CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY. THE SPLENDID WORK WHICH IT IS ACCOMPLISHING.

HISTORY OF THE ORIGIN AND RISE OF AN IMPORTANT ASSOCIATION-IT WAS FOUND-"Trate / ED BY CARDINAL VAUGHAN, IN 1869-OVER A MILLION PUBLICATIONS ISSUED.

The Catholic Conference, which was held last month at Henley, England, and the addresses which were delivered at it by his Eminence Cardinal Vaughan. Rev. Dr. Barry, Mr. B. F. C. Costellor, and others, have once again directed attention to the admirable work which is being discharged by the Catholic Truth Society, under the auspices of which the conference is acnually held. The ob jects of the society are declared to be :---

(1) To disseminate among Catholic small and cheap devotional works. (2) To assist the uneducated poor to a

better knowledge of their religion. (3) To spread among Protestants in-

formation about Catholic truth. (4) To promote the circulation of good cheap, and popular Catholic books.

In the expectation, however, that details regarding the origin, the progress, the work and the aims of the society would be interesting to the readers of the Evening Telegraph, Dublin, the London correspondent of that paper called on Mr. James Britten, its very energetic honorary secretary, who readily consented to his request for an interview. The correspondent writes :

I learned from Mr. Britten-of whom more anon-that the first Catholic Truth Society was established in 1869 by Car-dinal Yaughan, who was then President of St. Joseph's Missionary College, Mill Hill, London. He was assisted by Lady Herbert and Father Bamfield, and a cer tain number of leaflets were published.

The Society, however, lasted only about two years, and on the Cardinal being appointed Bishop of Salford it prac-tically ceased to exist. Ten years elapsed and then Mr. Britten, who joined the Catholic Church in 1867, and who had long recognized the need of an agency to counteract the effect of the flood of anti-Catholic literature which was pouring over the country, began to consider what could be done to supply the want. In 1883 he succeeded in interesting eleven other Catholics in the project, and with £12 subscribed between themselves they set to work.

Their first publication was a little illustrated Rosary book, which was sold -at a half-penny, and which is still in demand, and cards of short morning and evening prayers. A few more Catholics became interested. The Bishop of Salford heard of the new movement, asked Mr. Britten to visit him, and consented to become president.

On Guy Fawke's Day, at the residence of Lady Herbert, in London, a meeting was he d, at which the society was formally constituted, with the Bishop of Salford as president and Father W. H. Cologan and Mr. Britten as joint secretarics. Mr. Britten promptly set apart a room in his own house for the work of the society, and transacted all the busi ness himself in the evenings. In 1887

the leaders of Catholic, thought deliver addresses, and that sense of friendlessness which affects Catholics in a smal provincial centre is almost completely dissipated after a conference has been held there.

A Seaman's Branch has also been esablished in connection with the society, and is worked in conjunction with the Apostleship of Prayer. Every month at packet of Catholic papers, magazines and books is supplied to every vessel in the Royal Navy, and a Catholic Seamen's Club has been opened, and is being maintained in Wellclose square, E The hon. secretary of the committee which directs the Seamen's Branch is the Hon. Mrs. Fraser. A prayer book for sailors has been published, and has for sailors has been published, and has been adopted by the Admiralty as the official Catholic prayer b ok for the Navy. There is also a Catholic Guar-dians' Association, which originated with the St. George's (Southwark) branch of the society, and devotes itself to the care of the Catholic poor in the work-houses and infirmaries of London.

All the publications of the society are admirably printed, an advantage due to the taste and knowledge of Mr. Britten, which is not always appreciated in the publishing of religious or philanthropic literature.

CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY.

