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"Extreme Devotion to Athletics" is condemned by the master of Trinity College, Cambridge, in his remarks at the distribution of Warwick school prizes. That is not a fault everywhere, nor yet is it peculiar to Warwick. Such tendencies to exaggeration, on one side or the other, proceed in "waves." If English manliness is to be kept up—if Britons are to "hold their own '-athletics should form a large proportion of the features in school life—may we not say the basis of educating, since corpus sanum is so neces-

"A TRUE PRIEST is ever on the lookout for the temporal as well as the spiritual welfare of his flock." So writes the Church Review, apropos of a notice in the Times from the Vicar of Selborne, calling for funds for village purposes, and specifying in the case of Selborne a supply of pure water for drinking purposes. Nothing is more delightful than to find a parish priest living down to the level of his people in order that he may be able to raise them up by personal influence and in-

"CHRISTENED" is another of those words which the profane public is inclined to misappropriate from the Church's vocabulary in order to give lustre, if not unction, to secular ceremonies such as naming a new ship on the occasion of its launching. There is a solemn side to such an occasion, but it is not put forward usually, and is completely lost sight of. There is sacrilege in the application of the word "christening" to the act of a pretty girl breaking a bottle of champagne at a launch amid thoughtless merriment. See Living Church.

Remove the Dirt!—This is the substitute proposed by Dr. McConnell of Philadelphia for prayer

against the cholera, which had been ordered by his ecclesiastical superiors. The Dr. shows more zeal that discretion; more enthusiasm for "cleanliness" than "godliness." Both are needed. We cannot altogether get rid of dirt, and more or less danger adheres with it to the cleanest of parishes: for this remainder at least, prayer is needed. Still laborere est orare: cleanlines: is a sine qua non for answer to such prayers.

"Cultured Sermons," according to the President of the English Wesleyan Conference, are a mistake. Men who are already cultured or educated to a high degree seek for a period of repose, mental relaxation, and spiritual lubrication (unction) when they go to Church. They "go apart to rest awhile," yearning for effective relaxation of the intellectual strain of life, and do not relish being strung on tenter-hooks again within church walls and amid the sacred surroundings of worship.

Roman Catholic Mass-Music has proved a very effective bait wherewith to "draw" a certain class of loose Protestant fish-people with more sentiment than sense, more imagination than brains. It does not, however, do to despise such baits, and "leave all the best music to the devil." It is the same with oratory—it attracts a different class of hearers. A wise fisherman will use a variety of bait. A good deal depends on weather and sky, time of day, state of water, etc.

No NEED of SUNDAY SCHOOLS was the recent verdict of the Diocesan Inspector to the schools of St. John's parish in the Isle of Dogs-the children were so well taught during the week on religious subjects. They must be "lucky dogs" in that Isle! At least they have a "very happy lot." The lines are cast for them in pleasant places. Very seldom can it be said—anywhere in the world—that the Church gets the better of the world in the use of weekly time.

AMERICAN ENDOWMENTS, especially those of universities, etc., are running up at a rapid rate. Three universities boast an endowment of \$10,000,000 each: and one (Stamford) expects to have 200 millions ere long, yielding an annual income of at least ten millions. Even the endowments of Oxford and Cambridge pale before the achievements of this fast country. The fact is that education is the "god" of the hour in America: and millions are lavished upon the equipment of these universities —the temples of the god!

Two NEW CHURCHES EVERY DAY is the estimate made by the Brooklyn Church Weekly as the rate of church building in America. There are already said to be 140,000 churches valued at nearly 10 million dollars in the United States: or about one for every 400 souls—a very liberal provision, considering how many of these are infants in arms or very young children. The question of large versus small churches is becoming a serious onegrowing out of denominational rivalry.

EUROPEAN CIVILIZATION-" Old Country cultivation ''—seems to be a desideratum for this colony in the eyes of the new Bishop of Quebec. He has made a kind of appeal or call for young Englishmen to come out to Bishop's College for education, and thinks the improved tone will be good for us Canadians. Perhaps he is right: we are certainly somewhat "rough"—even if we are "diamonds"

—and a little more polish in various ways would do us good. Colonial life is not productive of much

Splendid Pulpit Oratory is all very well in its way, but not by any means the sole or the chief weapon for Church edification. The case of Pere Hyacinthe is exemplary. The voice which filled Notre Dame de Paris has not been able to fill the little church in Rue d'Aguesseau. There must be some stronger attraction to convert people together -mere oratory seems to interest or amuse them. Personal contact and individual acquaintance are the pastor's strongest ties to bring and keep his congregation together.

THE MODERN PARISH PRIEST, according to the Bishop of Peterborough, requires to be an "admirable Crichton" of clerical type—a saint, a student, a visitor, a preacher, an efficient chairman, a live "answer to correspondents" column, a social reformer, an athlete, a lessee of amusements. Instead of being "stiff and starchy," the clergy are recommended to cultivate a more manly and straightforward attitude towards the public, talking to and associating with men as men, not as something of a neutral and foreign character— "neither fish, fowl, nor good red herring!"

"CHUCKERS-OUT" seem to be quite an English institution of late years: athletic individuals who have a peculiar facility for "bundling out" of a room persons inclined to be obstreperous. They have been quite a recognized feature of East End mission halls (even some clergy "officiating" with "town and gown" [spirit]: then they were called for on the occasion of the Welsh Bill Meeting. Now they are suggested as a remedy for Parliamentary rows. The Toronto pavilion could "do with one "-for Sunday car meetings, etc.

"A CLOUD OF VERBIAGE" seems to have become the usual accompaniment of Gladstone's letters as well as his speeches, since his late accession to power. At one time Disraeli seemed to check the tendency with his caustic reference to the "intoxication produced by the exuberance of his own verbosity." Now the habit seems to have become chronic and intentional—a trick to cover up the illogical conditions of a bad argument. It requires a lot of this "dust" to blind people on the subjects of Home Rule and Disestablishment!

"Too Loud" is the characteristic attributed to a certain line of woman's rights advocates who have hitherto escaped adverse criticism. The bloom of feminine modesty—that sweet trait of female gentleness-is in danger of being worn off by contact with the sterner sex in the rough and tumble fight of business life and political contention. If this goes on much further, we shall sadly miss the corrective power of female society, which has hitherto proved such a valuable antiseptic for masculine corruption of manners.

"CORRIDOR TRAINS" are coming into vogue in some European countries as a substitute for the inconvenient compartment carriage. The new idea seems to be a compromise in the direction of American notions as to convenient travellingknocking on the head the desire for exclusiveness which the other system cultivated and encouraged. It is not, under the new plan, possible to travel en famille with only one's particular friends within