### THE SIN OF SCANDAL.

A grave responsibility rests upon us Catholics. Many outside of the Church, although they are unprepared to accept the tenets of our holy faith, expect from us such exemplary corduct that, when they find a Catholic publicly trangressing any commandment of God, they exclaim in horror "And he is a Catholic!" They look to us as models of Christian perfection and if we fall grievously in any par-ticular instance, they take offence and are scandalized. This is what our Lord calls the scandal of the Pharisees, who severely criticized the most triv-ial violation of the law in their fellow-

who severely criticized the has subset with a violation of the law in their fellowmen, whilst they felt no pang of remorae for the grossest crimes of which they themselves were guilty.

In truth the greatest perfection must be looked for among Catholics; for we, above all others, have ample and sufficient means for our sanctification, since with us, according to the promise of the Redeemer, abides forever the Spirit of holiness and truth. Yet we are sorry to admit that many Catholics so conduct themselves that they become a stumbling block and a stone of scandal to those outside of the pale of mother Church. Non-Catholics are but too apt to judge the Church by the actions of those Catholics with whom actions of those Catholics with whom they come into immediate contact, and hence when a Catholic does not live up to the teachings of his Church, his sins are attributed to the faith which he

professes.

Such, however, should not be the case. Our Lord foretold that of mecessity there would be scandal; that there would be such as would lead others from the path of morality and rectitude, because of the weakness and frailty of the human mature swayed by disordinate passions; and although He pronounced an eternal woe against the man by whom scandal woe against the man by whom scandal cometh, yet He emphatically declared that such should not be adduced as an argument against the religion which He established.

He established.

In fact, did not Judas, one of the twelve chosen Apostles, betray his Divine Master? Did not Peter, the prince of the Apostles, deny the Saviour and swear that he knew Him not? And all schism and heresies. that have devasted the Church from its incipiency to our present day; were they not fomented by priests and even Bishops of the Catholic Church? Do these events in the history of the past,

these events in the history of the past, prove that the Church, as Christ founded it, was inefficient to lead men to holiness and eternal salvation?

No, on the contrary, they establish, most convincingly, the indefectibility of the Church; one of the attributes with which Christ en dowed His Church, when He said:

"And the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." They prove that, in spite of the fiercest persecutions which have raged against the Church ever since the earliest dawn of Christianity; in spite of the schisms and tianity; in spite of the schisms and heresies that, from time to time, have torn away from her communion, many and different nations, in spite of the deplorable defection of thousands of her members the Church has unceas ingly continued to preach to the world the saving doctrine handed over to her by Jesus Christ and His Apostles, and will continue to teach this doctrine

until the end of time.

No human institution could have survived such obstacles as those with which the Church had to contend without relent. At no time of her history has she been free from persecutions, calumny, schisms and heresies. Still she continues as vigorous as ever, to perform her mission and to lead men en to eternal salvation. Therefore, let us not be disheartened if others fail in the solemn obligations which their calling as Catholics demands; let us persevere, doing good without ceasing ever mindful of the awful words of Christ: "Woe to the man by whom scandal cometh;" and of those other words of the Saviour: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father, Who is in heaven."—British Columbia Orphan's Friend.

### FIRST PRINCIPLES.

The most pertinent comment that we have seen on the murder trial which for weeks past has been the leading feature of secular jurnals all over the country, is the concluding paragraph of an editorial in the Times Democrat of New

Orleans. We quote it entire:

"This whole case, when considered in its broad and impersonal aspects, teaches that religious education is the one firm basis of character. The one firm basis of character. The learning of the schools and the triumphs of science are but the glittering superstructure, which will fall of its own weight, if built upon sand. Nero drank deep of art and philosophy, had Seneca for his tutor, and died with a line of the greatest of Greek bards when his line but this science of Greek bards when his line but this science of Greek bards. upon his lips; but this scion of Rome's noblesse was a monster of iniquity, and stained the purple with every crime in the Decalogue. We must have a rev-erent care for the old ideals and old types, if our Republic is to endure. It will not matter if we hold the primacy in agriculture, commerce and invention if we evolve a civilization in which wealth accumulates and men decay. The problems of the time—political, social and economic—are not to be solved by keeping our eyes fixed on the leger. No: we must go back to first principles, and emulate the founders in their thirst for righteousness, their belief in the dignity of labor, and their intimate hold of the unseen universe. In this process of repent ance, reconciliation and atonement, the American mother must lead, as she led american moder must lead, as she led in our days of poverty and struggle; for her, the poignant and redemption passion of the Stabat Mater can not die; with her rests the shaping of a mation's fate, the fulfilment of a na-