And now a few particulars about Mr. Britten, to whom the Catholic Truth Society owes its present positon. Mr. Britten is a Londoner, having been born in Chelsea just fifty years ago. He joined the Catholic Church when he was twenty-one He is the author of several valuable contributions to Catholic litera-

Great as is the work which Mr. Britten has accomplished for the Catholic Truth his life's labor. He is a recognized authority in botanical matters, and holds a high position in the Natural History Museum at South Kensington. He has edited the Journal of Botany for sixteen Museum at South Kensington. He has his policy. This fact alone shows how edited the Journal of Botany for sixteen useful the religious press is, and demon-years, and Nature Notes for six years. strates the necessity of its propert. It He has edited and annotated for the Folk Lore Society, of which he is necessary to teach the world what was one of the founders, Au- Catholics are doing. Indeed, it would brey's "Romains of Gentileism and Judaism"; has written for Messrs. Cassell & Co. a standard work called " European Ferns," and compiled "Old Farming Words," and "A Dictionary of Eng lish Plant Names," for the English D.alect Society. Mr. Britten is an ardent temperance advocate, and founded The League of the Cross Magszine, which he edited from 1884 to 1887. He also takes an active interest in various other Catholic associations. Indeed, it may be said with truth there are very few Catholic laymen throughout the world who have rendered greater and more practical service to their faith than has Mr. Britten, who works solely for a reward which is not of this world.



A SAMPLE OF LUKEWARMNESS IN ITS REGARD -THE TRUE WITNESS " A GOOD PAPER : ITS WEEKLY VISIT BRINGS PLEASURE, BUT

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Catholic atmosphere, to have their children learn the beauties of Catholic literature, and especially to be reminded of their duties as Catholics.

There are various ways of giving the news to the public. A religious ceremony may be reported in a manner that detracts from its real meaning. The words of a Bishop may be warped from their real meaning and be quoted to Society, it is nevertheless only part of show that selfishness is at the bottom of every action of churchmen, as it is the corner stone on which the politician erects his hopes and by which he shapes is not simply space in a daily paper that be well if less space were devoted to Catholic topics by many of our secular contemporaries.

It is expected that children will be taught to read current literature; and yet what conscientious Catholic can de Fire to have his children read the records of horrible crimes which are sandwiched in between religious items in almost every daily paper in the country? The minds of children should be kept pure, and even the poorest Catholic weekly, that deserves the name, will help to do this. It is by no means necessary that a Catholic journal should be filled with strictly Catholic matter, but it should not contain even an allusion that would bring the blush to the face of the purest maiden. It is necessary to publish secu-

lar items as well as Catholic ones, and by this means a Catholic weekly be-comes, in fact, a family journal. We have heard men say "they have no use for Catholic papers, b cause they contain no news." We would not be surprised to hear the one who talked in this way add : "I cannot read the standard authors, because they say nothing about current affairs." It is not simply news items that are needed in the family circle, but literature that tends to ele vate the mind, purify the heart, and teach the lesson that the material is less worthy of respect than the spiritual, that the Church is the divinely constituted teacher of the world, and that her voice must be heard and her commands When these things ar must be obeyed. them such is the mission of the Catholic press.

-to state them and nail them down with proofs. As a matter of fact, he did not make many converts, except on paper. His design was too evident. Protestants, for whom he labored, did not care to read such one-sided statements, and C thelics did not care to read a larger catechism disguised as a novel. There were many such volumes published, but they had a limited sale. In our own day such occasionally come from the press, but the number grows less each year. Cardinal Newman's "Apr logia" has done much to drive the ordinary writer of "stories of conversions" out of his inar-tistic calling. Never before had we anything like it in the English language, and it has not been equalled eince. This in outlining past conditions. These were useful in their day, and were

of service in preparing the way for that which was to be. Gradually out of these schools another has arisen. The first was not of us, and the school had its limitations. It is quite natural that American Catholics should wish to have a literature which, while no less Catho-lic, should reproduce the life they knew, the hopes they had, and the landscape by which they were environed. As a re-sult within the last few years a new school of Catholic fiction has arisen in this country. It has ventured to throw aside many of the characteristics of its forerunners and to stand fresh and vital. to some extent representative of existing conditions. While notably non doctrinal and non-controversial, it essays to be essentially Catholic in tone and character. It attempts greater approach to art, and strives to be more natural in structure and design. Its sympathies are broader; its hopes no less fair. It desires to teach through beauty, charity and hope. The people who throng its pages are such as we find in every-day life. They are born, baptized, attend Mass, love, marry, or become priests or nuns struggle, hope and die-in short, are real human beings, so far as the artist has power to limn them. The producers of liction of this kind evidently do not think it wrong that people should love and laugh as well as weep and pray. All these things are incident to human existence, and the Catholic fictionists of our country are now beginning to give us that American Catholic life which we know. In contrast to the godless realism of the French school they are presenting us the first strong muscles of Catholic realism.-Catholic Book News.

