

but alas! how how many of us are ready to take advantage of it? On Easter Tuesday by a privilege granted by the Holy See the Papal Benediction is given in all churches in charge of the Carmelite Fathers.

The Sovereign Remedy.

If put into practice the prayer of the Chaplain in the United States Congress would indicate a sovereign remedy for the present perturbed condition of the world:—"May we proceed *with calmness and caution, with malice towards none and charity for all.*" These words would be an appropriate motto to be placed at the head of the editorial columns of those journals whose incendiary dicta are inspired by sentiments which are the very reverse of the Christian *modus operandi* of Chaplain Couden. It is really in season that the League of the Sacred Heart prays during this month for the spirit of charity.

Price of a Prayer Book.

Catholic publishers have their grievances. No one denies that they suffer from slow pecuniary returns. On the other hand their patrons, especially the poorer ones, have complaints to make particularly on the score of the cost of books of devotion. The prices are altogether too high. A law case, of interest to Catholics, is now before the Supreme Court of New York. It will throw some light on the real and alleged value of prayer books. It is proved that the profits to publishers are abnormally large. We agree with the *Catholic Columbian* in saying that "not one cent above a fair profit should be allowed in a case involving the spiritual interests of souls."

The Cause and the Cure.

A cry of despair goes out from the unbeliever when he contemplates the

evils and sufferings in this world of ours. He finds that "the whole creation groaneth and travaileth until now." He sees men driven to desperation and crime for want of work, women far over the precipice of shame in their endeavor to live, children denied the comforts of home because of poverty, war talked of as the last court of appeal between Christian nations—in a word the great heart of mankind filled with sorrow—and viewing it all he finds no remedy. Even boasted science gives no explanation. To the man of faith—the Catholic—everything is clear. He knows the key to the whole mystery—namely original sin. He patiently bears with every suffering, knowing that one day God will reward him—and, finally, he knows that the sovereign remedy for the present evils is the practical application of the commandment "Love thy neighbor as thyself."

The Greatest Need.

The fact is too patent that too many burdens have been unjustly shifted to the shoulders of the clergy. The laity have waited too long for the clergy to do things which the former should have done. When these things were carried into effect criticism fell to the lot of the priest. What is the cause? Unpardonable indifference and inactivity. And the remedy? Let us listen to His Eminence, Cardinal Gibbons:

"What is the greatest need of the Church of the United States?" he asks "Is it churches that are most needed? Churches, indeed, are required, where the people may worship their Maker and hear the word of God. But they are not the most essential requisite. Our forefathers in the faith worshipped in the Catacombs of Rome, and they were the best of Christians. Is it