

of purity. Really the Michigan are sadly in need of a man who will put his foot on the ground and begin to talk sense. I am curious to know if the W. C. T. U. is on the divorce question. The courts of Michigan are much to be commended for promoting social purity. These ladies ever made against it?

ING splendid work in the Archdiocese of Montreal. On Monday of last week, the Family Temperance League held a day at which thirty women were entertained. It was most splendid demonstration ever held in the Archdiocese. An accident occurred to the festivities of the League. A precautionary measure, however, of physicians were their services might be of great use. The amusements were the same as last year, and all the children, by their parents, returned home. Looking to the work in the cause of temperance, and special care of them between the Archdiocese and twenty-one. We are to see work along the other places. Such a moving picture on a blessing upon the Archdiocese for the future of the American Republic and the Canada.

of Montreal municipal appears to be on the down side. The majority of one the council members for work, amounting to millions of dollars, to those of the highest bids. The people are not satisfied that a citizen's council has entered an injunction against the proceedings. The session recently held in that city, obtained a firm hold upon the civic departments. When the council are still going about their public offices, the question arises: "What was the purpose of the Royal Commission?" The council is as a rule nothing more. They find out things, and the council is in jail continue to enjoy their freedom to carry on their nefarious work. The corrupt increment of the council is largely to blame. Offered money, their votes are cast for it.

EMENT is made that Andrew has set aside \$10,000,000 for the purpose of teaching. The report of what is termed the Foundation tells us that within a period several institutions have been chartered so as to be denominational tests in the future. Officers and teachers, the great millionaire is tired of the rationalism which has been a firm hold on the minds of his countrymen at home. Cardinal Rockefellerism have taken hold in the work of some of the universities. Materialism seems to be the goal. There is in them. The Catholic Fortnightly well says that the religious influence.

RUSSELL of London, Ont., for years, was lately sentenced to a term of imprisonment. Tommie is a burglar. He pleaded guilty to entering a house and stealing a watch, a gold chain, and a Masonic emblem. There are other Tommie Russells in our city and a number of others in the centre of population in the city. It is beyond question that the literature which may be purchased by small boys at some of our stalls is to a great extent the product of criminal tendencies. The action of the authorities in this leads most people to the belief that they need a shaking up. Once upon a time, the supreme ruler calmly in his violin while the city was burning. Men of the same mould are to be seen.

ERIOUS lot of undesirable are anarchists. In Spain they have been themselves to be criminals of which should bring upon them punishment, swift, sure and severe. They are strong enough to make a demonstration their object always is to assault the churches and convents. They give them the character not only of murderers but of cowards. A demonstration from Lisbon, dated August 2nd, and above this the Church claims to possess certain knowledge of Divine truths, it is irrelevant to approach her with dogmatism, but rather the question in point is: "has she been favored as she claims with the Divine revelation of those truths?" The workings of the human mind follow certain laws. The fundamental law is that the mind's very

the fear and love of God and obedience to the laws. This is enough. The free-thinkers want no God and want no law.

WITHIN THE BORDERS of Ireland may be found clergymen of non-Catholic denominations who are sincere, charitable, considerate and broad-minded, but there is another class who glory in dealing a blow at Romanism, and if they get hold of a worthless stray sheep think it brings them as much glory as would be felt by a general in the capture of a fortress. An inmate of a Limerick workhouse, named Aleock, having become a Catholic on his death bed, the Protestant dean preferred a charge of undue influence. An inquiry was held and it was found that there were no proofs for the charge. The master of the workhouse and others testified that Aleock had asked to see a priest.

CATHOLICS SHOULD BE ever on their guard against giving orders for books to peddlars. In many cases the volumes are far from what they are represented to be, and the price an unreasonable one. The pedlar wants a goodly profit, anywhere from 50 to 200 per cent. But this is not the only objection. One of these persons recently canvassed for what he called a travel library, which includes John Hayes' infidel book, "Castilian Days." Our advice is not to have anything to do with these peddlars unless they have a recommendation from the parish priest, setting forth that the goods they offer are meritorious and sold at a reasonable price.