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY.

(ardinal Gibbons Pays a Glowing Tribute to Bishop Keane.

Since the Right Rev. Bishop Keane re' tired to private life he has manifested all the qualities of a great prelate. At the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Catholic University at Washington last month, Cardinal Gibbons, president of the board, was requested to prepare a letter expressive of the sentiments of the members for the late rector, Bishop Keane.

This letter his Eminence immediately prepared. It spoke of the keen regret felt by the directors at the departure of Bishop Keane; of his long labor in behalf of the university; of his disinterestedness, and of the general sorrow over the relinquishment of his dutics by the Bishop. The Cardinal said in conclusion :—

"Your noble soul has grown from your



claim, and some day we will get it-the sooner the better, for we don't wish ways, of a good mother, diffuse what that discontent should prevail in the scripture calls the fragrance of ointcountry. Rather we say that by a proper | ments around her household. government of the country we should be You know, too, how she saves and taught that we are regarded in very pinches to keep off debt, to dress the truth as having equal rights with others, children neatly, to save a penny to give and it is therefore to be hoped that the them a holiday, to save a dollar for hard present Government, now so strong, will times or a spell of sickness. And all redeem the pledges that they have more this sacrifice is a matter of course with than once made.

Then the Irish people will possess a proper University system, and when the Intermediate Schools of Ireland-Mount Sion and others-will have a proper outlet, th ir young men may go forth and who will suffer the impertinence of an obtain an education such as will fit them unruly child in silence; who forgets as for the higher walks of life afterwards— an education that may honour them-selves and help in their day to build up a prosperous, happy, and contented Ire-land land.



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will surfey remove the cause of your suffering, and permanently cure you. You are not by any means in a hope-less state. Be assured, Paine's Celery Compound will deliver you from your present bondage of agony. Notwith-standing your past failures with ner-vines, sarsaparillas, bitters and pills, Paine's Colory Compound will give you Paine's Celery Compound will give you the new life you are so eagerly looking

for. Try it; there can be no failure. Mr. W. McWilliams, of Bradford, Ont. an old sufferer from rheumatism, says "Unsolicited, I forward this testi

monial as to the value of Paine's Celery noble undertaking. You have proved Compound. I am pretty well up in years the efficiency of the university to train and was sorely afflicted with rheumatism.

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the woman who smothers her auger; Do you want to know how she is able to do this? The secret of it is that she finds time—in the heavy duty of being everybody's servant—to attend to religion, to belong to the sodality or Rosary society, and make her monthly Communion; to give alms to the poor from her hard savings; to visit and watch with sick or afflicted neighbors, It is, in a word, because she ever gazes in spirit upon that Holy Family where Mary was mother that she is able to be a good Christian mother.-The Vatican.

Ringing noises in the ears, snapping, buzzing, roaring, caused by catarrh, all disappear with the use of Hood's Sarsaparilla.



the publications of the society increased to such an extent as to necessitate taking premises, and accordingly the society installed itself at 21 Westminster Bridge road, which it still occupies.

ances and difficulties to be surmounted before the society could be brought to its present position, but they were all overcome, and Mr. Britten poudly de-clares that from its establishment the society has never looked back.

The publications issued by the society have been very extensively distributed. The following is a list of some of the penny publications which have been sold :-

Conies A Simple Prayer Book..... 440,000 Life of St. Patrick (Canon Arthur

The English Martyrs..... 20,000 A Prayer Book for Children..... 120 000

In addition, there have been no less than 236,617 bound volumes of biography. fiction and poetry issued at sixpence and a shilling each.

