

PROFANITY.

A patrolman fined forty dollars for profanity while on duty in St. Louis, and a recent article in the New York Herald...

Profanity is not an accomplishment, although ignorance has so often grimed it that some believe they do not measure up to man's height until they have learned how to pollute their speech.

In a Catholic, profanity is detestable. The tongue that touches the Holy Eucharist should never be as an adder's fang forked with poison.

TEMPERANCE AND EARLY TRAINING.

It has been the subject of remark over and over again that it seems scarcely worth while to form total abstinence societies among boys under twenty...

As these views are the results of observations made upon thousands of individuals they have a distinct value as a social document.

Similar conditions are not unusual in medicine. There was a time when the occurrence of one or more convulsive seizures during early childhood was not considered of any special significance.

It is very clear, therefore, that the practice of encouraging boys to take the pledge in early life is not only a good thing during the years for which

they actually take it, but is also one of the best preservatives against the future acquisition of the drink habit.

AN ALLEGED PROPAGANDA IN IRELAND.

It is a peculiarity of human nature that any object sought becomes valuable in proportion to the difficulty of attainment.

James H. Boyd, deputation secretary of the Irish Baptist Mission of Dublin, has been telling marvellous things in Worcester, Mass., about the actual growth of his sect in Ireland, and its magnificent prospects.

He speaks of Ireland as "now beginning to shake off the slumber and sloth of seven hundred years."

Perhaps Mr. Boyd is a little vague in his own mind. He wants American money, however, for his work in Ireland, and he actually got \$10 from Worcester.

THE PASCHAL CANDLE.

Among the imposing decorations and symbolic rites of the Easter season in Catholic churches, one thing stands out, with very marked prominence, from Holy Saturday until the conclusion of the first gospel on Ascension Day—the tall and finely decorated Paschal candle on its lofty candlestick, at the gospel side of the high altar.

The symbolism and the blessing of this Paschal candle were both explained, to some extent, in the Holy Week number of the Review. To day we will dwell on the charming manner in which light and fire, so necessary in their effects, are brought before us in the Easter ceremonies, as typical of spiritual and holy things.

When we come to reflect on it, what have we, indeed, in the entire visible universe, more spirit like and more exactly to be compared to invisible things, than are light and fire, so in tangible, so volatile, so beautiful, and so strong?

The second collect for Easter Saturday, rings the changes on that one word "light" like Easter chimes, perpetually ringing, peal on peal, their joyous notes!

THE HOW AND WHY OF IT.

"Fruit-a-tives" are the parts of the fruit that do you good. Apples, Oranges, Figs and Prunes are pressed—the juices separated from the tough, woody fibre—and concentrated. Then—(and this is the secret of "Fruit-a-tives")—one more atom of bitter principle from the orange peels is forced into the concentrated fruit juices.

Then didst give light to Moses going out of Egypt, so enlighten our hearts and senses, that we may deserve to arrive at life and light eternal.

We have given only a portion of the long and gloriously beautiful blessing of the new fire and the Paschal candle. It is something with which we should make ourselves even more familiar as the Holy Weeks in our lives recur.

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Second—Because it lifts the liturgy of the church above the every day usage of words, which alters their sense and debases it by licentiousness.

Third—Because it is a language of its own, its clearness and its beauty. It is the language of science and civilization, and deserves to be the language of an unchangeable religion.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SUPERIOR.

Says the Catholic Citizen of Rochester, referring to a public competition between the pupils of the Sisters' school and the Public schools in the K. O. dyke: "The smug assumption on the part of the average public school enthusiast that any system differing from that which he adheres must necessarily be notably defective, is so entirely unwarranted that specific cases in which the assumption is unquestionably falsified make refreshing reading.

STRONG CHARACTER.

There are those who think that a consistent Christian cannot be so strong a character. In opposition to their view, we shall merely quote the beautiful description of Christ's dignity, courage, strong manliness and unwearied goodness given by Dean Church in his book, "Human Life and Its Conditions": "In Him, in His way of working, all is complete, balanced, harmonious, there is nothing missing; there is nothing overgrown or disproportionate. There is tenderness and sympathy; there is terrible judgment which appals and crushes. There is, in its place, the fearless rough word of righteous wrath; in its place, too, there is the gentle, sparing, pitying word of forgiveness and comfort."

The Irish Language.

More than one prominent French Canadian amongst my friends has made the reproach to me that whilst we Irish were doing all in our power to preserve and perpetuate our own language...

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