A NOTED BASE-BALL player of the United States, Maurice Powers, recently deceased, is held up as an example for our young men who spend their leisure hours in the summer season on the diamond. Never in the heat of battle, we are told, was Maurice Powers known to utter an oath or a blasphemy, and on all occasions, during leisure time, he never raised the liquor glass to his lips. What adds a charm to the great game is to see the players conducting themselves in a becoming manner. Base ball should be made a gentleman's game. The "tough" and the rowdy should not be countenanced. Things are moving in that direction.

FROM CINCINNATI comes a piece of news of an extraordinary character. The presiding elder of the American Methodist Episcopal Conference at Ethel, Miss., is a negro. Rev. Frank N. English, a white man, shook hands with him, and in consequence had a narrow escape with his life. When it was found that he had been guilty of this terrible crime a delegation of furious citizens met him and threatened all sorts of violence, besides preventing the hotel keeper from serving him any dinner. All these people profess to be Christians. What a long stretch there is between preaching and practice in many sections of the country. Our own Orangemen are not quite so bad as these Mississippians.

SOME TIME AGO we drew attention to the fact that a Catholic never yet obtained the position of Mayor of Toronto. Bigotry in that city is so intense, so unreasonable, that elective offices are rarely bestowed on persons professing the Catholic faith. The Queen City, however, we are glad to say, is moving along in the procession of enlightenment and progress. Controller John J. Ward, a Catholic, has been permitted to occupy the Mayor's chair during the absence of Mayor Oliver in the old country, and our civil and religious liberties are still intact. We fear it will be some time yet before the free and independent electors of Toronto will make choice of a Catholic mayor at the polls.

DOGMATISM AND INTOLERANCE.

From America.

Modern literature is very hard on religious dogmatists. "Why burden ourselves with the gloomy dogmatism that weighs on Roman Catholics? Why load ourselves with so many chains that hamper the progress of the human mind? Why commit ourselves to a definite line of thought from which we may not swerve either to the right or to the left? Had we not better enjoy the free, unhampered and richly pulsating life of advanced thought? Why not think as we please, rather than get our minds bound up for us from headquarters 'beyond the mountains'? The gospel of evolution is preached on all sides, why not apply it to the very mind that has given birth to it?"

There is nothing so common in the pages of modern writers as sneers at the Church which claims and exercises the right of definitely settling questions of dogmatism in the face of the Church and her theologians cannot help being a dogmatist himself in the thousand-and-one relations of human life. If by dogmatism we mean any settled opinion or conviction, dogmatism is a positive expression of what we know to be true. In this sense we all are dogmatists. If over and above this the Church claims to possess certain knowledge of Divine truths, it is irrelevant to approach her with dogmatism, but rather the question in point is: "has she been favored as she claims with the Divine revelation of those truths?" The workings of the human mind follow certain laws. The fundamental law is that the mind's very

nature qualifies it for rest in the truth, no less than for the search of it. The human mind tends to acquire truth. Witness the restlessness of the present age which is characterized by a pushing forward to their utmost limits of the boundaries of the realm of truth. Mind, however, is capable not merely of acquiring truth, but likewise of acquiescing in it, unless, forsooth, we side with Lessing, who is said to have inquired for inquiry's sake and so revealed in the quest of truth, as to shrink from its acceptance when found—unless, too, we side with Plato, who, with cynical smile turned away from the Incarnate Truth, as though he despised of an answer to his: "What is truth? There are many minor Lessings and Platons in these days scrambling for the bones of rationalism or skepticism which the German critic and the Roman epicurean have scattered broadcast over the smiling fields of truth.

The mind was made to harbor truth. But truth begets dogmatism. As your shadow clings to your person, so dogmatism follows in the wake of truth.

There is no phenomenon more natural in the life of awakening thought than final acquiescence in truth. No sooner has the child grasped the simple truth that two and two make four than he is a dogmatist. His conviction is settled, and he gives bold expression to what he knows is true. And you are an anomaly, if you differ from him. And how stubbornly he clings to his newly acquired knowledge. The man who has mastered some truth cannot but be stubborn. Dogmatism is not psychology. Evolution cannot be applied to the mind. Truth is truth, once and for evermore. Truth is not evolved out of a man's brain. It flashes upon the mind, so that where there is immediate evidence it is not in the power of the mind to resist it. There has never been a more pernicious blunder in all the history of philosophy than subjective idealism.