The main work of the society is the publication of popular Catholic literature; but it is not limited in its operations, and wherever effective Catholic work can be carried out the society holds itself free to perform or participate in it. Mr. Britten pays a generous tribute to the assistance accorded to him by his colleagues on the committee of the society.

Mr. Britten also refers with pleasure to the fact that the society is now receiving more appreciation in Ireland than it did. The Vincentian Fathers have taken it up, and also the Bishop of Cork, with very satisfactory results.

In nearly all the parishes in the city and in many parts of the diocese of Cork. the publications of the society are sold at the chapel gates; and as the society supplies a neat box to contain the books and pamphlets, Mr. Britten is hopeful that, in time, the society's publications may be obtainable at most of the church doors in Ireland. The subscription for membership is 10s per annum, and all the profits are devoted to the development of the work of the society. There are no paid officials, with the exception | thoughtless contempt for religion. From of the staff at the depot in the Wesminster Bridge road.

Britten eight years ago, have proved very successful, and increase in interest

Some of the Catholics who support a appreciated, family circles will be model weekly newspaper devoted to the fur | Christian homes. To aid in making therance of the principles of their religion often express a wonder that complaints should appear in its columns from time to time in respect of the lack of encouragement it receives from luke. warm Catholics. But if they knew the sort of patronage which they receive from such people they would cease to marvel. Here is a sample. It is a letter which we received a few days ago from the Brother Director of a large educational school in a large English-speaking district :

To the Editor of the TRUE WITNESS. St. James Street, Montreal.

DEAR SUR,-I enclose herewith one dollar, being our subscription for your paper until the 1st January, 1897, after which time, please discontinue it to our address.

Your paper is a good one ; its weekly visit brings much pleasure to our house, but hard times oblige us to order its discontinuance.

Should you send us a few copies we will find pleasure in trying to find a subscriber or two among the parents of our boys.

Fancy an important educational institution, in which a number of teachers reside, being compelled by hard times to the French, idyllic and devotional, but brings pleasure" to their house.

And yet subscribers are sometimes apt to grumble that the paper has not suffi-cient attractive and costly features in it to continue to win their support. Their demeapor towards the secular daily press is quite different. Why?

secular daily press gives space to Catholic topics."

Now, as the Church News, of Washington, points out, no thoughtfully conscienopinion. In the first place, no sensible man would expect either that a weekly journal could be really a newspaper, or that the secular press will publish news items relating to church affairs in a manner satisfactory to a Catholic. The headlines in many of the daily papers are so worded as to give the young and the columns of matter on Catholic topics The central organization does not de-familiar with Catholic affairs would be vote itself to lecturing, but that work is apt to conclude that the Church is not very effectively carried out, especially the refuge of peace, the home of brotherduring the winter months, by various ly love, or the one organization where branches of the society. The annual conferences, which were initiated by Mr. To counteract this danger the Catholic press is more than ever a necessity.

It is not simply for news items that and importance from year to year. They men subscribe for a religious journal. bring r presentative Catholics together; They want to be surrounded with a

Powerful Speeches.

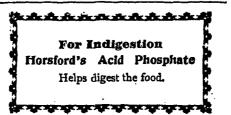
Speeches in political season are very powerful. The gold and silver question are the topics of the day. Bryan, with his thousands of speeches, has not done as much good to the sufferers of coughs and colds as Menthol Cough Syrup has. It is the most valuable remedy in the season of coughs and colds there is. It is known to the public as not having its equal. Try it ; only 25c a bottle. It is sold everywhere by all druggists and general dealers. T. F.

THE NEW SCHOOL OF CATHOLIC FICTION.

BY CHARLES J. O'MALLEY.

