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ant in the community room of Holy

ant in the community foom of holy Ghost convent. "Mary, dear, I didn't dream for a moment what your intention was when you asked meto make a novena to Saint Joseph. I knew by your letter that it was important and so when mother wrote telling me that John, my youngest brother, had tallen away from the Church and had met with an accident, causing him to dia without any chance of preparadie without any chance of prepara-tion, I received the cross with pati tion, I received the cross with path-ence, asking our Divine Spouse to accept my sorrow, which I offered Him in honor of Saint Joseph for your intention. How graciously He has heard our prayers and in what a wonderful, unexpected manner you were enabled to come here !" Mear silently careseed her friend

Mary silently caressed her friend and Sister with tears of thankfulness in her eyes. As they stood there a moment in silence, the office bell sounded in the hall, calling them to sounced in the mai, calling them to chant the perfections of their Spouse and the fatherly intercession of Saint Joseph, the patron of Holy Mother Church.—Intermountain Catholic.

THE INQUISITION

REV. M. J. CONNEALLY GIVES A SHORT BUT SATISFYING ACCOUNT OF A MUCH DIS-CUSSED SUBJECT

The word "inquisition" is de-rived from the Latin verb "in-quirere," which means to look into. By this term, as now used, is often meant a special ecclesiastical com-mission for combating or suppressing heresy.

Judges were sometimes appointed in matters of faith, not merely for individual cases, but with a general jurisdiction. In olden times the state made heresy a matter of treason ; and hence arose a co-operation between the spiritual and temporal authorities rather difficult to understand in our days. Religion is based on God's Word ; and the Church founded by Christ is a perfect so-ciety whose duty is to retain in her membership the original deposit of faith unimpaired. It is certain that she can accomplish this without State interference, but in earlier days the relations between Church and State were peculiar, and gave rise to peculiar situations.

The Apostles knew that the deposit of faith must be transmitted without alteration, hence they taught the necessity of guarding against those who tampered with it. As Lactantius says, religion is a matter of the will. It cannot be forced or the will. It cannot be forced upon anyone. It is far better to use words than blows. Still the Church, like any other society, assuredly had the right to protect herself from her foes.

Long ago, the imperial successors Long ago, the imperial successors of Constantine began to see in them-selves divinely sppointed supervisors over the temporal affairs of the Church. Some of them were in sym-pathy with the Arian heresy which meant the denial of Christ's divinity. They persecuted orthodox bishops by They persective or outdow shall be by imprisonment or exile, and thus at-tempted to constitute themselves judges in spiritual matters. At the end of the fourth century the Mani-

chean heresy spread abroad. Its fol-lowers were guilty of many misdeeds yet the Church dld not invoke the ver the Church and hot into the or were any of the other early anti-Catholic sects thus dealt with. As the cen-turies went on, Europe was Chris-tianized. Nevertheless, the twelfth and thirteenth centuries witnessed a mainle de come of the old hereasies in revival of some of the old heresies in a very dangerous form. They were a society, for some of them forbade the propagation of the human race, and even made a suicide a duty.

rather a royal and political institusion, so to speak, of the other, and it was sanctioned by Pope Sixtus IV. in the latter part of the fifteenth cention than an ecclesiastical. I scknowledge there were many thing that should have been avoided, but The Pope afterwards declared tury. The Pope afterwards declared that his sanction was obtained assert they were never encouraged by the Church. through misrepresentation. The history of the Spanish Inquis-ition may be considered in two epochs, that under Ferdinand and Imbella, and that under Philip II.

Catholic American.

CHURCH NOT RESPONSIBLE

mitted in her name. Non-Catholics profess to be horrified at the cruelty

of the Inquisition; but just ask them what was Luther's opinion in regard

by the Church. I do not claim that two wrongs will make a right. I say, however, that the Spanish Inquisition was mild compared to the royal acts against the Catholics in England. And cobserve that in England the punishments were inflicted by the express authority of the heads of a Protestant church. In the former, its work was directed against Judaizers; in the latter, against the so called Reformers. At the time Inquisition was established in Spain (1480) the war with the Moors which had lasted for eight hundred years was not yet finished. Protestant church. In England 40,000 perished in eighty years, in Scotland 17,000 under the "tolerant" people whose descendants rant and rave about the

Isabella of Castile was one of the most distinguished sovereigns in his-Spanish Inquisition. Even in this tory. After four centuries her mem-ory commands the respect and ad-miration of every Spaniard. The sacrifices that she made to further free country, the puritans persecu-ting the Quakers, and Catholic churches were burned down in the name of Protestantism as late as the cause of Columbus commend themselves to the heart of every 1844.

