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Catholic Record

London, Sat , May 16th, 1891.

MANY members of St. James' cathedral congregation, Toronto, are much dissatisfied with a new feature which has been introduced into that church. A few Sundays ago the lady choristers were robed in surplices, and as this is regarded as a Ritualistic innovation, a considerable number of those who are opposed to all Ritualism are complaining bitterly against it, both in the press and in private conversation. As usual on such occasions, the matter is spoken of by those who are opposed to such practices, as showing a tendency towards Romanism." have never heard, however, that such a thing has ever been done in any Catholic church, so the malcontents might make their minds easy on that score. The movement seems to us to be rather towards the most ultra-Evangelicalism as extreme Protestantism is frequently termed. It is only among the extreme Evangelicals that women perform ministerial functions, and are even ordained as

Ar a meeting held on Sunday, the 3rd of May, Father Ignatius, the Anglican monk, vigorously attacked Rav. Heber Newton of All Souls' Church for his repudiation of Christian doctrines. He stated that Rev. Mr. Newton should not remain in the church while repudiating its teaching. Dr. Newton while preaching on the same day in his church, said that "the danger in all religious bodies is that they so frequently make faith of more importance than charity, and that faith without charity is responsible for fanaticism and persecution. Such a course," he said, "is a reversal of the Apostle Paul's declaration that 'the greatest of these is charity." These words of St. Paul are, undoubtedly, true, yet the Dr. seems to forget that the apostle does not permit faith to be set aside as unimportant, as he states that " without faith it is impossible to please God."

THE sale of obscene books at railway etations has been very properly prohibited in Belgium by the present Catholic administration. The opponents of the Government are loud in their condem nation of the decree. In the United States and Canada a similar law should be rigidly

THE world was surprised lately to bear that the Grand Duchees Sergius, wife of the Grand Duke, had renounced Protestantism to join the Greek Church of Russia. The Grand Duchess is a grand-daughter of Queen Victoria and daughter of Princa Leopold of Hesse. We have now news of a similar conversion at Athens. The Duchees of Sparia, who is sister of the Enperor William of Germany and wife to the heir-apparent of Greece, was, on the 2nd inst., formally admitted to the Greek Church. The Metropolitan of Athens officiated at the ceremony. Noth ing could better illustrate the readiness with which Protestants can put off one creed and heartily embrace another, provided it be not the Catholic. There is very little surprise manifested at these changes of religion, which are taken as a matter of course. Yet in embracing the Greek faith these high ladies, born in the purple, edopt all the so-called "superstitions of Romanism": Transubstantiation, invocation of saints, reverence paid to sacred relics, honor to the Blessed Virgin as Mother of God, etc, and they will now even bless themselves with the sign of the cross, and use holy water in conformity with the usuages of the Greeks. We would like to know now are all these practices still to be called superstitions of Romanism?

THE Irish National dissensions have undoubtedly given a serious check to the Liberal cause, which was gaining ground before at every by-election, at such a rate that a near victory for justice to Ireland seemed within grasp. But the cause of righteousness is not defunct, nor is ultimate victory less certain than it was before the unfortunate circumstances accompanying the disruption occurred. The election held on the 5th instant, for Stowmarket division of Suffolk, shows that the English people do not consider that the grave fault of one prominent Irishman should be made a pretext for deferring the granting of the just claims of a nation.

