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## PELIGIOUS NUISANCES.

By OUR CURBSTONE OBSERVER.

This may appear a very strange title for such a contribution as mine, yet I cannot find any other to se exactly convey my thought. I purpose saying a few words about people who have the habit of insisting upon strangers listening to their views on religious subjects, and who even go so far as to persist in trying to have every person they meet accept their ideas. They may, or they may not feel that they are intruders and "bores;" but, with a determination worthy of any cause os earth they disregard all polite hints that their arguments are not wanted, and continue to force themselves upon each and all who may happen to come their way. Although exectly convey my thought. J repose saying a few words about ople who have the habit of insisthappen to come their way. Although I do not pretend, nor should I, that I possess any special right or knowledge that would warrant me in entering into such-like discussions, still when I am pushed to it I am not still when I am pushed to it I am not agraid of giving an account of my faith. But I dislike such discussions for the good reason that I have never had any experience of beneficial results from them. However, I had an experience last week that was both amusing and serious, and I cannot refrain from relating it

disputation; like Twist he always wanted "more." Well, I gave him more, and possibly more than he wanted.

ligious Controversy." I gave them to him in about these words:

If Christ had intended that all mankind should learn His religion from a Book, or "The New Testament." He Himself would have written that Book and would have enjoined the obligation of learning to read it, as the first and fundamental precept of His religion; whereas He never wrote anything at all, unless perhaps the sins of the Pharisees with His finger upon the sand. (John vili. 6.) It does not even appear that He gave His Apostles any command to write the Gospel; though He repeatedly and emphatically commanded them to preach it (Matt. x.,) and this to all the nations of the earth (Matt. xxviii. 19). In this ministry they all spent their lives, "preaching" the Religion of Christ in every country, and everywhere establishing churches, and commending their doctrine to faithful men, who should be fat to teach others also (2 Tha, 21.2.) only "a part" of them wrote anything, and what they did write was more addressed to particular persons, congregations and churches." I had got this far, when my enthusiastic friend sprang up, caught me by the hand and told me that he would pray deeply for my conversion, that it was evident I was a Papist, and that he loved all Papists to such a degree that he wants to save them from Hell, to which they all are tending.

I felt half ashamed of myself for

other orders—As has been already stated the Dominicans and Oratorians will apply for authorization. The Sulpicians and the Brothers of St. John of God will do likewise. The Christian Brothers (Freres de la Doctrine Chretienne) being already authorized will not be disturbed. It is stated that during the last few days the Government has received numerous applications especially from communities of women.—Paris correspondence to the Catholic Times, Liverpool.

on the hierarchy of Ireland to make a knowledge of the Irish language a necessary subject for admission to Maynooth or other colleges under their control." The members and their friends are called upon "to give active aid to the Irish industries." A demand was made for the teaching of the Irish language in the parcelial schools and colleges in the United States and that the history, literature and institutions of Ireland form an ordinary subject in all Catholic schools and colleges and the Gaelic branches and all Irish societies are called upon to bend their energies to bring this result about at once.

The offer of the Gael to return the remains of the late Father O'Growney from their present resting place in Los Angeles Cal., to his native land received a unanimous indorsement; and the national executive was authorized to co-operate in every way possible.

The convention then went into the election of officers for the ensuing year, the result being as follows:

President—Rev. Richard Henebry, Ph. D., professor of Irish at Catholic University.

Vice-president—Major E. T. Mc-Crystal, New York.

Treasurer—Stephen J. Richardson, New York.

Secretary—P. F. Holden, Chicago, Librarian—Rev. John Carroli, Chicago.

Chaplain—Rev. J. K. Fielding,

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and hearty, and is as deeply interested in his famous museum as ever. In this museum are several apartic. In this museum are several apartic ments devoted to zoology, botany, mineralegy, numismatics, archaeology, objects of arts, and miscellane to out objects. There is also another member of the Order, Rev. Bro. Was formerly a Jowish Rabbi in Aystria, and can speak and write six different languages. In conversing with him he informed me that he spent about five years in thinking about his conversion. He was received into the Church at St. Louis, Mo. Three years ago he joined the Order, He is after translating the Epistel of St. Paul to the Hebrews in Syno-Chaldaic, and is now engaged in writing the Gospels in Hungarian. With all his acquirements he has of his own wish become a lay brother. Whether he has followed the maxim: "Our distinctions do not lie in the places which we occups, but in the grace and dignity with which we fill them." I cannot say, but certainly he is followed in graph the counsel of St. Paul. "Forgetting the things that are past, and stretching forth my hand to grasp those which are to come. I press towards the mark as the prize of my supernal vocation."

Just across from the college there is a new building called the Juniorate, at the present the profession of faith, to be made the Savereign and therefore in use, and therefore they make their novitiate. At present there are some sixteen candidates. From the Juniorate a flar.

in excess of the corresponding poriod of last year. Enthusiasts, so I was told, expect that this year will see the largest number of pupils ever registered at the far-famed college. Pupils from different parts of the States form a large percentage of the boarders, but I believe, it is very trying and lonesome to beginners, as they often sigh and even sometimes cry, for the dear old place called "Home Sweet Home." After a few weeks their lonesomeness, as they often sigh and even sometimes cry, for the dear old place called "Home Sweet Home." After a few weeks their lonesomeness, disappears, and they become quite happy and contented. I suppose this owing, no doubt, to the tender and fatherly care exercised by the good Fathers in charge. A large number of ecclestastics and students, the majority of the latter wearing the soutane, pursue their classical studies there. They have left all to give themselves to God, and try and save souls. Far away from home and friends, they are left to fight onwards and upwards, to become a man—who will stand firm when others fall—the friend, faithful and true; the adviser, honest and fearless, the adversary, just and chivalrous — the guiding star—the noble priest. A fond mother's prayers go up to the Throne of the Most High for her son's success and perseverance. Often do the student's memory wander back to the old homestead, and picture to himself the fondness of that good mother for her dear boy:

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