N. Y. Freeman's Journal.

SHORT INSTRUCTIONS FOR LOW MASSES.

[Delivered by the Rev. James Donohoe, rector of the church of St. Thomas Aquinas, Brooklyn, N. Y.]

XXIX.

PENANCE.

Having shown the divinity and necessity of confession from the Word of God, the writings of the Fathers, tradition, and reason itself, we wish to say a few words to day on the motives which actuate a considerable number of Catholics who do not frequent this sacrament. Judging from the number of persons who go to confession on Saturdays, and on the eves of the great festivals, one would think that there were very few who violate the precept of the Church which says: *Confess your sins at least once a year.* The priest who studies closely the spiritual condition of those entrusted to his charge, knows well, and it is the saddest knowledge he possesses, that the number of those, especially men, who do not go even once a year to confession, is very large. This is a fact which astonishes him when he first takes a census of his parish. Zeal, instruction, exhortation, visiting, persuading, will do much to diminish the number, but in our large cities, where people change their residences so frequently, he finds that his work is never done, but always beginning. One of the greatest pleasures a priest ever experience is to find that the effect of his preaching is to bring sinners to confession.

Christ acted very tenderly with sinners, and He is the priest's model in everything. How, in the spirit of charity, with the single motive in view of doing good, let us analyze the reasons which generally keep people away from the tribunal of Penance. Human respect, passion, indifference, pride, one or other of these, will invariably be found the chief obstacle in the way of confession.

Your conscience is troubled, your soul feels its guilt, sin presses heavily upon you; you would like to break your chains. You belong to a little coterie, you have a small circle of friends; none of them go to confession. They are quite pleased to know that their wives and children, who are dearest to their hearts, go to confession, but they don't want you to go. They will laugh at you, they will be witty at your expense if you do the very thing which makes those who are dear to them lovable and attractive in their eyes. You make up your mind that you will not go; you are ashamed to go to confession. Is this name of yours manly or noble? The greatest kings the world has ever seen have not blushed to confess their sins. The greatest soldiers, the greatest statesmen, have frequently and humbly confessed their faults. Yet you are ashamed to let your companions know that you have been reconciled with God in the holy Tribunal. It is true that when the priest speaks to you about the matter you do not put forward the real reason; you will say: "I don't do anything wrong." "I'm just as good as those who go going to confession;" and so forth. You assume an air of superior wisdom, which is but a very poor disguise for your real feelings. Surely, you cannot pretend to be wiser than all the Sovereign Pontiffs, wiser than the General Councils, wiser than all the bishops and priests in the world. Let us name a few of the learned ones and ask you to reassure yourself with them. Are you wiser than Tertullian, Athanasius, Leo the Great, Jerome, Augustine, Chrysostom, Gregory the Great, Thomas of Aquin, Anselm, Fenelon, Bossuet? I could name a great many living men who have been at the head of national assemblies, men who can sway vast multitudes by their oratory, men distinguished in law, in the arts and sciences, who go regularly to confession. Surely you are not wiser than they.

The fact is, you are afraid of one of your companions. And who is this man whom you are afraid? A powerful monarch? Not at all; a simple mortal, with passion like yourself, who has not energy enough to break his chains. Now, as a man of honor, I ask you: Is it dishonorable in you to go on offending God, your Creator, through fear of incurring the contempt of this sinful companion? Besides, you make a great mistake in imagining that you would gain his contempt if you went to confession. Corrupt as he may be, there is not enough of manhood in him to despise you for your cowardice. His language may be blasphemous, but in his heart there is still a love of virtue. To God for such a man is cowardly and foolish. In the day of judgment he will be ashamed of you before the whole world and the court of heaven. Is your companion, for whose opinion you have sacrificed everything, be able to console you? He will be in despair of yourself. He will try to fly from the face of an angry God. Like you, he will call upon the mountains and the hills to fall upon him and save him from the angry look of the God of Whom he has been ashamed.

Brethren, if human respect has kept you away from confession, be wise in time. Make use of the simple but efficacious remedy Our Saviour's love has provided. Confess your sins, glorify God before men, and one day Our Saviour will glorify you before His Father in Heaven.

The instructions that are to follow will speak of the other motives that keep sinners from confession.

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CATHOLIC PRESS.

Boston Pilot.

