

This is the Church that non-Catholics propose to dissipate by grouping together "a few of the essentials" and shooting them up, so much vague sentiment in the air. They would win America by divorcing theology from religion, after the manner of the reformed scientist who proposes to cast mathematics out of astronomy and bones out of the human body.

But this is of no avail. The melancholy empty benches on Sunday show that non-Catholic thought cannot satisfy minds reaching out after God. At last the people will discover that if they want a religion they must find it in the Catholic. There is no conflict between "Rome and Reason"; it is between the Catholic Church and agnosticism. Non-Catholic is an anachronism without insight, authority or head. For the noblest purposes of religion it no longer exists. Like the angler's worm chopped in pieces, it can simply wriggle.

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THE FRIARS IN THE PHILIPPINES.

IN a remarkable discourse delivered recently in New York, the Reverend J. P. McQuaid, one of the Catholic chaplains in the Philippines, give some valuable statistics on the results of the work of the Religious Orders in those islands. Thanks to their efforts the Catholic religion prevails among eighty-five per cent. of the entire population of the Philippine archipelago, and the practice of Christian virtues is as much in evidence, and is of as high a standard, on the islands of Panay, Cebu, and Negros as on Luzon or in and about Manila.

At the time of the discovery, the population of the archipelago was placed at three hundred thousand. To-day it is supposed to be nine million. Such an increase, in the face