The Cause of French Decline

If we inquire into the cause that the press is a power is but to opinion nowadays rules the world. By the press is usually meant wspaper, and the power which the tholic Times. exerts for good or for influence as a moral or religious Centenary of St. Mary's Cathedral, factor is more apparent in continental countries than amongst polation of these (British) islands, -more frequently than is the cas secular journals abroad carry on an active propaganda in favor of or hostile to Chrisespecially freethinkers

and atheists have long used the for their attacks on the Catholic shoulders of cious to faith and subversive morality. Catholics unfamiliar with Seminary. corruption has been spread, nor how visitors, and they are making terrible is the havoc wrought among markable headway. diffused throughout France. The war the moral corruption of the young and inexperienced of both sexes. No observer of contemporary change for the worse that has come over the country in the last quarter of a century. Amongst every class of society there has been a remarkable decline in religion as well as in morals; and while the Paris and provincial press is an indication, it is also to a large extent the cause of the decadence. It is, perhaps, superfluous to say that it is through the press the Freemasons have astutely conducted their long campaign against Catholicism-a campaign which has issued in the disof the religious congregations, the dechristianization of public instruction, and, lastly, the paration of Church and State.

The number of mauvais journeaux is legion; their circulation is Has similar zeal been displayed in behalf of the good cause? Alas, no! If there was one work more than another which the Catholic clergy and laity of Franch should have encouraged and supported, it was the work of la bonne presse through their supinenessnav. their culpable indifference-it is just the work which they most ne glected. Catholic hewspapers are relatively few; their existence is often precarious, and they have but slenderest influence upon public opinion. In Paris there are, it is true, some journals that have ably and actively championed the interests of the Church, but they are papers with a very limited circulation and a still more limited influence They preach to the converted; they never reach the masses that need The Univers, the Verite, the Gaulois and most of the other Catholic organs are dear; they appeal to the cultivated few rathe than to the less educated many. The Croix is popular, and enjoys a fairly large circulation amongst cer-The number of its readers is, however, far below that of many of the more aggressive organs of Masonry. than 136 were distinctly hostile to Archbishop P. J. Ryan, D.D., Christianity. Matters have not Philadelphia, will preach. mended in the interval.

we should do well to remember that the pulpit has long ceased to be a power in France; it would hardly be ral School Hall. an exaggeration to say that it is not even an influence. The Sunday start from the Cardinal's residence sermons are ordinarily addressed either to empty benches or to small grounds. Solemn pontifical Vespers congregations of women and child-will be sung at 8 p.m. by his Grace brillent par leur absence. norance of everything pertaining to norance of everything pertaining to religion is, consequently, as wide-spread as it is deplorable. And the with their people, these latter live in a sort of religious abandonment which is fatal to their moral and spiritual well-being. Years ago Leo XII. counseled the priests to leave their sacristies and go to the ple. The advice was very immedy followed. How, then, are masses to be reached? How are to be brought under the influence of sane ideas in matters of so-

Through the press, and through the press only. Every workingman and every peasant reads his newspaper. He fashions his opinions, religious and other, after those of his favorthey are not a few—which have and other, after those of his favor brought French Catholicism to its its journal. This was the field which low estate, we shall find the Catholic forces should have oc that one of the principal has been the neglect of the clergy and laity to adequately utilize the press as a defense. They failed to do so; and of religious defense. To say the enemy, profiting by the opportunity, gained almost exclusive the commonest of common-it is the press which more the result that the vast majority of than any other agency inspires and the workers in town and country fell public opinion, and public victims to the demoralizing teach ings with which they were daily the sailed .- Pere Coube, in London

Baltimore

(Baltimore Sum.)

On April 29 and 30, ceremonies i honor of the centenary of the Cathedral will take place. The various committees appointed to after the arrangements and the hos-pitality of the hundreds of visiting prelates are hard at work. The newspaper as an effective instrument brunt of the labor has fallen on the Revs. P. C. Gavan Church, and as a ready vehicle for chancellor of the archdiocese; C. F. the propagation of doctrines perni- Thomas, pastor of St. Ann's Church of and J. A. McCallen, of St. Mary's

the religious situation cannot realize To Fathers Gavan and Thomas is to what an extent the poison of allotted the work of caring for the

the infidel press so widety Father McCallen is an expert another line. He has for many years against religion is daily pursued in been a superintendent over ceremo leading articles, critical notices, nies at the Cathedral. Every little news items and feuilletons, these detail connected with processions in latter being made the medium for the Catholic Church is well known to him, and with this end of the programme in his hands. Cardina Gibbons realizes that it will be well France can have failed to note the cared for. While Father McCaller line of work, it has not been easy task. He admits that while the greater portion of the work has been done, there are details that will have to be left until the last min-

> Though Father McCallen has been in charge of the Cathedral public ceremonials almost uninterruptedly talk about his splendid work. He declared the ceremonial for the centenary would be along the lines usu ally followed upon such occasions.

ute.