The striking article from the new English periodical, the *Universal Review*, reprinted in another column and entitled "The Revolt of the Celt," will attract wide-spread attention in all English-speaking communities. Mr. Allen is a Canadian by birth, an Oxford graduate, and has made his mark, although still a young man, in literature and science. The audacity of his attack on the much-lauded Anglo-Saxon, and, still more, the incontrovertible truths which he presents, will probably bring down a storm of abuse on his devoted head. It requires some courage to tell the idolaters of Law that contempt for human statutes may be a virtue instead of a vice; but when the law assailed is English law, the assailant is guilty of little short of blasphemy, in the eyes of "the sink of Teutonic flunkeydom, London." The conflict which he predicts, as close at hand, is one between brains and brute force, with the latter, for the first time, stripped of its numerical superiority. Squirearchy must go; for even the dull hind who thinks that the earth and its fruits all belong to "Squire," will hardly risk his gross body and thick head in support of the established order. As Mr. Allen says, it will be revolution without strife or disorder. The people, led by the instinctive genius and logical justice of the Celtic race, will reclaim their own, and "England will emerge much better from that just re conquest," even as France came out of her bloody revolution reconstructed and restored to life and strength. The feelings of a fine old Tory squire on perusing this frank prediction may be better imagined than described.

This remarkable production also appears in this issue of the CATHOLIC RECORD.

Choral Society Concert at Picton.

An event which has been looked forward to with a good deal of interest, especially in musical circles, for several weeks past—the Choral Society concert—came off in the Skating Rink on Tuesday evening last. The interest manifest was attested by a large gathering of citizens, as well as numbers from a distance. The opening chorus—by the Choral Society, numbering over one hundred voices—was most pleasingly rendered, the voices harmonizing and blending excellently, and the time was as nearly perfect as could be expected. The singing by local amateurs was in every respect up to the expectations of the audience. Mr. and Mrs Ketcham, contributed very materially in their efforts to both amuse and delight the large audience which had assembled. But expectation was on tiptoe to her the vocalists who had been brought from a distance, Miss Braniff, of Ottawa; and Miss Maud Burdette, of Belleville. The singing of these ladies elicited hearty applause. The former's first number was an operatic selection, which was rendered in capital style, was highly appreciated and vociferously encored. The encore was cheerfully responded to Miss Burdette's solo, "Let me dream again," was charmingly rendered, and at its conclusion, in response to a demand from the audience, "The Last Rose of Summer" was given, which called forth great applause. In the second part the various selections were given in good style—Miss Burdette and Miss Braniff contributing greatly to the delight of the assembly. The gem of the evening, however, by the latter, was "Rock-a-bye baby." This exquisitely rendered piece was given with such effect as to literally "capture" the audience. Altogether the concert must have greatly pleased Mr. Ketcham because of the great delight afforded the audience, as well as the very superior manner in which the various solos, choruses and duetts on the programme were carried out. Future entertainments of a like character, got up by Prof. Ketcham, are reasonably sure of bringing out even a larger audience than was assembled on Tuesday evening. —*Gazette.*

A Witty Lawyer.

I have heard, says the Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia *Record*, a good story of Pettigrew, of South Caroline, the great lawyer and unionist. He was practicing at one time before a judge who was a Presbyterian of the straightest sect and a very hard-working officer. It came to be Maundy-Thursday, and Pettigrew and the Episcopalians and Catholics thought they would like an adjournment of court over Good Friday. Pettigrew was selected to make the motion. "Your honor," he said. "I desire to move that the court adjourn over to-morrow." "Why should the court adjourn over to-morrow when the docket is so crowded?" asked the judge. "Because," said Pettigrew, "to-morrow is Good Friday, and some of us would like to go to church." "No," said the judge, decidedly, after a moments thought, "the court will sit to-morrow as usual." "Very well, your honor," replied Pettigrew, adding, as he turned away, "I know there is a precedent, for Pontius Pilate held court on the first Good Friday."

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KNOWLEDGE AND PIETY.

THEIR INTIMATE RELATIONS AND ENTIRE HARMONY.

From the Irish Ecclesiastical Record.