Therefore, in conclusion, let me advise those who are in glass houses Catholic American. Now, when the Spanish sovereigns appealed to Sixtus IV. to sanction the establishment of the Inquisition in Spain, they gave as the reason for their request their desire to preserve religious unity against the intrigues of certain Jews who were employing their wealth to pervert Christians. As before said, Sextus IV. afterwards stated that the reasons had been mis-represented. It must be acknowl. not to throw stones .- Church Progress.

A REMARKABLE COINCIDENCE

During a lecture lately delivered at Cohore by Dr. Rebiere on "Mira-cles at Lourdes," he gave an interest edged that the punishments inflicted were severe, over severe, if you like; ing description of the cure at Lourdes of the Abbe Tini, an Italian priest, aged forty-five, who for twenty years had been a sufferer from ankylosis of the left knee, the result of rhuembut there was, at all events, some justification. The Spanish monarchy was not as yet firmly established, and the sovereigns feared that the atism.

Jews would allay themselves with Throughout this period he had been only able to say Mass sitting; for this concession it is necessary to ob-tain permission from the Pope, and the Moors against the Christians. There is little doubt but the instinct of self-preservation, if I may so styl it, on the part of Catholic princes led the leave must be asked every year in large measure to the request for the establishment of the Inquisition. The Abbe Tini consequently went to the Vatican in order to obtain a re-

newal of this dispensation, where-upon the Pope told him that he would I do not wish to state that all these give up his crutchec at Lourdes. The Abbe visited the Grotto and Dr. I do not wish to state that all tables acts or the tribunal were commend-able. Far from it. I think it would have been better to have followed the example of the Roman Inquisi-tion, and to have avoided, as far as possible, the shedding of blood. But Rebiere informed his audience at Cahors that he was present in the official Bureau at Lourdes, when the Abbe Tini presented himself to the medical men for the examination of do say that the Catholic Church canhis case. He was then able to walk alone not be held responsible for the excesses that some of her children com-

He was then able to wak able and without his crutches, and he was much better in health than on his arrival at the Grotto. The follow-ing morning, the Abbe celebrated Mass standing, which he had not been able to do for twenty years, and he also made the Way of the Cross to Calvary without any assistance.

BELGIANS

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which is dearer to them than their

daily bread, at a time when they need

all the comforts of their faith, which

alone can help them in their time of

the country villages. Where

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what was Lutter's opinion in regard to the Jews? According to Scheck-endorf, one of Luther's apologists, the Jewish synagogues should have been destroyed, the holy books burned, the rabbis forbidden to teach, and compelled to earn their Dr. Rebiere examined the Abbe at the conclusion of this exercise and found no ill effects from the moveliving by manual labor. Here is a recommendation against all Jews. ment nor any trace of fatigue. On the contrary, the priest was still bet-Now the Spanish Inquisition dealt only with Judaizers who were trying ter. The doctor also stated at the lecture that he has not seen the Abbe to turn Christians from their faith. Tini since that occasion, but that he deemed the relation of the coin-

So much for Ferdinand and Isa-bella. If they were at all justified in their action against the Judaizers, cidence of the words of the Holy Father with the remarkable improve-ment in health of an invalid who had Phillip II. was equally justified in his steps against the Reformers. The religious revolt inaugurated in been ill for twenty years, worthy of mention.—Church Progress. Germany was trying to enter Spain. Apart from the danger to the faith of the Spanish people, the introduc tion of Protestantism would certain PRESERVING FAITH OF ly have meant civil war. SEVERITY OF PHILIP II.

Philip II. is charged with tyranny, RELIGION ALONE LEFT TO THE and, in fact, he was no lovable char-acter. Whether for political reasons REFUGEES WHO FLED FROM WAR STRICKEN COUNTRY or not, he was a firm defender of Catholicity in Spain. Therefore any one suspected of the slightest taint Protestants and Catholics alike have united to obtain the ministra-tions of priests for Belgian refugees. of heresy was obliged to go through fhe procedure of the Inquisition. Take for example, Corranoza, the great Archbishop of Toledo. He was one Every one recognizes the fact that these sad people, who have suffered so much, and have lost their home of the foremost men of Spain, and enjoyed the confidence of Philip II. and very often their families, have only their religion left to comfort but as soon as he was suspected of heresy that confidence disappeared. writing from Shebber Vicarage, North The Archbishop became very ill after Devon, to the Western Morning News, expresses this sentiment as he was condemned, the sacraments were administered to him, and in the presence of a large concourse he defollows: clared in a most solemn manner that he had never left the Catholic faith ; "There are, no doubt, many well meaning but misguided people who imagine they are doing the right that his conscience acquitted him, and he confirmed his declaration by thing by introducing Belgian refugees calling God, in Whose presence he into our outlandish country parish was and before Whom he was to ap-pear, to witness the truth of his far from the ministrations of their Church. We English people pride ourselves on our tolerance, but is it not intolerance to bring these sad

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Wales where hospitality has been extended to the Belgian refugees. The lord mayor, who presided, announced that no fewer than 1,200 refugees had passed through their hands in Cardiff, of whom they still retained about 250.

hands in Cardiff, of whom they suit retained about 250. Dealing with the education of the Belgian children, Mr. T. J. Hughes said that in places like Cardiff, Swan-sea, Newport, and elsewhere there were ample facilities for dealing with the Catholic children, but there were some areas where there were no religious facilities for their faith.