If the trial to which we have referred has the effect of bringing the lesson of these earnest lines home to American parents, a great deal of good will have resulted from a great deal of evil.—Ave

### A MONUMENT TO CURE LABELLE.

L'Avenir du Nord, Apr. 5, 1907.

L'Avenir du Nord, Apr. 5, 1907.

If the lamented Cure Labelle is soon to have a monument at St. Jerome, we owe it in great part, to the devotedness of our Director of l'Avenir du Nord. In each number of his paper Mr. Prevost makes a stirring and hearty appeal to all those patriotic citizens who beheld the work done by that great apostle of colonization in the Laurentian region.

It is expected that the council of St. Jerome will vote the sum of \$5,000 and that the rest will be raised by the popular subscription.

Care Labelle did not belong to the Northern region alone. He belonged to the entire province. Why should not the Quebec Government contribute generously to the erection of the proposed monument? For over sixteen years, the mortal remains of the greatest Apostle of Colonization that this country has ever had, repose in the cemetery of St. Jerome. Over the sod that rests upon him there is not the smallest stone, nor is there any form of epitaph to recall his name and his memory to the rising generation.

The French Canadian people, if they desire to possess national strength, should prove their gratitude towards for them and who have contributed to

those who have sacrificed themselves for them and who have contributed to their prosperity.

Gratitude springs from noble hearts.

It is a guarantee of strength in a

people.

An Admirer of His Grace Mgr. A.
Labelle, and Apostle of Colonisation of

### FIVE WORDS.

A STORY THAT CARRIES A STRONG TEM-PERANCE LESSON.

Five spoken words from the lips of a drunken man cost one of the biggest breweries of America millions of dol-

The story of those five words is one that should be a warning to every worker to keep his lips closed and to abstain from that which causes them to abstain from that which causes them to open unwisely. Also it is a lesson which teaches that, despite the alleged lack of religion of this day, no person can offer an insult to religion and escape. Here is how the Chicago Pribune tells; the story: Seven years ago there was a beer manufactured in a nearby city, which

enjoyed a popularity never attained by any other beer sold in Chicago. It had been we'l advertised and promoted by the best saloons and restaurants in the

Suddenly and mysteriously saloons quit handling that beer; restaurants ceased to put it on their cards; persons who had learned to like the flavor of who had learned to like the havor of the beer found that it was not on sale. Many persons wondered about this. Some charged that the saloon men were boycotting the beer merely because the wery asked a trifle more for its pro duct than rivals asked. This was not

true. The real story is this:
The agent for the brewery was a famous "mixer." He knew every barkeeper and saloon man in town. Be sides, he was popular with most of the men about town. He added to the popularity of his beer, which, almost beyond doub, was the best sold in the city. One night he was drunk. He was in a Dearborn street saloon which handled his wares almost exclusively, nancied his wares almost exclusively, when a Sister of Charity entered, asking alms. The bartender was a Protestant. The owner of the place was a Protestant. The agent himself had been born a Catholic. With bowed head the Sister walked along, stopping as she reached each man. The agent was druck. He turned toward the Sister and, digging into his pocket,

The Sister, bowing her head, passed at. The Protestant bartender flushed, and with violent language rebuked the agent. The assistant bartender, a Catholic, threatened murder. The porter, a Negro Baptist, stood ready to throw the man out of the place.

There was no complaint. There was no organized action. There was no motion in the bartenders' union against the agent or his beer. The story of the five words was passed from lip to lip hrough the city, and a week later it practically was impossible to find that beer in Chicago. It a man asked for a bottle of it, he was told: "We are just out of that," or, "We don't handle that beer." Bartenders, Catholic, Protestant

and atheist, refused to serve the beer.
The company was startled. It conducted an investigation. The agent was "fired." But still the beer remained under the ban. The five words had destroyed a business which cost tens of thousands of dollars to build up.