THE Board of Regents of Victoria (Methodist) University have shown themselves by far more energetic in defence of the primary truths of Chris. tianity than have the faculty of the Union Theological Seminary of New York, which is under Presbyterian control. The faculty of the last named institu. tion not only tolerate, but sustain, Pro-

fessor Briggs in his open Latitudinarian. ism, but the faculty of Victoria University last week resolved to remove Dr. Workman from the department of theology to that of arts, on account of Latitudinarian views to which he gave expression in his recent work on Messianic prophecy. It will be remembered that Dr. Workman maintains in his book that there are no prophecies in the Old Testament which predicts the coming of Christ as the Messias. This teaching is directly opposed to the teaching of Christ Himself and His holy Apostles, who quote many such predictions as having direct reference to Christ. We are pleased to see such a manifestation of zeal on the part of any Protestant denomination to preserve faith in the great mysteries of religion; still we cannot but remark that the claim of authority to insist upon orthodoxy in doctrine is very inconsistent in a denomination which sets up the principle of private interpretation of Scripture as the sole rule of faith. The assertion of authority to suppress or punish heterodoxy is a virtual acknowledgment of the authority of the Catholic Church ; for if this authority exists at all, it existed when the sects rebelled against the Church, and it was the duty of the Catholic Church to condemn them, and they were bound to submit themselves to her decisions. It is not certain as yet whether Dr. Workman will accept the new position which has been assigned to him. Perhaps, like Rev. Mr. Mac Queary, of Ohio, he will go over to the Unitarians. Protestantism has a snug nest for birds of every plumage. THE anti-Ritualists of Hamilton have

made another of those disgraceful exhibitions which have recently brought discredit on the Anglican Church of that city, and have disgusted so many members of the Church with the beargarden aspect which is peculiar to it, owing to the various parties which are fighting for supremacy within its fold. The Rev. Mr. Brown, of Paris, was to hold a special service on the evening of Ascension Thursday, at which the surpliced choir of Christ Church Cathedral was to assist. Toe church warden protested against the proceeding, and the choir, in consequence, refused to assist. The rector, Rev. E. P. Crawford, was determined, however, to have a surpliced choir, and obtained the promise of assistance from St. Mark's Church for this purpose. The anti-Ritualists came upon the scene in full force and just as the service began turned off the gas. The choir then chanted a hymn in the darkness, and the anti-Ritualists started up in opposition the hymn "Nearer my God to Thee," The choir, however, continued the service to the end, thus remaining, for the time, masters of the field. Surely the anti-Ritualists were none the nearer to God because of their disgraceful conduct. It seems to have been a mockery to have chanted such a hymn as a cover to their proceedings.

ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO.

Circular Letter of His Grace the Archbishop of Toronto to the Clergy of the Arch-diocese:

REV. AND DEAR FATHERS-We here-REV. AND DEAR FATHERS—We here-with send you an securate English trans-lation of a letter addressed to us in August last by His Eminence the Cardinal Pre-fect of the Propaganda. This letter ex-plains the object for which it was written. We did not act on this letter at the time specified, because there were two other diocesan collections (one for ecclesiastical education, the other for the House of Providence,) ordered at or about that period. We wrote to His Eminence, period. We wrote to his Eminence, stating the numerous appeals that had to be made to the generosity of our faithful people for religious and charitable purposes in the archdiocese—appeals so numerous that, although obliged to incur a heavy debt for much needed repairs and improvements on our Marconolitan catheimprovements on our Metropolitan catheimprovements on our Metropolital actuarderal, we felt a delicacy and reluctance to appeal at that time to the clergy and laity for monetary assistance. We added, however, that, to show our loyalty and ready obedience to the Holy See, we would not fall to make the prescribed collection at a more opportune time. We believe the present is as convenient a time for the purpose as could be found in the course of the year.

The Holy Father has greatly at heart the construction, in the Eternal City, of a new church to be dedicated to God in honor and under the patronage of St. Patrick, Apostle of Ireland; and has given a princely contribution for this purpose. All other Catholic nations have churches in honor of their patronal iral, we felt a delicacy and reluctance to

purpose. All other Catholic nation have churches in honor of their patrons have churches in honor of their patronal saints at the centre of Catholicity. Ireland alone, that has so long suffered and bled for the faith of St. Patrick, has had no church in honor of its apostle and patron in the city of St. Peter. To supply this want, and to remove this national reproach, the construction of a church in honor of St. Patrick has been undertaken under the direction of the church in honor of St. Fatrice has been undertaken under the direction of the Irish Augustinians residing in Rome; and the Holy See expects and requires that the Irish people and their chudren in all lands will generously contribute

towards this great work, and will thus have a share in the erection of this noble monument of Irish faith and piety, which will be an elequent memorial, at the capital of the Catholic world, of the religious zeal and ferver and piety of

the capital of the Catholic world, of the religious zeal and fervor and piety of the scattered children of Erin.

