to carry a jag gracefully is no longer esteemed as one of the polite accom-

plishments of a gentleman, and busi

ness life is too strenuous these days

for a man to hamper himself with a foddled brain. And with the realiza-

tion that they can't drink themselves and remain at the top notch of effi-

ciency, business men are demanding

that their employees let booze alone

Corporations and firms are not hiring drinkers, and they are getting rid of

old employees who persist in drink.

ing.
"It's the same thing all over.

'Banquets' and formal gatherings of

all kinds where cocktails and wines

used to be freely served have become

'dry' affairs. Social and fraternal orders and business men's associa-

tions starting on railroad excursions used to fortify themselves against a

wreck in a desert with a commissary car loaded with liquors and a corps

of bartenders. Now the majority of

them have developed a sentiment

against the booze van-too many of

ing, even at play.
"All those things point in just one

direction, to my way of thinking. They mean that the men of this

country are making up their minds that drinking is bad business, and

doesn't offer compensations sufficient

to offset the toll of time and money

and health it takes. Drunkards

there are and will be so long as there is booze to be had, and they are panic-stricken at the suggestion that

country wide prohibition may pre-

But the self-respecting

of the liquor traffic, are preparing to

"And take it from me, when that

time comes, booze will be banished

effectively and completely. A lot of liquor dealers and saloon bums are

and of 'kidding' themselves with

social drinkers, the real deper

a rotten business.

TERS OF TECUMSEH, MICH.

clergymen of Tecumseh, but inquiry

Rev. W. B. Hartzog of the Congre

gational Church, Tecumseh, stated

over the telephone that he had in

terviewed the Episcopal and Metho-dist pastors, that none of them knew anything about the Toledo men, that

discloses that this is not the case.

his day."

the old-time cut-ups have quit drink-

servation a number of signs which

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FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE "Whose sins you shall forgive they are forgiven.
John xx. 23 #

Leprosy has always been considered a figure of sin. As leprosy covers the body and makes it disgusting and trightful to behold; so sin covers the soul and makes it h deous in the sight of God. The law of Moses required leners to senerate themselves. quired lepers to separate themselves from society until their cure was certified by priests to whom the in-spection of lepers was intrusted. And our Lord has been pleased, in the New Law, to institute a similar method for the cure of those afflicted

with the more fatal leprosy of sin.

The spiritual leper, the sinner, is
to show himself to the priest, make known the diseased state of his soul and submit to the inspection and treatment of the priest who is the divinely appointed physician of the

But should we not go directly to God, since He alone has power to justify us? "Tis true, God alone can effect our justification, but He has appointed the priest to judge in His stead and pass sentence in His name. To the priests He has said." Whateo. To the priests He has said "Whatsoever you shall bind upon earth shall be bound in heaven and whatever you shall loose upon earth shall be loosed also in heaven;" and again, "Whose sins you shall forgive they are forand whose sins you shall re ain they are retained."

Let us for a short time concider the sacrament of penance and the principal duty of the penitent.

Penance is, as you know, a sacra-ment in which the sins committed after baptism are, by the power of the priest, forgiven those who confess them with true repentance. Penance is a sacrament, because it is a sensible sign which produces grace, namely, the remission of sins, and was instituted by Christ. Our Saviour instituted the sacrament of penance on the day of His resurrecion, because the Sacrament effects the resurrection of souls dead by mortal sin. It was promised some time before when He said : " Amen, I say to you whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed also in heaven; whatsoever ye shall bind upon earth shall be bound also in He fulfilled this promise on the day of His resurrection He said: "Receive ye the Holy Ghost. Whose sins ye shall forgive they are forgiven them: and whose sins ye shall retain, they are re-tained." The effect of this sacrament is the remission of sins com mitted after baptism. No matter how numerous or how great these sins are, provided they are confessed incere repentance, they will

with a sincere repentance, they will be forgiven by the power of the priest. Properly speaking, Jesus Christ alone cam forgive sins. But He com-municated this power to His Apostles, charging them in turn to transmit it to all priests by means of the sacra-ment of holy orders.