Now the Catholic Church is made up of human entities. On entering her folds whether in infancy or late in life, they still are human beings who, along with their human nature, bring their mind, capable of possessing all the certain truth as yet discovered by human wit. But this enriched beyond man's wildest expectation by the cardinal virtue of Divine Faith. A Catholic, then, is of necessity a dogmatist, both by reason of his natural wisdom, and of the supernatural truth he acquires.

Over and above human wisdom, the Church holds the key to certain Divine truths. She is proud of it. Throughout these twenty centuries she has safeguarded the Deposit of Faith as her dearest palladium and the seal of her Divine origin. She is true to herself, even in these days of religious confusion and unrest. Valiantly she defends against the wily modernist, who is jealous of the Church's certainty in so many things which he pretends we know nothing about. She always condemns belief opposed to her own. In this she has logic on her side. Dogmatism begets intolerance. The Church never consigns to eternal punishment this or that individual, but she is absolutely intolerant of any and every belief opposed to her own. She thus proves her institution by Christ who laid down the condition for participation in His blessings (membership in the Church) in these words: "He that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved, but he that believeth not, shall be condemned."

Thus also she proves her continuity with apostolic times of which her present attitude against Modernism is but a distant echo. St. Paul fulminating his anathema against heterodox teachers, and Pius X, launching his encyclical against Modernists—what striking resemblance! Here is something for Catholics to be proud of. Here is a sure criterion of the Divine origin of the Catholic Church. Look about you. Holy Mother Church, the countless multitude of sects and denominations. They tolerate beliefs contrary to their own and hesitate to condemn them. Such "tolerance" is of itself a confession on their part that they lack the Divine credentials which alone authorize man to teach Divine truth.

Catholics are dogmatic and intolerant and they have a reason for it. Dogmatism and intolerance of error rightly understood are like two gems in the Church's crown. The free thinker seeths at her. But even he is a dogmatist. How dogmatic he is in condemning the Church! There is no more biting and unrelentingly intolerant dogmatist than the free thinker. And there is no logic on his side. Professing as he does to ramble at will in all realms of thought, he tolerates any and every thought save Catholic thought, to which he is bitterly opposed. Whence such strange inconsistency?

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PAGANISM UNDER A NEW NAME.

By Archbishop Ryan, in Catholic Standard and Times.

Christianity is a fact in the history of the human race, the most mysterious in its nature, the most stupendous and universal in its effects—a fact which philosophy cannot ignore, nor infidelity deny, nor skepticism doubt, which has influenced religion, arts, arms, sciences, literature, social life, politics, human happiness, human suffering, human progress more than any other fact in the history of our race. The unbeliever who regards it lightly as one of the many false religions embraced by man at various periods of his history, who thinks that its influences were simply and exclusively confined to the sect and intercourse between a Creator and the creature, such a one can never adequately understand the philosophy of human history. Christianity re-established the whole being of man, politically and socially, as well as religiously. It formed not only the Christian saint, but the Christian statesman, the Christian warrior, the Christian soldier and the Christian artist, the Christian citizen, the Christian civilization is based on and motivated by great Christian doctrines, which if weakened or denied will weaken or ruin the great superstructure of human life and send us back not merely to pagan civilization, but much farther. For

even paganism taught great conservative truths, such as the existence of the Supreme Being and His providence over men, and the doctrine of future rewards and punishments, which modern unbelief affects to deny.

Let us observe the countries of the world which have remained unconverted, and those also, the nations, that tried to un-Christianize themselves. Take as a specimen France, once so gloriously Christian, in the full noon of her un-Christian days. She sought in the mad paroxysm of the revolution to cast aside her Christian doctrines and traditions, and with them lost her Christian civilization. She abolished the Sabbath, the sacraments, the statues of Christ and His saints, and flung of the Christian yoke. By one wild, desperate spring she plunged into the chasm of worse than paganism. Christianity, with folded arms, looked on from a distance to see how France could live without her. Deeds of blood, fearful as those of Roman glory, characterized the new regime. The mere humanitarian theories of infidel philosophy could never elevate her. When tried, they melted in the sunshine like the waxen pinions of the Athenian artist. France sank into the wildest barbarism in the "Reign of Terror." This is a lesson to posterity of the essential connection of Christianity and true civilization.