Wherefore, in compliance with the requirements of the Holy See, we ordain that a collection shall be taken up in all the churches of this archdioces on the third Sanday (Pentecost Sunday), the 14th of next May; and that the proceeds thereof shall be sent without delay to the Very Rev. Chancellor, to be by him sent on to their destination.

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Tals circular, and the accompanying
letter of Cardinal Simooni, shall be read
in all the churches of the archdiocese on the firet Sunday after its reception. Believe me to be, Rav. and dear

Fathers,
Very devotedly yours in Christ,
+ John Walsh,
Archbiehop of Toronto.

LETTER OF HIS EMINENCE CARDINAL SIM EONI TO HIS GRACE THE ARCHBISHOF

OF TORONTO. Rome, the 23-d of August, 1890. MOST ILLUSTRIOUS AND MOST REV. LORD —I have already written you letters concerning the new national church of St. Patrick, which is now being built in this city, to the end that not only the great Apostle of Ireland may have a special sacred edifice in his honor, dedicated to Almighty God, in Rome, but also that the noble Irish nation may, be, as it were, drawn more closely and more tightly bound to the Holy See by this new bond. But the construction of the foundations -I have already written you letters con

bound to the Holy See by this new bond.
But the construction of the foundations already begun cannot be proceeded with any further if the collections, long since urgently demanded by the Sacred Congregation of the Propaganda, following the example of the Holy Father, be not propagate taken up in order that the the example of the Holy Father, be not promptly taken up in order that the necessary funds may be in hand.

Since, therefore, no collection has as yet been made in your diocase for this purpose, I most earnestly request of you to set to work earnestly in this matter, and

to see that the faithful committed to your care may, in the coming month of October, have a share in the construction of this monument of national zeal and faith; the which if you do, you may rest assured that you will perform a work most pleasing a: once to the Holy Father and to myself.

Meanwhile, I beseech God that He may

long preserve you.
Your most devoted Brother,
JOHN CARDINAL SIMEONI,
Perfect of the Propaganda. Archbishop Jacobini, Secretary.

BLESSED DE SA SALLE. High Mass, corma pontifice, was sung on Monday, 4th inst, at St. Michael's Cathedral, in honor of Blessed La Salle, whose feast it was, Ray. Father William being the celebrant. The children of being the celebrant. The children of the schools in charge of the Christian Brothers marched in procession to the church. The following also were present: The young ladies of Loretto Convent, the boys of St. Aloysius school and the girls of St. Michael's, both in charge of the Sisters of Loretto. The music was furnished by St. Michael's choir, assisted by pupils of the Brothers. On the entrance of His Grace. St. Paul's boys choir of Brothers. On the entrance of His Grace, St. Paul's boys choir of about one hundred voices sang beautifully an ode in honor of Blessed La Salle. Rev Father Rohleder, of the cathedral, was the conductor. His Grace the Arch bishop delivered a glowing panegyric on the life and labors of the saint. He was born at Rheims in 1651, studied at Paris and St. Sulpice, renounced his canonry