So many grand ceremonies of the Catholic Church have taken place in might be difficult to decide which has been the most impressive. in its walls was celebrated the cen tenary of the hierarchy, and there National Councils of Baltimore and the consecration of the Cathedral it self. Here, too, the red cap was be stowed on the present Archbishop his Eminence Cardinal James Gibbons. Before the high altar have been consecrated many bishops of

the country.

Cardinal Gibbons has received letter of congratulation from Pope on the centenary of the Cathe The communication will given a prominent part in the open ing ceremonies.

There will be upon the coming oc casion a procession of the semina-rians and clergy before Mass. Solemn Pontifical Mass will follow at 11 a.fn., at which a special sermon will all parties concerned, and their debe delivered.

His Eminence will occupy his throne in the Cathedral, vested cappa magna. Directly opposite also occupying a throne, will be his Excellency, Most Rev. Apostolic Delegate, similarly vested.

Rt. Raphoe. which would relieve the people of a heavy tax on their pock-The Most Rev. Archbishops, tain sections of the working classes. will be assigned places between the two thrones and the high altar.

The solemn pontifical mass will be more aggressive organs of Masonry.

Of the 174 daily papers published ten years ago at Paris, no fewer than 126 more distinctly hostile. After

Should the weather prove unfavor-In considering the role of the press able for the procession, as arrang-

and will keep within the Cathedral Male adults, of every rank, t par leur absence. The ig-

His Eminence the Cardinal will of ficiate at Benediction of the Blessed

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LITIGATION:

ITS EVIL SIDE.

Dr. O'Donnell, Bishop of Rapho has issued a powerful pastora against the Irish peasant's love of litigation. Commenting on the do cument, the Freeman's Journal says "The landhunger seems to engende this litigious spirit. Trespass cases right-of-way cases, and others the same kind, are pursued with re lentless pertinacity, wholly irrespetive of the amount of interest Neighbors lose all neighbor ly feeling when they invoke the law on each other. Bickering in court leads to quarrels out of court, and what begins in a summons too ofter ulminates in a crime. It is note worthy that lawyers, so far as they are personally concerned, keep out of the law. They realize from ex of the law. perience its uncertainty and cost. Indeed, its cost is the only thing certain about it. The cost men is ruinous to poor litigants. In poor rural districts it is safe to say that the cost in many cases weighs the value of the matter dispute. Whichever side wins, both sides must lose. To take the com outset it is no more than a matter of convenience and accommodation between neighbors. But a right asserted and denied; forthwith the litigious spirit is aroused. Both sides rush to the courts. Lawyers are engaged at fees which it strait ens the food supplies of the family to pay. Multitudes of witnesses are produced on both sides to swear to contrary statements. Lord Morris escribed these encounters battalions of perjurers giving battle to each other in court; and though this description was, of course, gros exaggeration, yet, as the Bishop of Raphoe recognizes in his Pastoral where vexatious litigation flourishe inevitable. Such litigation is. truth, the substitute for the faction fights of the old days, as fierce, as mischievous, and as purposeless Tradition tells that the origin of great series of faction fights. which, generation after generation innumerable skulls were cracked, wa a simple, easily settled dispute-whe ther a heifer was two years old three. Even so, in the present day disputants bent upon litigation "fine quarrels in a straw." the case fought out Sessions to Quarter Sessions, from Quarter Sessions to Assizes, until one or other of the litigants is ruined. The British going to war \$9 75 to \$10; country with the Boers on the question whether the franchise would be given in \$7.75 for selects. five or seven years and expending the vast treasures of life on the frivolous dispute, is an illustration on a colossal scale of the poor litigant who spends so much to gain so little. In friendly arbitration, as his Lordship points is the appropriate, economic, it is not a little curious that the spirit of coercion in Ireland strongly discourages the application of the remedy. Lawyers are a class much

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ets, and a still heavier on their time

favored by the Castle. Their liveli

ever else may suffer. Land League

Coercion Courts, even where they

cisions were cheerfully accepted by

all parties concerned. But Coercion has disappeared. Arbitration is no

system might easily be arranged in

were held with the full consent

longer criminal in Ireland, and

every district in Ireland on

lines laid down by the Bishop

who

hood must not be diminished

courts were savagely pursued

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\$20: shorts, \$20.50 to \$21. -No. 1, \$8.50 to \$9 per tor on the track; No. 2, \$7.50 to \$8; clover, \$5.50 to \$6; clover mixed, \$6 to \$6.50.

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GRAIN MARKETS.

Spring wheat grades are steady and moderately active, and there is a growing export trade in Ontario

Cornmeal is steady under a

demand. We quote \$1.30 to \$1.40 per bag. Oats are in moderate demand and prices hold steady at 39c per bushel

for No. 2 white ex-store; 38c No. 3, and 37c for No. 4. There is a good demand from

mill feed, but lightness of the available supplies keeps the volume of business and steady.

Baled hay is quite and unchanged on account of a dull enquiry and

Tuesday last was a Godsend to the farmers of Ontario and Quebec, and must prove of inestimable value to the farming community, as not only will it afford the much needed mois-ture, but it will enrich the soil with its phospate sediment, which is considered the best of manures. It is and was welcomed both in the city ! and interior, although it will soon

and Oils for

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disappear under the powerful rays not at all plentiful, and from 200 of old Sol. Late snows are always to 211c for medium and undervelcome in country districts as one of the poets of the Glengarry coun- is wanted at 19c to 191c, ty very appropriately sings:

heavy yield, Of hay and grain in every well-tilled

field.