A FATAL ERROR. But here I may be confronted by some young orator who would say to me: "I acknowledge that Christianity did great things in its day, but that day has passed. It helped humanity in its infancy to rise and walk, but now it needs no such assistance. The Church must conform herself to the new and advanced state of things, or be pulverized beneath the chariot wheels of progress. We freely admire and adopt that which is beautiful in the morality of Christianity; we admire the Sermon on the Mount and its Preacher. We take its morality, but we care little for its doctrines, for these doctrines only lead to differences of opinion and sectarianism."

One of the most fatal and demoralizing superstitions of this country is this attempted separation of morality from doctrinal teaching. Doctrines are as the granite foundation to the whole edifice of Christian ethics, and with them that edifice must stand or crumble into ruins. What underlies the value of holy childhood but the doctrine that the child has an immortal soul? Abolish this, look at the child only in the light of its utility to the State and soon infanticide will commence again, and deformed children will be put to death when men shall have lost the tenderness which Christianity has produced and fostered. Most men admire the Church's action in regard to divorce. They believe that her conservatism in this respect is essential to the preservation of the family and the sanctity of human love. But all her action and her sufferings in maintaining this principle are founded on a doctrine that marriage is indissoluble, and because of this doctrine the Pope himself and all the Bishops of the world united with him cannot grant a single divorce. Look at the great motives of human action. Behold that young man contending with fearful temptation, wrestling with some "mid-day demon." The pleasure promised is certain and alluring. Religion whispers in his ear, "Fear God! Listen to your conscience. Remember the punishment which God has threatened. Remember the heaven you renounce if you yield, and the hell whose punishment you will deserve." Now, all this warning is based on doctrines. Only this is his ear, "There is no God! God is indulgent, or takes no cognizance of human conduct. Strike down the great truth, and you strike down the great motive. Again, look at the marvelous institutions of charity throughout the world, sisterhoods and brotherhoods. These people have sworn that in poverty, chastity and obedience they shall win heaven, and whom they never saw before, and with whom they have never had any little human sympathy. How account for this phenomenon? Not by fanaticism, which is short-lived and uncertain, whereas these sacrifices have lasted nineteen hundred years. No, there is but one solution: all this work of charity is built on a single doctrine that Christ has identified Himself with the poor and the outcast, and that in attending to them we aid Him. The fevered brow of the beow crowned with thorns; the prisoner in jail is the Captive of Pontius Pilate; the man dying on the scaffold; the crucified sufferer of Calvary. Thus Christ is loved and tendered in His representation. Deny this single doctrine and you rob the sick, the poor, the prisoner and the dying of their consolers, and civilization of one of its most glorious triumphs.

IN THE HOUR OF AFFLICTION. Look again at the influence of doctrinal teaching in the hour of affliction. Look at that poor, broken hearted wretch who feels that the world has rejected him. Why should he live? Why should he endure "the stings and arrows of this outrageous fortune"? There is nothing left to live for, and suicide seems his only relief. Then Christian faith descends like the comforting angel of Gethsemane and whispers to him, "There is One beyond the stars who takes cognizance of every sigh and tear and heart moan. He has said that if a mother never forget her child, He will not forget thee, His creature. Bear your sufferings for a little time. He will aid you in bearing them, and reward you for having borne them." But tell him, "There is no God to hear you; or, if there be, He is too far away and too glorious to care for a broken-hearted wretch like you." Take away the doctrine of faith, and suicide, which is becoming so common, is the resort of the child of misfortune in the hour of misery.

And as faith diminishes suicides must increase. Statistics show us that in ten years it increased 30 per cent. in Germany. It is increasing in France, and will increase in proportion as faith loses its hold upon the children of men. One thing is remarkable in the statistics of suicide, and that is the dispropor-

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portion of women to men. Women are supposed to believe more and trust more deeply than men, and in one list of one hundred and sixty-six cases, one suicide was attributed to weariness of life, there were found but six women to one hundred men. It is known that among Germans who endeavor to act out their faith, as the Catholics and Lutherans, suicide is almost unknown. A national temperament, but to loss of faith and of hope which makes life wearisome. It is remarked of the Irish who have faith that suicide is almost unheard of amongst them, and this is to be attributed, at least to a great extent, to the influence of their faith upon them in the hour of their trying afflictions. Some have asserted that it is rather pugnacious than pious. An Irishman does not like to be beaten in a fight, even in the "fight of life," and regards suicide as an act of cowardice, which in truth it is. But this is not sufficient to account for his victory over afflictions.