born at Kneims in 1001, studied at Laris and St. Sulpice, renounced his canonry and gave all his patrimony to the poor before founding the Institute which bears his name. One of the first schools than the his player was one grant for given to his charge was one opened in the reception of about fifty young Irish noblemen who came to France with James II. He was the first to establish normal schools in France. Previous to his time greater stress was laid on the teaching of Latin than the vernacular, the former being imparted before the latter. He reversed this order, and managed to convince the educators that the acquirement of the native language was of much greater importance both practically and as an educative trifuence than a foreign or dead one. Thenceforward French was taught first. Besides the ordinary schools, he established Sunday schools, art schools, etc, throughout the large cities of France. He compiled various books on peragogy which are still standard educational works. He died in 1719 in the odor of sanctiry. His order was approved by a Bull of Pope Benedict XIII. in 1725. He was declared venerable in 1840 by Gregory XVI., and beatified in latter. He reversed this order, and man-

in 1840 by Gregory XVI., and beatified in 1888 by Leo XIII. The Brothers of the Christian schools The Brothers of the Christian schools are to be found in all parts of the Catho lic world. They are indeed doing a noble work. Their object is to ground their pupils not only in the ordinary subjects necessary for a livelihood and to broaden and develop their minds, but also in the tenets of the Catholic faith and the principles of sound morals. In both departments of education, the spirit in the tenets of the Oktober latt and the principles of sound morals. In both departments of education, the spirit ual and temporal, they have been eminently successful. They recognize the fact, which is lost sight of by many educationists, that the child must be trained not conly intellectually but also morally and spiritually in order to make him nearly as possible the ideally perfect man. The great success of their order is due, therefore, to the fact that they have made their pupils good men as well as clever and thoughtful men.

SI. MIGHAEL'S CATHEDRAL.

List Sunday being the one within the octave of the feat of the Ascension, Rev.

Dean McCann, rector of St. Michael's,

Dean McCann, rector of St. Michael's, chose that sublime mystery as the subject of a most beautiful and eloquent sermon which he delivered at High Mass. He opened with a glowing word picture of the splendor of Christ's entry into heaven, accompanied by the saints who had been

looking forward for ages to that happy day. Earth had never witnessed such a triumphant and glorious display. The joy of the angels could only be imagined as they fell prostrate in love and adoration as He passed. What a reception must have been accorded Him, the glorious Conqueror over death and bell, as the gates of heaven were thrown open for the first time to sllow man to pass through! The spostles below were the first time to allow man to pass
through! The spostles below were
looking up with longing and grief depicted on their faces as they strained
their eyes in the effort to catch some
glim se of their Lord and Master
through the interlacing clouds. At
times they may have yielded to feelings
of jealousy of one another in the
desire of winning our Lord's favor.
Sometimes they may have been desire of winning our Lord's favor. Sometimes they may have been anxious as to who should sit at His right hand and who at His left. But now all such selfish feelings were banished by the all-absorbing emotions of love, grief and longing and an indescribable wish for His loved presence. We, too, may sometimes be animated by these same feelings. It is with this object in view that the Church with becoming solemnity brings this great object in view that the Church with becoming solemnity brings this great mystery before the people in order that by dwelling on it they may be moved like the apostles to wish for Christ and Him only. In a spur of the Alps mountains there is a peak from the top of which the tourist can command a view which is surpassingly beautiful. But in order to reach the summit of this mountain he has to spend a

mit of this mountain he has to spend a great deal of labor, suffer much hardship, and overcome many difficulties. He is, however, greatly encouraged by his guide, who does not weary in describing the great pleasure in store for him. And when at last the scene in all its beauty bursts on his entranced vision, he feels more than amply rewarded for all his totl. So, too, must our Lord have felt on His entry into his entranced vision, he feels more than amply rewarded for all his totl. So, too, must our Lud have felt on His entry into heaven. He must have thought that all His sufferings were as nothing compared with the great good accomplished by them. What must have been His joy and pride when He saw Himself surrounded by those innumerable souls whom He had redeemed and who were now rejicing with Him, and how these feelings must have swelled into exultation as He looked forward through the centuries of time and beheld the countless beings who were yet to be saved by these same sufferings from the clutches of Satan! His Apostles understood this. They, too, wore ready to suffer everything in His service, knowing the great reward which awaited them. We, also, should be encouraged to work for our salvation, no matter how great the labor may be, and we have Christ's promise that our afforts will not be in vain. He will be our guide up the rugged ascent. He will help us when we are weary and broken. He is our Advocate and His wounds are continually pleading for us. He is still full of that great compassion and unconquerable love of our swhich He had for us while on earth. Let us then have constant recourse to Him in love and trustfulness, and when at last Let us then have constant recourse to Him is love and trusfulness, and when at last the Bratific Vision breaks on our wonder. ing eyes we shall rejsice with Him and think no more of our weary toll and suffering.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON.

