

evil it may be, no matter how gross and indecent may be the phases of human life with which it deals, if only it is fashionable, numbers of people seem to think that they are free to read it. Even women—Catholic women—take this license, and will sit down hour by hour over a book, which no earthly consideration would induce them to read aloud in the presence of any one—man or woman—for whom they had a particle of respect. Surely such reading must fill the imagination with images of evil that in the end will corrupt their very souls."

To correct any misunderstanding as to Indulgences which are suspended during the "Holy Year" of Jubilee, it should be remembered that some Indulgences can be gained by the living. The Holy Father has willed and decreed that the following remain intact and unchanged, viz :

1. The indulgence *in articulo mortis*.
  2. The indulgence for the recitation of the Angelus.
  3. The indulgence of the Forty Hours.
  4. The indulgence of accompanying the Blessed Sacrament when carried to the sick.
  5. The indulgence of the Portiuncula.
  6. The indulgences given by Cardinal Legates.
  7. The indulgence of the privileged altars for the faithful departed, and others granted in the same manner for the deceased alone; and also whatsoever indulgences may have been granted for the living, but with the express proviso that they shall be applied directly by way of suffrage to the dead. The Pope wills that all these shall avail for the living, but the dead.
- N. B.—The above indulgences can be gained as before; other indulgences can be gained only on the express condition that they shall be applied to the faithful departed.

### A Cure for Depression.

One of our esteemed literary friends has something to say to our readers this month on "St. Vincent de Paul." Apropos of this, we have on our desk a copy of a late number of the Weekly Bouquet, in which Dr. Thomas Dwight, President of the Central Council of Boston, earnestly and touchingly describes "The conditions and needs of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. The writer of these lines has had some experience as a member of one of these conferences, and willingly bears testimony to the truth of what Dr. Dwight says in closing his able prayer, viz :

"Lest any should think that I undervalue the work done by the society, let me tell you that I have more than once found a most effective cure for the depression that I admit I sometimes have felt when thinking of how much more we might accomplish. It has been to go to a conference and hear of the actual works, and think of the actual cases of suffering relieved; of families in danger of separation that they have held together; of children kept in the faith, and above all, of souls all but lost, to whom our brothers have played the part of guardian angels. It is from the evidence of such work that I come away thanking God for the good that the society has done and is doing."

An exchange has this comment on the bad break of the Red Cross Society in getting out a circular with the blasphemous heading, "Our Lady of the Red Cross," eulogizing Miss Clara Barton for her work at Galveston: "The words 'Our Lady' have been consecrated throughout Christendom by centuries of usage to the Blessed Mother of Our Divine Lord, Jesus Christ. To apply them to any other person is a scandalous outrage."