PAGANISM UNDER ANOTHER NAME. I might continue to show you that doctrines underlie and give motive to all the great works of Christian civilization. To expect effects without causes, to tear up the root and the stem and hope that the flower and the fruit will remain, to attempt to retain the morality of Christianity without its doctrinal teaching is as illogical as it is destructive of true civilization.

I think I can already see in the comparative levity with which some regard the great crime of perjury and in the fact that it is not as certain as and as severely punished now as in former times evidence of the effect of neglecting to realize the importance of doctrinal teaching. Perjury supposes belief in two great truths. First, that God may be called to witness what we state; second, that He will punish any man who calls on Him to witness a lie as a truth. In proportion to the depth of our faith in these truths is our dread of perjury. If we deny them, perjury is no more than lying, which is proverbially easy to many people. I have shown how many other great conservative influences depend on faith in doctrines, and must fall with faith.

But some one may say that it is utterly impossible that we should go back to the paganism from which Christianity was liberated us. There is no danger of our going back to precisely the old forms of that paganism. Yet we must remember that human nature is always the same, and that mere culture will not save us. We have no greater poets as Horace and Virgil, no greater moralists outside the pale of Christianity than Seneca, and yet they could not save society from the civilized barbarism or paganism.

We must remember that though the new religion of the future of which some men dream may not be called paganism, it is paganism under another name. We occasionally hear of the "religion of humanity." What is this but paganism, which deified all that was true and beautiful and good, with all that was vile in our nature, and called these things by various names, the deities of its religion? If any one whispered to the infidel philosophers in France who sought the destruction of the Christian religion that the day would come when they would find themselves worshipping at a pagan altar, they would have smiled in derision. But false principles soon act themselves out into institutions. Human reason was deified, and the gods stood on the high altar of Notre Dame, a fit symbol of the prostituted reason that ruled the hour. But after a time some philosopher might say: "Why not a goddess of love, a power stronger than reason and more universal in its influence?" We will not call her Venus, because that would sound like old paganism. We will call her glorious "Human Love." "But," cries out another, "we should, above all, have a god of spotless French Honor, and another of Military Glory," and so on through the whole range of human passions, good and bad, until the Pantheon should be complete. Man is a religious being. If he worship not God, he will worship himself. Deny the doctrines of faith and you try to kill

Christianity and establish some form of paganism.

In the name of our Christian civilization, I, Bishop of the Christian Church, lift my voice to warn the representative men who hear me that the popular modern system of teaching morality without the doctrines that motive it, whether system be called Christian ethics or moral instruction, or unsectarian teaching, is sapring the very foundations of Christianity and Christian civilization.

A DESERVED HONOR.

On the 28th of July a meeting of the members of Divi in No. 1, A. O. H., was held at Fredericton, N. B., the occasion being the presentation of an address to His Honor Mr. Justice Barry. The President, Mr. James P. Farrell, read the address, at the conclusion of which he presented His Honor with a gold mounted cane. The address was of most complimentary character, but those who are acquainted with the Judge will say that every word of it contained the simple truth. On the platform were Rev. F. L. Carney and Rev. J. J. Ryan, Dr. Cox, Prof. Bell, Mr. J. Ryan, Mr. J. Ryan, principal of Regent Street school; R. H. McGrath, M. D.; Jas. T. Sharkey, Esq.; Ald. M. Ryan, Mr. John McCloskey (St. John) Provincial Secretary A. O. H.; Mr. Thos. L. Kane, president, A. O. H. Speeches were made by the gentlemen congratulating His Honor on attaining the high position.

During the reading of the address His Honor was visibly affected. In reply he thanked the members for their kind references to his qualities. He reviewed the history of the order during the last twenty-two years, stating he was the first president of the good work which it had done during that time.

The Catholic Record also sends congratulations to Judge Barry. Catholics throughout the country are always pleased to notice one of their number attain a distinction upon which he will reflect high honor.

A Wife's Prayer.

We do not assume that we recognize that which is truly beautiful in all that makes humanity approach to the Divine;



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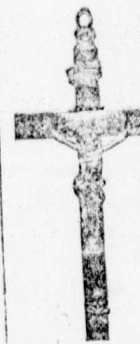
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