Monday, May 4, 1891. THE LEAGUE OF THE SACRED HEART. It was an inspiring ceremony which took place in St. Mary's Cathedral and one which will not soon be forgotten by and Rev. Father Drummond about two years ago in the Cathedral parish. A promoter is one who has a band of fifteen members, looks after them and knows that each one performs the duties required of her by the society. The duties consist of prayers at certain hours and other good works.

An instructive, interesting and eloquent

An instructive, interesting and eloquent sermon on the love of God and devotion to the Sacred Heart, was delivered by Rev. Father Connolly, S. J., of Montreal, who is head director of the lesgue in Canada. in opening his sermon he said the fire in opening his sermon he said the fire which God came down from heaven to enkindle was the fire of love. It was the love of God manifested unto us. He then spoke of the passion, sufferings and death of our Lund. Before closing his sermon he addressed the promoters of the Lesgue of the Secret Heart. the Sacred Heart. You who have enrolle yourselves as promoters of the Lesgue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus have done so to spread that love which Christ has shown for us. You are going to receive this evening a diploma and medal; a testimon. evening a diploma and medal, a the Caurch is going to open her treasury to you in a special manner. You will gain twenty-four indulgences; and you all know what an indulgence means. It has been expisited to you before this. You will gain two special ones every month.

These marks are because you have been halving her (the Church) helping her (the Church) to spread that love of God. Well you have worked during the past year. There are three rules which you will follow. They are prudence, perseverance and constancy. He then closed his sermon.

The names of the promoters were

Bishop he pluned the medal on their breast. There were sixty-one promoters sitegether. When all had received their dtplomas and medals Bishop Dawling brishy addressed the congregation.

The chair rendered some very time and

briefly addressed the congregation.

The choir rendered some very fine and appropriate music. Rev. Father Brady sang Vespers. The altar looked beautiful, being set off with numerous little fairy lamps of various colors. The auditorium of the church was crowded. The Caristian Brothers were very large to the control of the church was crowded. Brothers were present and occupied seats in the sanctuary.
MISSION IN GALT.

A very successful mission, conducted by the Jesuit Fathers Connolly and Devlin, opened here on Sunday, the 3 d feat, and closed on Sunday evening, the 10 h inst. The exercises morning and evening during the week were well attended. A new pastoral residence, much required, is about to be erected, and siready the zealous pastor, Rev. John Slaven, has received some liberal donations, not only from his parishioners but from generous Protestant

neighbors.

Ofher New Parochial Houses.

The Rev. Father Wey, of Formoss, and R.v. Father Kelly, of Oakville, are also erecting new pastoral residences.

DE LA SALLE ACADEMY.

Oa Sunday, 13th inst., the Bishop visited this institution and blessed the new capacil stars and secred years and

new chapel, altar and sacred vessels and vestments. The next day, the feast of the holy founder of the order, Mass was chapel, and in the evening His Lordship gave Benediction of the Blessed Sacra-ment. O Saturday morning the Bishop

Hamilton Times.