The agent who was "fired" found work as agent for a wine house. He had been popular and successful, and experienced no trouble in gettting the job. As soon as he began representing the wine deas he began representing one where as mand for it fell off. Saloons refused to handle it. Saloons that always had sold it declined to serve it. The agent was discharged again.—Philadelphia Standard and Times.

The True Catholic. It is unfortunate that with many of our people there appears to be an absolute selfishness in their religion. They are interested in that which immediate ly concerns them, and feel that outside their own narrow circle of religious life there is nothing of particular interest to them in church work. The true Catholic should always feel the touch Catholic should always feel the touch of interest in everything Catholic the world over. "The zeal of the house of God" should consume him. The development of foreign missions, the struggles of the Church in certain sections of our country, the attempt to uplift, broaden and develop the educational and charitable world. tional and charitable work, the up-building of public sentiment in favor of the Church, the maintenance and support of the literary bureaus by which Church dootrine is published and circulated—all these should interest the Catholic layman who understands his duty to religion.—Bishop Conaty.

### DIOCESE OF LONDON.

His Sermon on the Mount, whilst plety and fear of the Lord, shine forth in the lives of all good Catholics.

Yes, the Holy Ghost is with the Church and always has been and, if further proof were needed, we might appeal to the miracles that never cease to be performed by her at St. Anne de Beaupré in our own fair land of Canada, at Lourdes in France, and more particularly in Pagan lands where they are most needed, to prove the divine mission of the Church. In fact, the preservation of the Church during niesteen hundred years and more, though ever suffering from the persecution of bitter and never-sleeping enemies is a standing and astounding miracle. Yes, the Oatholic Church is imperishable. Behold, said her Divine Founder I am with you all days until the consummation of the world.

Look back at her noble record adown the centuries. She it was who Christianized all the nations of the dark. She ent St. Patrick to Ireland, St. the was who Christianized all the nations of the dark. She ent St. Patrick to Ireland, St. the was who Christianized all the nations of the dark. She ent St. Patrick to Ireland, St. the was who Christian lands with churches, schools, hospitals for the sick, asylums for the insane, homes for neglected children and for the aged and the infirm. These are here glorious/deeds and the enfirm. These are here glorious/deeds and the infirm. These are here glorious/deeds and the infirm. These are here glorious/deeds and the vidences of the presence within her of the Holy Spift. True, she has had children who have brought the blush of shame to her cheek, but she is no more responsible for their evil deeds than her Divine Master was for the treachery of Judas or the triple denial of Peter.

Be not then ashamed of your mother, the Catholic Church, for she is a glorious Church without spot or winkle or any such thing. She is the bride of Christ and the spouse of the Holy Shoot. Live up to her teaching and she will lead you infallibly to the eternal embrace of Father, Son and Holy Ghost in the realms of un

#### THE GERMAN EMPEROR AND THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

EVANGELICAL PARTY SEES IN HIS MEN-TAL ATTITUDE A STRONG APPROACH TO THE OLD FAITH.
London Catholic Times.

The well-known Catholic Proclivities of the Emperor William appear to be exciting the alarm of the Evangelical party in Germany. The Berlin correspondent of Le Temps telegraphs as follows to his paper:

