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CURRENT COMMENT

Chiniquy died yesterday. Un-
less he repented—which he may
have done in spite of the Protes-
tant telegrams—what a horrible
awakening is his now!

The triangular duel now rag-
ing between the Free Press on
one side and the Telegram and
Tribune on the other affords a
good deal of amusement to out-
siders. Only, it looks amazingly
like a put-up job designed for
the purpose of making the
public buy up all three papers to
see who gets the best of the
shindy.

The ways of Catholic publish-
ers are past finding out. Addis
and Arnold's "Catholic Diction-
ary" is undoubtedly one of the
best manuals that have ever been
published, and yet, strange to
say, it is now out of print in A-
merica. We had occasion lately
to order a copy. The reply
came that none could be found
on this side of the Atlantic. We
had to order one from England
and pay almost seven dollars for
what used to cost five dollars in
New York. This English copy
bears the imprint of Kegan Paul,
Trench, Trübner and Co., and
belongs to the fifth edition re-
vised and enlarged with the as-
sistance of the Rev. T. B. Scannell,
B. D. The first edition came out
in January 1884, the second in
May 1884, the third in June
1885, the fourth (in which Fa-
ther Scannell's improvements
first appeared) in February 1893,
the fifth in March 1897. We are
informed in the preface to the
fourth edition that the whole
has been revised, most of the ar-
ticles formerly contained in the
Appendix have been inserted
in their proper places in the
body of the volume, a considera-
ble number of new articles have
been added, and the statistics
and other information have been
brought up to date. Thus this
very learned work, unique of its
kind, approved by the Cardinal
Archbishop of Westminster, is,
more than ever it was, deserving
of Catholic patronage. Yet our
American Catholic publishers
are so unenterprising as to leave

this valuable mine unworked.
Verily the children of light have
much to learn from the children
of darkness.

Catholics have always main-
tained that the Protestant edi-
tions of the Bible were mutilated,
and that those who profess to
build their religion upon the
whole Bible possess but a part
of it. This undeniable fact is
now beginning to be recognized
by Protestants themselves, as
appears from the following edi-
torial note in the "Tablet:"

"It has often been pointed out
to Anglicans that one difficulty
in the way of reunion lies in the
fact that Catholics, as well as
Easterns, do not regard the Bible
as used by the Church of England
as complete. In a learned paper
upon the apocrypha [the deuteroc-
anonical books of the Old Testa-
ment], in last week's CHURCH
TIMES [High Church Anglican],
we are glad to see this question
mooted. The writer quotes Bis-
hop Wordsworth [Anglican], as
saying: "If you carry a Bible
without the apocryphal books
into Greece, Asia, Palestine, you
would be told that you have not
the Bible, but only a mutilated
copy of it. . . . If you pass over
to Italy and France, or to Spain
and Portugal, they will imme-
diately say to you: This may be
an English Bible, but it is not
the Bible of Christendom." When
the Church of England possesses
the Bible, and the whole Bible,
one obstacle to her reunion with
the Catholic Church (to say
nothing of the separated East)
will have been removed."

SISTERHOODS.

In printing, by request, a long
article on the Sisters of St. Joseph
of Nazareth, we are giving our
readers a detailed and interest-
ing sketch of a religious order of
women engaged in the same
work and using the same
methods as the many sisterhoods
of this diocese. The thorough-
ness of pedagogical preparation,
in particular, has its exact coun-
terpart among our own teaching
nuns. Moreover, the general re-
marks on religious vocations are
extremely valuable, especially as
we have made them more
theologically accurate than they
were in the original contribu-
tion. One or two oversights,
however, slightly mar the his-
torical portion of the article.
Though the writer alludes to St.
Francis de Sales' original con-
ception of his Order of the Visita-
tion, he does not mention that
order explicitly as we think he
should have done, seeing that
the Sisters of St. Joseph of
Nazareth profess to follow the
rules of that order. Nor is it an
historical fact that the Congrega-
tion of the Sisters of St. Joseph
of Nazareth is the first un-
cloistered community of women.
Long before Father Médaille
founded them Mary Ward had
established in England a most
active and uncloistered sister-
hood with the rules of the
Society of Jesus, and this sister-
hood still lives and energizes in
the congregation of Loretto Nuns.

Rev. Father Woodcutter, parish
priest of Gretna, will soon
take a three months' trip through
the north of Europe for his
health and in the interests of
emigration to this province.

