

SEPTEMBER 14, 1901

forgot. So ever since July, when you left us, we have all remembered you in prayer, and have been keeping count of the petitions and sacrifices offered to God for you, that he might bless you and your work and reward you for what you did for us.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN'S PENITENT CLASS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD CONVENT, IN—

In silence Rob glanced at the Christmas card, tastefully lettered in gold and read: Spiritual bouquet to dear Father Desmond, as a Christmas offering from his dear children of St. Mary Magdalen's class:

Masses heard..... 200 Holy Communions..... 50 Visits to Blessed Sacrament..... 1,000 Pater Nosters..... 5,000 Ave Marias..... 5,000 Memoranda..... 5,000 Aspirations..... 20,000 Salve Regina..... 5,000 Hours of Silence..... 200 Beads..... 1,000

"Phil," said Rob, after a long pause, "that is simply divine; let me kiss your hand, and never again consider a worm of the earth like me your competitor in anything."

"No, Rob, I still say that according to the standard that Father Baxter set to the standard that Father Baxter set, you were more likely had in mind, you have won. But, Rob, dear, and there was a light on his face as he raised his swimming eyes to his friends—" Rob, dear, I wouldn't swap."—Roselyn Bayard Lee.

A TRUE TEST OF RESPECTIVE RELIGIOUS INFLUENCES. Biased or ignorant writers are not infrequently found insisting on the superiority of Protestant countries, in the matter of morality, over Catholic ones. The natives of Spain and Italy and other hot countries are held up as especially lax, as contrasted with the populations of the sterner North.

Were the facts really in accordance with the theory, one might reasonably ask why should the Catholic Church be held accountable—for such is really the design of those who use such an argument—for what ought to be ascribed to climatic conditions. But the theory is all wrong, as every honest statistician has long ago found out.

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should be treated as a deceiver for attempting to persuade them of what they account an impossibility. * * * No person can become familiar with a Catholic college or with Catholic boys at home under the parental roof without remarking this extraordinary contrast. However deficient may be the Catholic seminaries in many things which cultivate the intellect, however far they may occasionally fall short of that perfection or discipline which the Catholic Church requires of them, no man can compare their inmates with the inmates of Protestant schools and with the general run of young men of respectable character and fair to be astonished at what he sees.

Herein there is no room for fallacies founded upon theories of climate or difference of latitudes as affecting the moral system. This gentleman, a man of unexceptionable character and man of unexceptionable intelligence of which and the respective influence of their systems upon the people, he is personally cognizant. But he is not satisfied to leave the inquiry at this point. It is not sufficient that he has established a difference; he must ascertain why the difference exists and explain its causes. Further on he says:

"I must remind the Protestant readers that the Catholic Church claims to possess a power of communicating to her children a certain definite spiritual gift which she terms faith, by which a pious Catholic is not only morally certain of the truth of all Catholic doctrines and contemplates the actual spiritual realities which these doctrines speak of as realities, and not as mere opinions, figments of the human mind or logical deductions having no existence apart from the reasonings which prove them. This faith she professes to communicate originally at baptism by a worthy participation in the sacrament of penance. It is the result of inward dwelling of the Holy Spirit in the soul which accompanies baptism in the case of all infants whatsoever and of all adults who receive baptism with the proper dispositions."

In the case of an adult receiving this new gift through baptism the results as described by Mr. Capes—speaking, doubtless, from his own mental experience as well as that of others whom he knew—are wonderful. Such a one, he says, "has literally acquired a new faculty; the unseen world has become to him what it was not before; the range of his intellect, his vision is not only far wider, but far keener and more sure than while he continued a member of any Protestant communion."

This side of the Church, its supernatural attribute, is too often left out of sight in these practical busy days of the world. It is well to be reminded by those who once were disbelievers in the Church's claims that such a grace accords man admission into it when the mature mind in search of truth is honestly and receptively absorbing what it learns and perceives.—Philadelphia Catholic Standard and Times.

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Christianity without the Cross, is nothing. The Cross was the fitting close of a life of rejection, scorn and defeat. But in no true sense have these things ceased or changed. Jesus these things whom man despised and the rejected of men. The world has never admired Jesus, for moral courage is yet needed in every one of its high places by him who would "confess" Christ. The "offence of the Cross," therefore, has led men in all ages to endeavor to be rid of it, and deny that it is the power of God in the world.—William H. Thompson.

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