Experience has testified again and again that learning is no bestower of virtue, and that between the one and the other there is no necessary connection. Learning will neither make a knave honest, nor a drunkard sober. Rather the reverse. If a man will be a villian learning will serve but to make him a greater villian, a more cunning, a more subtle, and therefore a more successful villian. As the uplifted arm of an assassin is not stayed by sharpening his murderous blade, neither is a villain by sharpening his depraved wits. If he were before a thief he will now become a more daring and a more skilful one. He will do his work on a larger scale. Instead of breaking into houses after nightfall, or stopping the traveller on his lonely way, he will forge signatures or issue counterfeit coin, and, in a word, hold the more exalted positions in his nefarious profession. * * * * * *

If from persons we turn to places the same truth is forced upon us. Whether are persons on an average better educated in town or country? Unquestionably in towns. Yet crimes of all kinds are far more prevalent among the inhabitants of large populous centers than elsewhere. Cities are the best educated, yet criminally the worst. It has been pointed out more than once that a general and rapid raise in popular and secular education is followed almost invariably by a rise in crime. There is no essential connection between knowledge and virtue; the one is no necessary concomitant of the other, and great mental strength and great moral weakness may both be tenants of the same soul.

What then are we to conclude? Shall we say that secular knowledge is antagonistic to virtue? No, but that it is distinct from it and independent of it, and the sanctity may shine forth fair and bright without its aid. Jesus Christ, the only true Physician of this sickly sin-stained world, has prescribed many means by which it might be restored to a healthier state. Prayer, the sacraments, fasting, alms deed, meditation, penance, are all mentioned, but no where does He mention mere secular education. And although He Himself is the Infinite Wisdom of God, we never read that He ever attempted to enforce His doctrines by any display of worldly learning or profound erudition; on the other hand, it is quite certain that the boasted wisdom of the Pharisees, Scribes, and Doctors of the Law did not render them one whit more amenable to His teaching, nor in any way readier to accept His doctrine than the poor, the ignorant, and the unlettered, but just the reverse.

"Then do Catholics reject wisdom and make light of knowledge?" will ask the scoffing infidel. Do Catholics despise the learned and the sages of antiquity? Is the Church of God an advocate of ignorance? Far from it. As the sun by its very nature is the chief source of light as well as of heat, so is the Church by its very constitution the chief centre of learning as well as of piety. Her track through the centuries is an imperishable evidence of this fact. She cannot show herself in any country or in any age without imparting light, which is knowledge, and heat which is love.

Any unbiassed thinker who has turned over the pages of bye gone history, or whose mind is however slightly tinged with a knowledge of the past, will be compelled to admit that she has ever been the guardian of knowledge and the promoter of science. None have ever so consistently encouraged philosophy, history, literature and science as the popes and bishops of the Church, and even Protestants are loud in their testimony to the fact, that it was to the care and labors of monks that we [*i. e.* Protestants] owe the valuable remains of antiquity as well, sacred and profane.

The profoundest minds and the keenest intellects the world has ever known, have developed within her fold and expanded under her benign influence. Names might be quoted, passages might be cited, and references might be given were we writing a volume and not a mere sketch. Let it suffice to say that the Church has ever fostered learning and patronized the arts, though she has never so far forgotten her mission as to confuse knowledge with piety. She has cherished it as she cherishes every other natural gift of God, but she has never put it on a level with the supernatural. She loves learning, but *her* love at least is not blind. She loves it sincerely, but only when informed by supernatural charity. Those among her children, especially noted for their learning, she even honors with the title of Doctors of the Universal Church.

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The Lafayette Lie.

St. Paul Chronicle.

Historical lies have a wonderful vitality, notwithstanding the enlightened spirit of inquiry which characterizes the tone of modern thought. One of these hardy products of a jaundiced mind is the statement attributed to Lafayette by several bigoted Protestant writers, that "if ever the liberty of the United States is destroyed, it will be by Romish priests." The malicious falsehood finds a place, as we said last week, in the pervert Bouland's article in the *Forum* for July, and was reproduced with evident approval by the St. Paul *Globe*. Anyone who takes the trouble to read Lafayette's Letters will find that Washington's gallant friend said exactly the opposite. These are his words: "I cannot but admire your noble sentiments of devotion and attachment to your country and its institutions. But I must be permitted to assure you that the fears which in your patriotic zeal you seem to entertain,—that 'if ever the liberty of the United States is destroyed it will be by Romish priests'—are certainly without any shadow of foundation whatever."

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