

THE ETERNAL CITY.

Father Yorke's Brilliant Paper on Rome.

Rev. Father Yorke of San Francisco spent several months in Rome during his recent trip abroad.

He has contributed a brilliant paper on Rome to the San Francisco Examiner, which is in part as follows:

Byron was inspired by the spell of Rome when he sang, "O Rome! My Country! City of the soul!"

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monument of the first Pope. During these years great changes have taken place. A new Rome has arisen by the Bosphorus and the barbarians had again and again "ooted the palaces of the Caesars."

Year by year the Christian conquest of Rome extended, and larger and larger grew the crowds of pilgrims that came to visit the Apostle's shrine.

From where I stand I cannot see the "dome—the vast and wondrous dome to which Diana's marvel was a cell."

Aside from the Sunday sermon at High Mass and the hastily spoken words of the earlier Masses, the mass of people receive no religious instruction from the time of the first Communion to the time of their death.

Between these two extremes there is, to be true, interjected the series of Lenten discourses and an occasional week of mission sermons.

The question presents itself then, is it not due to lack of sufficient, not to speak of thorough, instruction that so many lead careless and indifferent lives as Catholics.

It is true that many of our people are not as intelligently Catholic as they should be; that is, they are not always able to give a reason for the faith that is in them.

Better than the most earnest missions to Protestants, is a thorough instruction of our own people as a means of spreading the truth and bringing light to the minds of those outside the Church.

ought to bring home with great force to every intelligent, loyal Catholic? Is it not the indispensable necessity of the minds of our people being fortified by a more thorough instruction in the great distinguishing feature of their religion?

TO MAKE CONVERTS.

A Clear Statement of the Duties of Catholics Towards Those Outside the Fold.

(From the Almanac of the Diocese of Maitland, Australia.)

Every Catholic layman, as well as priest, ought to be concerned about the conversion of non Catholics. He knows that he holds the truth: that his Church alone was instituted by Christ, that Christ obliged all men to belong to the true Church, and that as a consequence those outside the Fold are, to say the least, running a great risk of losing their souls.

But how will a Catholic proceed to get converts? The means which Almighty God sometimes adopts to bring straying sheep to the Fold are the simplest.

Cardinal Gibbons gives a very striking instance of the ways of Providence in this matter: "The wife of a prominent lawyer received not many years ago a box of spring goods, expressed to her from a neighboring city.

The great difficulty one meets in the work of conversion is the result of prejudice. Protestants have formed certain ideas about Catholic teaching which have no foundation in fact.

Secondly, present your Protestant friends with a book treating of Catholic teaching. Happily, such books are now numerous and within the reach of every Catholic layman.

We will give an instance related by Cardinal Gibbons of conversion brought about by personal of the latter work. "A Protestant lady of New York extended her hospitality to a travelling peddler, who happened to be a stranger left he gave Mrs. Dodge, as an expression of gratitude, a copy of Milner's 'End of Controversy.'"

What is the lesson that this state of things seems to teach, and which it

Lord's vineyard. One of them, Sister Maria Dodge, died a Sister of Charity at Mount St. Vincent's Academy, New York.

Dr. Bernard O'Reilly warns Catholics against uncharitableness towards their Protestant neighbors. "Judge them kindly, and show them all the respect and fidelity which you would accord to members of your own Faith."

He who brings non Catholics to the truth extends the Kingdom of Christ, and will be amply rewarded by Almighty God. But even the converts themselves think they can never do enough to acknowledge their gratitude.

Since the armoured train affair, the average daily number of cases in the Sanatorium has been fifty, and although, as we have said, many of the most serious cases have been taken there, the mortality has been wonderfully small.

FATHER MCSORLEY A GIFTED WRITER.

Father McSorley writes a pleasing article in the Catholic World Magazine for February to prove that nature-worship is a pagan sentiment.

"That this mistake practically identifies religion with atheism, that it stultifies philosophy, benumbs art, and deadens ethics, is a necessary and evident consequence; what is more, it preys upon the very flower of human possibilities, man's power of attaining to personal intimacy with Almighty God."

Let us refer to a practical test, a test all too likely to come clamoring into the lives of each one of us—that of pain. What is deeper, holier, more effective in shaping human lives, reaching as it does into the very innermost recesses of man's spirit?

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE AND THE NUNS.

In South Africa as in the Crimea and the great American Civil War, it will probably take some time for the ingrained prejudice against the Catholic name and the religious habit to quite melt away.

Those of the Sisters of Mercy were dying of cold and hunger and over-work and disease at their unpaid post of duty in the Crimea, there were to be found some inglorious varlets—even clergymen—who sat in guilty comfort in their easy chairs in England and in pamphlet and newspaper railed at and ridiculed their admitted devotion to the sick and wounded soldiers of the Queen.

gale was, however, more generous than either the clergymen or the journalists of her time. Shortly after the close of the war she wrote the following words to the Superior who had been in charge of the Sisters during the course of that sublimely blundering campaign:

HOSPITAL WORK AT ESTCOURT.

On the evacuation of Colono (says the Natal Mercury), and when it became apparent that hospital accommodation would be required near the front than Maritzburg, the Red Cross flag was hoisted on the buildings of the Roman Catholic Sanatorium, and a surgical staff installed.

The work of the hospital commenced with the armoured train disaster of the 15th of November, when twenty-one cases were received. The Willow Grange fight brought about seventy wounded men to the wards, and one hundred and forty seven men were received from the big battle at Colono, several of the cases being of a dangerous character.

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