The sacrament of penance considered with regard to the penitent contains three parts: contrition, confession and satisfaction. "Contrition which holds the first place among the acts of penance," says the Council of Trent, " is sorrow of soul and a sincere detestation of the sin committed, with a firm determination never more to commit it." The penitent must not only know and confess all his sins, but he must be sincerely sorry for them and resolve to sin no more. This contrition is absolutely necessary; and he who confesses and reheartily serry for having offended God commits a grievous sin, a sacrilege. True contrition is a supernatural virtue and should spring from love of Ged, fear of hell or of losing heaven. Contrition is the penanc of the heart. "From the heart, says Jesus Christ, "come forth evi thoughts, murders, adulteries." heart then must receive the first punishment by a sincere sorrow, since in it sin originates.

After exciting in his heart a sincere sorrew for sin and a firm determination never more to commit it, after thorough examination of conscience on the commandments of God, of the Church, the capital sins and the duties of his state and after making an act of faith, of love, of hope and especially of contrition, the penitent enters the confessional and confesses his sins. He first says "bless me, father, for I have sinned," then makes the sign of the cross and says the confiteor as far as "through my fault." Without waiting to be asked any ques-tions he tells how long it has been since his last confession and whether he received absolution. Then he confesses his sins, beginning with the most grievous, or following the order of the commandments. When he has teld all his sins, he concludes by saying: "For all these sins and for those I have forgotten I ask pardon of God and of you, father, penance and absolution." Then he listens attentively to whatever advice the confessor is pleased to give him renews the act of contrition and him, renews the act of contrition and, as soom as he has returned thanks to God for the grace received, performs the penance imposed by the priest.

To the truly humble and sorrow ful sinner confession is not a punishment, but a remedy for a tortured The most painful secret to be kept by a heart not yet corrupt ed by disease is the secret of sin and The soul that loves God hates sin and desires to separate itself from To this desire is associated the desire of expiating it. All, from the mother who questions her child about wrongdoing to the judge who interro-

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A short time ago the papers gave us an incident of how confession is abused outside the Catholic Church. certain conscientious man wishing to free his conscience before dying, sent for his minister. He told of some great crime committed in his outh. No sooner was he dead than the papers were full of his evil deeds. ministers would not tell the papers, but most would tell their wives, who are not bad local news-

papers The humiliation connected with confession is nothing to the insupportable confusion, the bitterest torture endured by him whose guilty conscience tells him that he is continually in the presence of the God of Justice and Holiness Who is the unavoidable witness of his many sins. If confession had only the power to soothe and pacify the conscience by freeing it from the tortures of sin, the poison of crime, it would still be dear to virtuous souls and would only offend those whose hearts are so hardened as to blunt the sting of remorse. Only sinners who, after a thorough prepar ation, a sincere sorrow and good confession, have felt what David des cribes when he says, "Beati quorum peccata remittuntur"—"Blessed are they whose sins are forgiven "—only such have realized the soothing, the beneficial effects of confession. If you ever noticed such after leaving a confessional you could see joy beaming on their countenances as eavy burden had been re-

moved. But this is only one of the benefits we owe to confession. It has a salu-tary influence upon the morals of those who practise it. The Pagans of the first century of the Christian era, as for example Seneca, speak of the reforming and guiding power of confession. Voltaire, the leader of the infidels of the eighteenth century, who made sport of everything Christian, says "that there is perhaps no wiser institution—that confession is an excellent thing, a restraint upon inveterate crime, a very good practice to prevent the guilty from falling into despair and relapsing into sin, to influence hearts full of hate to forgive and robbers to make restitution that the enemies of the Romish Church who have opposed so benefi-

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whole moral power to the correcting and perfecting of the individual.

Christianity continually uses its power to overthrow idolatry, to abolish abominable practices in the family, in the state and the theatres and to repair violence and injustice by the sanctity and sweetness of

So, in the confessional, the am bassador of Christ meets hearts in which reigns an idol that he overthrows, a bad practice that he causes to cease, or some injustice that he repairs. Confession and Communion are the gates by which Christianity penetrates the soul of man, wipes away its stains, heals its diseases and s therein the seeds of virtue,

Confession assists in knowing our selves. Confession of sin, with sincere sorrow and purpose to sin no more, is, as we have seen, absolutely necessary to salvation. "Whosoever confesseth his sins and forsaketh them shall find morcy."

