

THE DECAY OF REVERENCE.

Paper Read at the Conference of the Catholic Young Men's Society, Liverpool, by Very Rev John Norris.

MODERN LIFE is not very favorable to the cultivation of the gentle virtues. The greatest feature of our modern life is publicity...

SO WITH REVERENCE.—There is no place for it in our work-a-day world; and yet it cannot be denied that the world is the poorer for the want of it.

FIRST.—In the utilitarian philosophy which is too widely spread amongst us, the philosophy of self-interest, according to which we are governed exclusively by our self-interest...

influence. What the eye sees every day and the ear hears gradually sinks into the mind and becomes part of ourselves...

WHAT ARE THE IDEALS of our generation? There are people who fondly think that they are to be found in the higher literature...

THE REMEDY.—Utilitarianism is straggling the life out of Christianity and we are gradually dropping the virtues of Christianity...

thority: that all authority is from God; all who hold authority, whether in Church or State, whether in private life or in public...

(2). The principle of humility. The children of the Church sit at the feet of Him who invited us to Him—all of us, the blind, the lame, the poor specially—and learn of Him...

ASSISI AND ITS TREASURES.

ASSISI, THE BIRTHPLACE of St. Francis, is a small city built on a peak in the Apennine Mountains and almost in the very heart of Italy.

A long railway journey has to be made from the railway station to the town of Assisi. As the road gradually ascends the arduous path, the valley below spreads out magnificently...

SECOND OR LOWER CHURCH.—A short staircase leads the visitor to the second or lower church.

decay of religion. I don't go into the question of woman and public life; there is no need to do so. But whatever is the reason, there is no doubt that woman no longer holds in society the place she used to hold...

There are many more points one might dwell on, but I should keep you too long. I will only ask you to bear in mind the glorious mission of the Catholic Church...

church, though resembling a basilica and the recitation of the Divine Office is used more frequently for Mass and the recitation of the Divine Office.

Passing through the steep streets to the city, one imagines that not a change has come over the place since Francis was on earth. The change, if there be any, consists in naming a square or street in honor of Victor Emmanuel or the Prince of Naples.

Agnes to follow her example and finally the other sister Beatrix and their widowed mother. St. Francis established St. Clare and her disciples in a house adjoining St. Damian's Church.

CHURCH OF ST. MARY.—Before leaving Assisi and the Umbrian Valley, pilgrims pay a visit to the Church of St. Mary of the Angels which is, perhaps, better known as the church of the Portiuncula.

THE FIEND OF NERVOUSNESS.



When a woman's mind is constant, it is filled with nervousness. It indicates that there is some special disease or weakness of the important and delicate organs which make her a woman.

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Social Topics.

A couple of weeks ago the annual conference of the Catholic Young Men's Societies was held in Liverpool, England. It was the golden jubilee of the foundation of the organization.

The Rev. Father Barry said: "A man's environment is a mighty force for his weal or his woe. The fruit of the churches and of the schools has withered in the stifling atmosphere of over-crowded dwellings."

"How can we better this state of things, which dwarfs the physical, moral, and religious life of our poor? It is not for me to say. Enough at present if I get the extent of the evil and the urgent need for a remedy."

This is what was half a century ago. This is to-day. But it is not yet too late for all attempts. If we cannot for the moment bring our voices to bear with effect against the curse of overcrowded, unhealthy dwellings...

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