

FOREIGN.

HONOLULU.—This little province has not varied well since its absorption into Prussia. There are eighty-one parishes in it, of which fourteen are vacant—more than a sixth of the whole.

THE BISHOP OF LUNenburg.—It will be remembered that the proceedings for the "legal deposition" of Mgr. Blum have taken their usual course.

THE ELECTIONS IN CASTON.—The general elections for the Grand Council of the Swiss Canton of Fribourg were held on Sunday, December 3.

BRAZIL.—On the 21st of October last, the Bishop of Rio, almoner to his Majesty the Emperor ascended the pulpit of the Church of Santa Rita in that city in order to preach after vespers.

DIocese OF POLIGNAC, FRANCE.—A Pastoral letter has been addressed by Mgr. Pie, Bishop of Poitiers, to the clergy and laity of his diocese in preparation for the solemnity of the anniversary of the miraculous apparition of the Holy Cross.

CATHOLIC SISTERS IN HOSPITALS.—A writer in the last number of the Revue de deux Mondes, M. d'Haussonville, a Protestant, does the most ample justice to the service rendered by the religious nurses to hospitals of France.

THE EXPELLED JESUITS.—The Univers says it is gratified to learn that many of the Jesuit Fathers expelled by Prince Bismarck have found an asylum in India.

ESWARD OF CONSTANT.—In Sillesia, in the parish of Herzogswaldau, some time back the Protestant lay pastor, Baron von Dyhern, appointed as parish priest an Old Catholic named Struckberg.

THE NOVELS OF THE PERIOD AND THEIR READERS.

"Well, what are you so deeply interested in?" asked the professor. "Child Harold," answered the youth, looking up with a smile.

the Christ's heart within him. If anything, it had softened it and made it quick to detect the coming dangers of others, quick to read aright young natures, and warn them in a way they would understand.

"Well," said the professor, "I wouldn't read too much of those fellows." He was speaking to a boy, remember, one who was just at the trying age, when characters begin to form themselves in a mould which it is hard to change.

Here the colloquy ended. The professor went off smiling, and the youth remained, with Child Harold still open before him, lying there neglected, while he thought out the criticism of his friend.

This incident came up to us when our eye fell on a recent report in a daily paper, to the effect that eighty per cent. of the books drawn from the circulating libraries of New York city are works of fiction.

We quite agree with the professor, that writers like Byron, Shelley and others, are likely, if read too much, to take the fine edge off one's faith. And this, beyond doubt, is a loss that no man can afford to sustain.

Let us only glance at the leading writers, bearing in mind the solemn old question: "Can man gather grapes from thorns or figs from thistles?"

Walter Scott and Thackeray we set apart. Faults are to be found in them, but they were, at least, noble and virtuous men, who were conscious of a broad line dividing right from wrong.

Bulwer is another favorite author. And what was Bulwer? A man of whom, when his wife was asked if she had read his last novel—"A Strange Story," it then was answered: "No; I have renounced the devil, with all his works and pomps."

Let us take the favorite living English novelist of the day, George Eliot, as she calls herself. And what is George Eliot? A woman who revolts against society itself and its laws, who professes not to know God, and implicitly denies His existence.

We have taken the highest novelists to point our moral; we need not sink to the lowest depths. Those we have mentioned are low enough. What is the "love" that they, and worse than they, paint—and on which our New York maidens feed?

But the thing that these people, these novelists, depict is, for the most part, what they themselves have yielded to, the baser passion that is the renunciation of Christian manhood.

Why was free will given us with the power of saying yes or no, of cleaving to the right and leaving the wrong? Why was conscience given to us to enable us to discern the right from the wrong?

Yet this is the constant moral taught by our novelists, and herein indeed is the fine edge taken off our faith. Nature is free, they tell us,—irresponsible. Sin is pleasant and cannot be resisted.

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And so, again, if the Church has exalted Mary or Joseph, it has been with a view to the glory of His Sacred humanity. If Mary is proclaimed as immaculate, it illustrates the doctrine of her Maternity.

And what the Church urges on us down to this day saints and holy men down to this day have exemplified. It is necessary to refer to the lives of the Holy Virgins, who were and are His very spouses, wedded to Him by a mystical marriage.

Nor is it necessary to be a saint thus to feel: this intimate, immediate dependence on Emmanuel, God with us, has been in all ages, the characteristic, almost the definition, of a Christian.

Drunkennes Cured. A correspondent sends the New York Times the following receipt for the cure of intemperance.—In the first place, the patient must have a desire to reform, coupled with a determination that he will conquer the enemy or perish in the struggle.

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