"The National Liberals and also the Evangelical Union compared with his

Evangelical Union compared with bit-terness the reply of William II. to the note of felicitation sent by their Con-gress with the telegram addressed by the Emperor to the Catholic Congress of Essen. To the latter William II. himself despatched his warm thanks, but to the National Liberals and the Evangelicals he simply transmitted his thanks through his Chef du Cabinet, M thanks through his Chef du Cabinet, M
de Lucanus. This has irritated the
Leipziger Tageblatt profoundly. It
says: "There is nothing more distressing or significant to Evangelicals than
the hope entertained by the members of
the Catholic Church that they will one
day count the Emperor William
mounts the faithful War profess or day count the Emperor William amongst the faithful. We profess ourselves ignorant of the private religious sentiments of the Emperor, but nobody who has eyes to see and ears to hear can deny that the imperial attitude denotes a strong bias towards Catholicism. We do not forget the warm protestations of adherence to the Evangelitestations of adherence to the Evangen-cal faith proclaimed on the heights of Wartburg, but we cannot fail to see that the Catholic clergy are treated with more consideration by the Emwith more consideration by the Emperor than the Protestant clergy. His predilections are for monasteries, and those who occupy them The imperial desire is to revive the ideal of the Middle Ages, and we see in this mental at-titude a strong approach to Catholic-ism. The Emperor perhaps aims at a practical end, and hopes that the Cath-olic and mediaeval ideal will aid him in realizing his own romantic ideal but this personal ideal of the Emperor but this personal ideal of the Emperor has much of analogy with the Catholic ideal. The proclamation of the principle of the divine right of Kings, condemnation of pessimists, crusades and love of the monastic orders, where shall we find their equivalent at our epoch except in the mysticism of the Catholic Church?"

We should stand together for com mon principles and common action.

### SEVEN NEW CARDINALS.

A despatch from Rome, dated the 15th, states that Pope Pius X. held a secret consistory on that day in the Vatican and created seven new Cardinals as follows: Mgr. Cavallari, Patriarch of Venice; Mgr. Rinaldini, Papal Nuncio to Spain; Mgr. Lorenzelli, Ex-Papal Nuncio at Paris; Mgr. Lualdi, Archbishop of Patermo; Mgr. Mercier, Archbishop of Pisa; Mgr. Aguirre Y. Garcia, Bishop of Burgos, Spain.

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The event was awaited with great interest as it was the first function of the kind in which the present Pontifi had created a considerable number of Cardinals, and also, because up to the last moment hopes had been entertained that another prince of the Church might be added to the five Italians, the one Belgian and the one Spaniard announced since March 23. The ceremony took place in the hall which takes its name from the consistory and was performed with the usual which takes its name from the consistory and was performed with the usual
gorgeousness and impressive pomp.
First, all the Cardinals met there,
headed by their octogenarian dean,
Oreglia Di Santo Stefano, the only
surviving Cardinal oreated by Pius IX.
They divided into three groups according to their orders, that of the Bishops
including besides Oreglia, the two Van
Nutelli brothers; Agliardi Satolli and
Cossetta; that of the priests, the most
numerous, headed by Rampolli, and
that of the deacons just deprived by
death of their dean.

Were Sure to Meet Again. An omnibus full of young Parisian students was rolling down the street when a quiet looking old gentleman in priest's attire got in. The students, angry at the interruption, began using bad language in the hope of driving him outside. But the priest took no more notice than if the bus had been perfectly empty. At last he rose to perfectly empty. At last he rose to get out. Then he turned and very politely said: "Till we meet again, gen-

"Good .by, old chap, shouted one.
"We don't want to see you again."
"Pardon me," replied the priest, "we are sure to meet again, I am the chaplain of Mazas Prison."—True Voice.

Since our lips quickly tire of prayer, and our words fall short, how then can we "pray without ceasing?" The saints have given us an easy and simple means: they tell us to cultivate in our souls the remembrance of God's pres-

Murtagh.—A<sup>†</sup> Matbawa hospital. Good Friday, March 29, 1907. Mr. Francis Murtagh, lumber merchant of Aylmer, Que., aged sixty-four years. May his soul rest in peace!

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LONDON, SATURDAY, M SENSIBLE REA

We have pointed out in that some non-Catholic upon the French atheist fenders of democratic is do they call Viviani's bla very sensible remark" n to drive Christ out extreme but reasonal The fact that they are does not prompt them to cause of the enemies and to ignore fair play where the Church is c Kuyper, ex-Premier of Protestant, gives an emp of the policy of Pius X the French Protestant associations of worship law, have suffered an in The struggle, says M. trying one, but it must that the Catholic Churc the superiority of sp Much to our regret, from ourselves the fact olic Church has taken stand than that occup Protestants who accom selves to every situatio

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