The Feast of the Ascension was celebrated to-day in all the Catholic churches in the city. At the cathedral the first Mass was at 5:30 a. m., the second at 8:20 and the high Mass at 10:30. Rov. Father Brady offered up the first Mass. After the 8:30 Mass, of which the rector, Father McEvay, was the celebrant, His Lordship, Bishop Dowling administered the sacrament of confirmation to over one hun-

Before the ceremony His Lordship admonished the caudidates concerning the great sacrament they were about to receive, and at the end gave a few fatherly and practical words of advice. He congratulated them on the reception of the sacrament and told them henceforth to show themselves good soldiers of Christ, faithful children of the Church and good citizens of their country. He they gave the pladge of their country. He then gave the pledge to all the children to refrain from intox to all the Children with they reached the age of twenty-one. The Bishop was assisted by Fathers McEvay, Brady, Hinchey and Cote. Rev. Father Hinchey sang High

Sunday, May 10:h. The mission at St. Patrick's opened to-day. Rev. Father Devlin preached at High Mass and Rev. Father Connolly at

Vespers.

The weekly effectory towards decorat ing and renovating the cathedral opened to-day and amounted to \$125. A generous psychological psycho

HOSPITAL WORK AND WANTS

This institution, admirably situated and now supplied with all modern imand now supplied with all modern im-provements, comforts and conveniences for the sick and infirm of every denom. ination, has supplied a want long felt and is doing a great work of mercy. The institution, however, is at present deeply in debt, as so far no subscriptions have been asked in its behalf. The only donations up to the present received are those of the Bishop, Vicar General Heenan, Ray, Fr. McEvay and a legacy of \$500 left by one of Father Bardou's parishioners of Cayuga. It is a mistake of \$500 left by one of rather battous of parishioners of Cayuga. It is a mistake to suppose that the property has been purchased with funds from the endowment of the late Father Ryan. It was expressly provided by will that that money should be lent on first class security and the interest only, not the principal, applied to the support of free beds for the poor in a ward of the hospital to be called "The Ryan Ward." The ladies of the several parishes of the city are, therefore, coming to the relief of the institution by preparing to hold a bazzar next September, which it is to be hoped will be generously patronized by the charitable public. It would be well if other generous benefactors, imitating the example of good Father Ryan, tating the example of good Father Ryan, would endow a few more beds for the benefit of the poor.

LORETTO ACADEMY. The young lady pupils of this excellent institution have had the advantage of during the past year. There are three rules which you will follow. They are prudence, perseverance and constancy. Ha then closed his sermon.

The names of the promoters were then called out by their chaplain, Rev. Father Hinchey. They assembled in pairs in the centre sisle of the church. His Lordship Bishop Dowling was seated at the altar rails, surrounded by Rev. Fathers McEvay, Hinchey and Connolly, S. J., who assisted him during the ceremony. Each promoter in her turn knelt before the Bishop and kissed his episcopal ring and received his blessing. As they came forward they were handed the side of the clurch of his discourses. One of the priests was specified and when they knelt before the distribution of prizes, to the young lady who would write the best easy on the

subjects treated by the learned professor. Golden gifts of this kind are sure to stimulate the literary ardour of the pupils of Loretta.

HOW SHALL THE MONTH OF MAY BE OBSERVED.

N. Y. Catholic Review.

The mouth of May is the mouth of Mary. The fact that Holy Church has set apart a whole month to be employed in special devotions to the Blessed Virgin is en indication of the importance which she attaches to that devotion. At the same time it admonishes us to study with the greatest care and solicitude to make those devotions the most attractive and the most edifying and profitable possible. We ap-prehend that the great danger is of falling into a routine—running late a rut, and being satisfied with a minimum of effort

being satisfied with a minimum of effort and display.

We believe it will generally be conceded that the degree of devotion to the Blessed Virgin is a fair indication of the standard of plety and devotion in a parish. As all the great saints have been distinguished by their love and devotion to Mary, so we may take for granted that where zeal and fervor and true saintliness exists in a parish there will be corresponding devotion to Mary.

tion to Mary.