**THE YEAR IN CATHOLIC
BOOKLAND.**

As the old year passes out
many surveys will be made of
things done during its reign. I
think it well, in this brief paper,
to make a survey of English
Catholic literature, and the bet-
ter to do so I put it under the
heads of Poetry, Criticism, His-
tory, Biography, Travels, Fiction
and Religious.

In poetry we are seen at our
best. The volumes of Francis
Thompson, Lionel Johnson and
Mrs. Sigerson Shorter have been
equalled by none. And, what is
more consoling is, that great as
their merits undoubtedly are,
they are but the implications
of finer things yet to come.
These poets are but in the hey-
day of life. Another volume
which has received from Eng-
lish reviewers much attention
is the fine edition of Wilfred
Blunt's Poems, edited by that
able critic, Henley, who has no
doubt of Mr. Blunt's enduring
place in English literature.
Much verse has been produced
on this side the ocean, but none
of abiding interest. The number
of firstlings were many, and, if
not showing any remarkable
gifts, yet valuable as an assur-
ance that the love of literature
is of daily growth among us.
Mention here must be made of
Miss Guiney's edition of the
Irish poet, James Clarence Man-
gan, an edition that will take its
place as the final tribute to a
man truly born to sing.

A reviewer would indeed be
blind did he not recognize in
the work of not a few of the
younger Catholic singers notes
well worthy of cultivation and
generous praise, and, the truth
is, there never was a time when
this praise was more ungrud-
gingly given by the critics. If a
book has no merit how can even
the most gentle critic do other-
wise than warn his readers of
the fact? No author should feel
resentment in being protected
from himself, or herself as the
case may be. A few years ago
we had no critics, and they
are still scarce, yet weighty
enough to have killed that sys-
tem of puffery, which has made
us so long ridiculous.

In criticism we have had
some remarkable volumes from
the pens of Miss Replier (and
there is no more readable es-
sayist writing English), Miss
Guiney, the most highly gifted
women in American letters to-
day, Marion Crawford, Mrs. Mey-
nell, and that fine piece of work
by Mr. Gardner, the young Eng-
lish Dantean scholar, and the
gracious books of Mr. Pallen
and Prof. Austin O'Malley.
Madame Belloc's pen has added
to our store a graceful book, and
Miss Clarke, Miss Teeling, Mrs.
Lilly, etc., have contributed
noteworthy papers that are no
doubt the nucleus of books for
1899. It is certainly astonishing
to those acquainted with English
Catholic history, this remarkable
production of the English Catho-
lic mind in all branches of learn-
ing, the last few years, and far
from showing any sign of abate-
ment, this intellectual activity
grows stronger each year. New-
man not only lives in his books
but in that marvelous band of
English Catholic writers who
hail him as their chief and pa-
tron saint.

In history we have, what was

badly needed, a new and cheap
edition of Gasquet's epoch-mak-
ing book, "Henry VIII. and the
Confiscation of the English Mo-
nasteries," Gerard's brilliant
puncturing of the Gunpowder
Plot myth, the work of Bede
Camm, Abbot Snow, Edmund
Bishop, Mr. Belloc, Miss Watson,
etc. These English writers have,
during '98, scored new successes
and burst many a venerable his-
toric bubble. Justin McCarthy
added a few volumes. A new
volume of Pastor appeared
during the year, and one of ex-
ceptional value, containing, as
it does, that historian's masterly
portrait of Svonarola. In Amer-
ica Dr. Parsons has issued a
new volume of his "Studies in
Church History," a book to be
recommended both for its value
and impartiality. Surely some
appreciation is due to this vene-
rable scholar, in his declining
age, for his years of laborious
toil in our behalf, a toil that has
brought him no pecuniary re-
muneration. Not a few local his-
tories have been written—mate-
rial for the coming historian.

In biography, Wilfrid Ward's
life of Cardinal Wiseman was
the most notable book. Mr.
Ward is a great artist, and he
had a great subject to whose
working out he brought love,
and the consequence was that he
produced a masterly book, one
than can never be supplanted.