He was sure that they would like to see every freedom given to the refugees to be educated in accord-ance with the tenets of the faith which they held dear.

NUNS AID GLASGOW CORPORATION At the meeting of the Glasgow cor poration recently, Bailie McMillan said that the Catholic clergy had

said that the Catholic clergy had provided for a large number of the Belgian refugees, and they were at-tending to the education of the children. The question of finding interpreters had been a difficult one, but it had been to a considerable extent solved by the assistance lent by nuns, who had come from Belgium and could speak the Flemish tongue. In a circular letter addressed to

In a circular letter addressed to the priests of the archdiocese, his Grace, the Archbishop of Glasgow, states that arrangements are being made for bringing a number of Belgian priests to Glasgow, to attend to the spiritual needs of the Belgian refugees. Meantime a number of centers have been fixed, where the Belgians can go to confession, in-cluding St. Andrew's Cathedral, St. Saviour's Govan, Partick, Paisley, and Wishaw. The children will at-tend the different Catholic schools, and the Belgian nuns of Notre Dame will assist, as far as possible, in their education.—Rae Dicherson, in the New World.

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At the beginning of the thirteenth century the Inquisition, as such, did not exist. What was the immediate reason for its establishment? It would seem that a purely religious tribunal would have the authority necessary to decide as to the orthodoxy or otherwise of a doctrine. This is true, but political affairs were in such condition that it was well to meet, as far as allowable, the wishes to temporal princes; and therefore it became necessary to take over the penal code as it stood.

The Inquisition was not at first established as a distinct tribunal. The Popes appointed special perma-nent judges who exercised their docrinal functions in the name of the Holy See. The characteristic feature of the early Inquisition was not its methods of precedure, nor the pursuit of heretics in all places. Nor again was it the torture which was not prescribed, nor even allowed for decades after the beginning of the Inquisition. Before the much-calumniated institution was thought of, the Synod of Verona, in the time of Frederick Barbarossa, had author ized the arrest of heretics.

In the thirteenth century orders, the Franciscans and Dominicans, came into being. Their members were men of profound knowlwith no worldly ties, as they edge with no worldly ties, as they had taken vows of poverty. They were men of spotless character and dmirable sanctity. Members of these orders were appointed inquisitors for the suppression of heresy, but their power was always derived from its proper source, the Bishops. It would take too long to enter

fully into the details of procedure against a man accused of heresy. against a man accused of heresy. Suffice it to say that an impartial was given before punishment was inflicted. The punitive act was that of the State, not of the Church. Now this is a short account of the Church. Now this is a short account of the Church. The Spanish Inquisition was an exten-

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tatements.

people to country villages, far from the opportunities of attending Mass, Remember that during those troubled times all the nations of Europe appealed to the sword to decide questions of religion. Protest-ants and Catholics burned their adversaries. In England, France and need, as the intolerable isolation of Germany many a man was brought dwelling ameng people who cannot speak their language? . . There are many in the country who feel as I do but who have not counted the to the scaffold because of his religious belief. Why single out Spain as a horrible example of intolerance? Philip II. was certainly not as bad as Queen Elizabeth.

difficulties of bringing these good people, to whom we owe so much, Accustomed to live as we are in peace and harmony with those of a different religion, we cannot grasp they do come every vicar should see that a Roman Catholic priest comes to see them and find a place for servthe spirit of that age. What would be said nowadays of a King who would carry with his own hands the ice and offer him hospitality." wood to burn heretics, or one who would condemn blasphemers to have

So patent has been the desire of their tongues seared with a hot iron? the Belgians for Mass that at Eudon. I am not trying to defend the actions of Philip II. but I maintain that the England, a Protestant, Mr. E. Emery has offered a room in his home, Dunteachings of the Church were not affected by any action of the Spanish Inquisition. The Church may change wood Hall, for chapel use for Catho ic services as there is no Catholic in her discipline, but in her dostrine church there.

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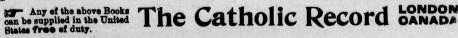
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