We acknowledge now, that there may be devotion in the heart without much external demonstration, but we believe it allowed that the will generally be admitted that the natural impulse of the human heart is to manifest its emotions in external acts, and that external acts serve to increase devotion. While there is true devotion to Mary, we look for added care and zeal to making arrangements to honor her. We look for beautiful decorations of her look for beautiful decorations of her altars, for special services and instructions, and especially that the interest of the young people of the parish shall be enlisted, and that the services shall be made generally attractive by a variety of hyans and prayers suitable to the occasion. The month of May seems to us a peculiarly appropriate time to cultivate and develop popular devotions in the vernacular in all our parishes. That is the tendency of the times. We all acknowledge that we have been too negligent in this matter. We have been too easily content with a humdrum formal, perfunctory way of doing nave been too easily content with a num-drum formal, perfunctory way of doing things, that is as uninteresting as it is unedifying.

And here, if, with all due deference

And here, if, with all due deference and modesty, we may be allowed to express an opinion, we would frankly say that we sincerely deprecate the practice that seems to have become almost universal, of reading instructions from a book at the devotional meetings. Speaking for ourselves, we confess that we have rarely, if ever, heard those instructions read in anyway calculated to leave a favorable impression on the to leave a favorable impression on the to leave a favorable impression on the minds of the people. We always find it difficult to fix our minds upon the subject and to follow it with edification, and it is our firm conviction that if we, who lay claim to some little power of mental control, find it so difficult to convertate our mind on the subject the subject. concentrate our mind on and to receive lively and edifying im pressions from it, it must be much more difficult for the uneducated masses who have never accustomed themselves to mental concentration. It is generally admitted that it will not do to read sermons from the pulpit, however excellent they might be. Why should it be taken for granted that a practice which will not be tolerated in the pulpit. on Sundays and holydays may be per-fectly proper in a familiar instruction at fectly proper in a familiar instruction at an informal meeting for popular deve-tion? All experience proves that the very same address which will fall on listless ears and produce one which will not soon be forgotten by those who were fortunate enough to those who were fortunate enough to those who were fortunate enough to witness it. It was the presentation of medals and diplomas to the lady promoters of the League of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This league was formed by Rev. Father Connolly, S. J., during the Rev. Father Connolly, S. J., during the mission conducted by him time of public charitable institutions. good selection of practical examples. Nor would we dare to say that there may not be instances where it would be advisable to read from a book, though we fear it will generally be found that a poor extemporizer will prove to be a poor reader. No doubt it saves time and trouble to read from the book, but it strikes us that in a majority of instances the easiest and most effective way of getting over the difficulty will be to read over the instructions, get the main points in mind before hand, and then deliver the substance of it extempore, and tell the story given as an "example" in one's own language.

We are 'aware that in this matter of popular devotions the cities and large we fear It to read from a book, though

popular devotions the cities and large popular devotions the cities and large towns have an advantage over country parishes. But it is a question whether country parishes do not sometimes make their position an excuse for not doing better than they do. But we know of some country parishes which are not to be excelled—in fact, are nodels according to their means, of the most beautiful and appropriate popular

devotions. The young people are wide awake and deeply interested. Wild flowers are made to mingle with the cultivated on the altar. If their statue is not as large and as costly as those of the city and as costly as those of the city churches, it is neat and appropriate. The candlesticks may not be golden, but they do not therefore lack for profusion of lights. Their banners, perhaps, are not costly, but they are not ashamed to carry them in procession, and what they lack in splendor and magnificence they make up in zeal, in favor and enthus make up in zeal, in fervor and enthusiasm in their humble and simple devo-tion. True zeal and love of Mary are the grand secret of success. Where these exist we need not fear but that she will be duly honored, revered and

For the Stations of the Cross and the Lenten sermons in the cathedral of Colombo four different languages have to be used on different days, or at different hours. These are Tamil, Eng'ish, Portu-guese, and Sinbalese.