An old Glengarry farmer who was in the city a few days ago made the that he remembers statement heavy fall of snow in the beginning of May attended by good sleighing, and in another year on the 21st of May, a great snowstorm was experienced, and in both those years farmers reaped big crops.-Trade Bulletin.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

The egg market is rather lacking in strength these days. Receipts fell off considerably during the , recent cold spell, but the present soft weather will bring the production up to the average again. From 17 held eggs are in slow demand at 12c to 13c.

There is a somewhat easier feeling ruling on the market for beans, ters, and the music was elaborate and some good sized lots have changed hands at a small reduction SNOWFALL WORTH MILLIONS.

The snowfall which visited Upper and Lower Canada on Monday and Tuesday last was a Godesn to the grade.

Contact the small reduction on last week's prices. In a jobbing way \$1.55 to \$1.60 per bushel is asked for prime pea beans and from \$1.50 to \$1.55 in car lots for the Bart is a factor of Sir Cyril Stanley Rose. same grade. Hand worth \$1.70 to \$1.75. There is a scarcity of good boil-

ing peas on this market and dealers are asking from \$1.10 to \$1.15 for 1798.

Honey is steady on a moderate de nospate sediment, which is considered the best of manufes. It is mand and prices are unchanged at an eminent Canadian lawyer estimated that the recent snowfall 18c to 14c per pound section of statesman. estimated that the recent snowfall white clover honey in the comb is worth many millions of dollars white extracted is worth 8c to 9c and buckwheat is worth 6c.

DAIRY PRODUCE

The situation on the local mark

finest grades. Dairy butter in rolls packages of western and Manitoba Late snows presage good times with butters bring 16c to 18c per pound.

SISTERS MAKE VOWS.

At the Chapel of the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Joseph at Nazareth, Kalamazoo County, Michigan, on the feast of their Patron, March 19th, Sister M. Theodosia and Sister M. Adelaide, made their vows and Miss Mary Karm and Miss Alice Murphy received the holy habit of the Sisters of St. Joseph, and hereafter will be known as Sister Matilda and Sister Imilda. The occasion was honored with the presence Bishop Muldoon D.D. of Chicago, who also delivered an eloquent discourse the occasion, filled with to 174c is about the best price obto 17 ic is about the best price ob-tainable for strictly fresh stock and pleasure. A large number of clergytastefully decorated chapel was filled with friends of the newly made Sis-

> Hand-picked are land, from the fact that the young baronet-he is not much over thirty -is a direct descendant of Addis Emmet, one of the patriots of the wife of his grandple Emmet.





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recent address the John Gallagher, D.D., o Australia, told in the fo quent and forcible word. Church has done for civi

The Catholic Church r a mere antique, not mer decrepitude of old ageas strong as she was in of the Hegira, when M from Mecca to Medina, renewed her youth like went forth with all the her pristine vigor, carryl with the cross of the Sa the Book of His Gospel, ten thousand instrumen and enlightenmen limits of the world.

Hardly had she appear when all at once, befor of her teaching vanished clouds of Grecian and R thology emblazoned the were by the fancy of though art had illumined countless forms of beau the pen of the historian them into the records of tries which were loved so t was that dashed from tals those idols, which and lies had allowed part of mankind to for their Creator.

Having shown how the osophers were vanquishe simple teachings of J Bishop Gallagher said th first three centuries of l the Roman emperors ha the strength of their this striven to extinguish the teaching in the blood o tyrs, ignorant as they v ready on one of their se tablished a throne, and this throne his successo all ages, rule over an er in extent, more docile more steadfast in its lo had ever been subject t of Imperial Rome.

When the eagles of th tired below, and a blade Attila and his Huns, we ssor of the fisherm the Great-worthy prede namesake of the still gr -whose calm dignity an very stayed the progress barian and saved from l be the seed-plants of ne progress, the last relics piring civilization? Le fingers down the tory for six centuries me to the year 1090.

When, about these day sor of Mahomet, pursui ditions of his race, had the obedience of the Ko sword every nation out rope that was known to tion of the Old World, that bent in profane ho lah and his prophet lars of Hercules to the dad, and the proud Sul ed to feed his war hors oats of the Vatican ge altars of St. Peter's.

Was it not a pries-Peter the Hermit, who, ding of another success
Ssherman, Urban II,
churches and cathedra
ring with the thunders
pant and enthusiastic el reached to the very her people and called forth and chivalry from the Thames and the Seine, the Rhine to cross ov the Rhine to cross over lands and dangerous as lands and dangerous as lands and dangerous as the sepulchre where the sepulchre where the the sepulchre where he religion, once more the religion, once more the religion, once more the religion, and the liberties tion, and the liberties tion, and the liberties he did not a discourses he did not a discourse he did not a divine institution for a divine institution for Lord Jesus Christ for souls.