Ten years ago that which may be call-ed the American School of Catholic Fiction was in its infancy. It was vigorous but untrained. Its first movements were watched with some suspicion. There was a notion in cautious minds that, instead of proving helpful it might prove a destructive force. Before its arrival the Catholic public was sur feited with little pieties, chiefly from forego the payment of one dollar a year painfully unreadable. They were pious, for a "good" paper, whose "weekly visit indeed, yet placidly uninteresting. In any sense they did not represent Ameri-can Catholic lite or landscape and, as a consequence, appealed in little, save the

Faith, to American Catholic readers. Gradually that which, perhaps, may be described as the Controversial School arose. The fiction it produced did not The only reason we can find is one re-cently given to a contemporary, that "the lacked art. The evident intention of the author was to make converts. His people conversed like animated catechisms. There was little of life; there was a great deal of logic. It never occurred tious Catholic can reasonably hold that to him that Christian people sometimes grew weary of a pitiless, incessant clash of voices. His attempts at characterdrawing necessarily were crude and indefinite. Now and then there was a gleam of temporary sunshine, but for the most part the heavens were sheathed in dull blue steel. We have all seen this mistaken fiction. It was the intention of the writer, apparently, to state as many doctrines of the Church as possible within a limit of so many thousand words



young men to generous self-forgetfulness, for the welfare of others, in your sublime resignation to the will of the Holy Father. You are the masterpiece of your own training.

"When in future we shall have ccasion to point to an exemplar for the imitation of the young men who will reap the fruit of your labors, we shall feel an honest pride in setting before them the first rector of the university, the generous, high-minded, much beloved Bishop Keane."

The reply of Bishop Keane has just been received. The letter is dated from San José, Cal., and is as follows :

"Your EMINENCE-1 most gratefully return thanks to your Eminence and the Board of Directors of the University for the exceedingly kind sentiments conveyed to nie by your Eminence's letter of October 31. I am very far from flattering myself that I deserve a tithe of the praise prompted by the goodness and the sympathy of your own generous hearts.

"While I did my best for the interests of the great work to which obedience had consecrated my energies, yet I was always conscious that my best was far from being up to the requirements of the case. Hence, I have not for a moment questioned the wisdom of the Holy Father in desiring a change of adminis tration.

" May the blessings of Providence and the loyal co-operation of our Catholic people prosper the University in all its future. Gratefully and affectionately, your Eminence's servant in Christ."



The Bishop of Waterford Says the Catholics Mast Have Oue.

The Most Rev. Dr. Sheelan, Bishop of Waterford and Lismore, delivered an important speech on the University ques tion at the distribution of prizes in Mount Sion School recently. In the course of a powerful address his Lordship said : We don't ask one penny of the en-dowments that any other University or University college possesses. We don't desire in the slightest degree to lessen their importance or their efficiency.

His Lordship quoted the language of the resolutions passed recently by the Bishons of Maynooth, asking for equality for Irish Catholics without seeking any of the endowments held by other Universities or impairing their efficiency, and said-it is the language of men who would be simply contented with what is their right, and who would endeavor, as far as they could, to smooth the way for any Government anxious to concede them these rights.

I don't think that you nor the Catholics of Ireland should rest as long as this last vestige of ascendancy remains in the land. We have a right to what we

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THE VINE IN IRELAND.

An Italian Gentleman Suggests an Im portant Experiment.

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tricts. • He has pointed out to his lordship that several trees and shrubs which grow

which reference has been made. It is worthy of note th t the Marquis of Bute has tried a similar experiment in the psychological of Cardiar where of in the neighborhood of Cardifi, where, of course, the climatic conditions are not as favorable to its success as those found in South Kerry.

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Legal Notices.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC,) DISTRICT OF MONTREAL, No. 2375.

SUPERIOR COURT, MONTREAL.

Mary Elizabeth Brown, wife of Frederick William Patch, joiner, of Montreal, Plaintiff ; versus the said F. W. Patch, Defendant. An action in separation as to property has been instituted the 28th October last, returnable the 10th November instant.

Montreal, 5th November, 1896. A. GERMAIN, Plaintiff's Attorney 17-5

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC { District of Monthesil. }

SUPERIOR COURT.-No. 2693.

Dame Elizabeth Reid has, in virtue of an authorization of a Judge of this Court, on the 23rd of September lust, taken an action en separation de liens against her husband, Finlay A. McRae, gentleman, of the City and District of Montreal.

Montreal, 27th October, 1895. DANDURAND & BRODEUR. Attorneys for Plaintiff 16-5 and the second