We have seen, too, that auricular confession as practised by the Catholic Church, was instituted by Christ, as we learn from xviii. chapter and 18th verse of St. Matthew, and the xx chapter and 23rd verse of St. John, where He said "Amen, I say to you whatsoever you bind upon earth shall be bound also in heaven," and " Re-ceive ye the Holy Ghost. Whose sins ye shall forgive, they are forgiven them: and whose sins ye shall re-tain, they are retained." Now how could the Apostles and their successors, the pastors of the Church, know what sins to bind and retain, what to loose and forgive unless the sins were confessed to them, and they were thus allowed to judge?

It has been practised from the time of Christ, as we learn from St. John, St. Cyprian and others. St. John, who lived to the beginning of the second century, says, 'If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all iniquity." I St. John I, 9. St. Cyprian, third century, says "Let each of you confess his faults, and the pardon imparted by the priest is acceptable before God." Other fathers and writers of the various centuries could be quoted showing that con fession has been practised by the Church of God in every age. But if, as some say, the priests invented it, why don't they tell us when 'twas invented, where and why the priests did not exempt themselves from such a humiliating practice.

It is only the malicious and ignorant who calumniate the consecrate minister who sits in judgment in the sacred tribunal. Those who lay aside their prejudice and study the ques-tion soon become convinced of its divine origin. A little study and reflection will show them that the sacrament of penance benefits society by preventing crimes that destroy government, cause riots and fill prisons; that it promotes human justice, make men better and nobler, purer and higher; that it soothes the sorrowful heart whose crime might make the despairing suicide, and that individuals and families who frequ ently—at least every month—intelli-gently approach the Sacraments, receive God's blessings here and a pledge of His union hereafter.

SECRETARY BRYAN TRIMS ATHEIST

Secretary Bryan in an address delivered at the opening session of the teachers' institute recently declared that the atheist has been given en tirely too much latitude, and been allowed to ask too many questions without having to answer any. He then recited a number of problems concerning the creation which, he

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their churches had nothing to do with the affair, and did not intend to said, he would like to see any atheist attempt to answer. "I prefer to begin with God and reason down, have anything to do with it. Mr.
Hartzog added that he personally
deprecated such methods as being
ill advised and altogether uncalled rather than begin with a piece of dirt and reason up," Mr. Bryan asserted. Mr. Bryan's subject was "The Making of a Man." for in Tecumseh. - Michigan Catho-

A CHARITABLE NON-CATHOLIC

Mr. G. Lacey Crawford, who died few weeks ago in St. Louis, was not a Catholic, but he was a man who appreciated the self-sacrificing efforts of Catholic charitable workers, and he was a constant benefactor of Cath-olic good works. We learn this from an article in Father Dunne's News-boys' Journal which tells us that Father Timothy Dempsey's macy charities were often assisted by Mr. Crawford. Coming out of the Fair-grounds race track one day he met well patronized. The salcon is for sale,—at a bargain, appraised by the usual standards,—as I am going to retire from the business.

"My reason for quitting the liquor trade is not that I am old, or rich, or troubled by my conscience. I simply have decided to get out while the getting is good, for I believe that I can read the handwriting on the wall.

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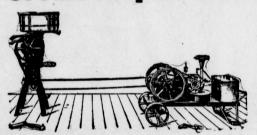
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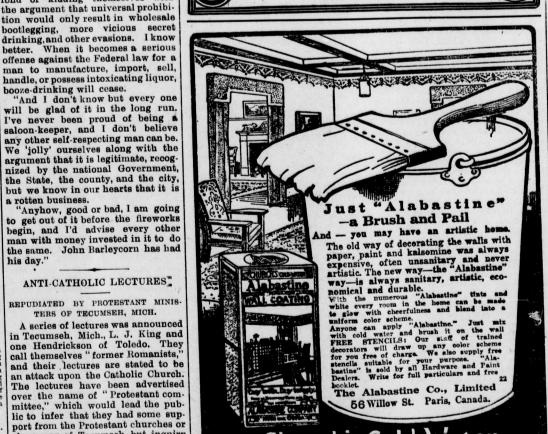
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