The pen of the veteran Irish
poet, Aubrey De Vere, added to
the legacy already left to his
country a new and delightful
volume giving charming
glimpses of an age that passes
with him. Mr. Wilfred Meynell
gave us a spirited account of his
sister-in-law, the artist, Lady
Butler, and her work, while the
"Life of Lady Burton," written
by a non-Catholic, gives us the
record of a beautiful life and a
charming woman. I am not a-
ware of any biography of inter-
est appearing among us. In
travels we have had two delight-
ful volumes, Miss Nixon's "Pes-
simist in Spain" and Mrs. Harris'
"A Corner in Spain." Our paro-
chial libraries have long been in
need of travel books that were
not poison to young minds, but
here is a brace of books full of
charm and interest, telling of a
land with whose recent misfor-
tune we have been so intimately
connected. In England has ap-
peared a six-penny edition of
Father Ohrwalder's graphic ac-
count of his unwilling stay at
Khartoum, a recital to which
General Kitchener's brilliant
victory but adds new interest.

In science we have had the
"Ground-work of Science," by
Prof. Mivart, and a great many
brilliant papers, yet it must be
owned that our showing has not
been strong. We hope for much,
however, from our young men
now attending the courses of
the English Universities. In fic-
tion as in poetry we have attain-
ed our greatest successes. The
novels of John Oliver Hobbes
(Mrs. Craigie), Mrs. Bludgeon,
Lady Gilbert, Mr. Anstey, Dr.
Barry, Frank Matthews, etc.,
have met with deserved success,
while in our own country those
of Father Finn, Miss Taggart,
Mrs. O'Malley, Miss Dorsey, Miss
Nixon, Maurice F. Egan, Chris-
tian Reid, Miss Marie, etc., tell
of a growing audience. The
trend of the times is to novel-
reading. To stop this trend is
beyond us; therefore it is a mat-

ter of joy that we have so many
rising writers capable of direct-
ing this trend along the lines of
purity and decency.

I have left to the last the books
bearing on religion, and they
have been no unimportant part of
our book-product for 1898. And
first, in point of value, is the ad-
mirable lives of the saints now
appearing in English under the
supervision of Father Tyrrel, S.J.
Written by scholars of European
repute, in an attractive style,
they mark a new era in religious
reading. In '98 was completed
Scheeben's "Manual of Dogma,"
a work of the utmost importance
to the cultured Catholic, the fine
Biblical studies of Butler, Ward,
Rickaby, etc., and, in our own
country, the erudite work of
Maas. To these may be added
the timely volume of Abbé
Hogan and the recent volume of
Dr. Spalding, all thought-provok-
ing books.

In this brief survey I am well
aware that I may have omitted
many important books, but that
does in no way conflict with my
design, which was to show a
literary activity during 1898 by
no means unworthy of our Faith,
and an earnest guarantee of what
will come with the years. The
American Catholic writer has
long labored under a disadvant-
age—unknown in England,
where Protestant firms are ready
to publish his MSS. if possessing
merit. That disadvantage is the
lack of a progressive Catholic
book-publisher who would have
both taste and courage. As it is,
the writer who brings to a Catho-
lic publisher any MSS. save
that of a novel or prayer-book,
runs the risk of being insulted.

But this state of things can
not last much longer. There will
be a demand for books of poetry,
travel, criticism, etc., and, if there
is no Catholic publisher willing
to satisfy this demand and put
them on the market providing
they have merit, the large secu-
lar houses will not hesitate to
give them a dress, and the dress
will not be a burlesque on their
contents.

WALTER LECKY—in the
Midland Review.

RUINE-BABINE.

It is said that a mouth organ
was the means of causing the
outbreak of diphtheria north of
Gladstone. A young man who
had the disease, though ignorant
of the fact, furnished music at a
dance with such an instrument
and during the evening several
parties played it, thus becoming
infected with the contagion.—
Free Press.

If this is a fact it affords a strong
confirmation of the French Cana-
dian nickname for a mouth organ
—"ruine-babine," lip-destroyer.

**A JOLLY SPREAD AT THE HOSPICE
TACHÉ.**

Last Thursday, at 1.30 p. m.,
the orphans and other lucky
wards of the motherly Grey
Nuns enjoyed a glorious treat,
the most solid portion of which
was due to the generous thought-
fulness of Mr. Lauzon, M. P. P.,
additional delicacies being fur-
nished by several kind ladies.
Both young and old did ample
justice to the turkeys and pies
and dainty sweets provided for
them in magnificent profusion.
But what pleased the orphans
most of all was the sight of the
multitude of distinguished wait-