CATHOLICITY IN ITALY.

A HOPEFUL PICTURE ON THE PRESENT CONDITION OF THE CHURCH IN ITS

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MOTHER COUNTRY.

Most contemporary pictures of the conditions of the Church in Italy are so depressing that it is encouraging to read in the London Saturday Review, from in the London Saturday Review, from a writer who seems to be clear-sighted and impartial, an impression of Catho-licity in the Italian cities which is dis-tinetly optimistic. The writer is evi-dently a non-Catholic and his observa-tions are thoughtful and worthy of seri-ous consideration. He says: "Happily, if we turn to the Cetterio

"Happily, if we turn to the Catholic side of the question, we discover that there is a distinct reaction in Italy there is a distinct reaction in Italy against the existing order of affairs. The Italian people, notwithstanding all-that has been done against their reli-gion, is still Catholic. Visiting Italy gion, is still Catholic. Visiting Italy after an absence of nearly thirty years, I was surprised to find at Genoa and Milan, cities where I had lived for many years of my early manhood, the churches exactly where they were, and just as full as ever. The interminable series of re-licious feasts were in progress just as ligious feasts were in progress just as they were two hundred years ago. If anything the churches were cleaner, the services more orderly, the music distinctly religious in character, and the people everywhere exhibiting signs of an increased piety. It was also pretty evident that there existed a great number of the rising generation who were not only indifferent to religion who were not only indifferent to religion but were willing to insult it wherever the chance was offered them. In Venice the Corpus Christi proces-sion was grossly insulted two years ago by a crowd of young men at the corner of the Procuratie. But on the other hard whereas the two are the proof the Procurate. But on the other hand, whereas that y years ago the pro-cession of the Corpus Christi was pro-hibited in Genoa, this year it took place with uncommon splendor in nearly all the large cities except Florence, and was everywhere received with favor by a wat cound

a vast crowd. " The churches are much better cared the four habit of spitting has greatly decreased; they are more over well filled, services are more orderly, and the use of sacred instead of profane music is

use of sacred instead of profane music is universal: and practical sermons are heard in Italian churches which would not have been thought of thirty years ago. . There are thousands upon thousands of Catholic clubs of all classes not the least interesting of which are established in nearly every city for the training of youths in gymnastics. "The fact that 15,000 Italian Catho-

lic young men were assembled at the Vatican this year in honor of the Papal Jubilee and went through gymnastic sports in the presence of the Pope is a healthy sign. Some 5,000 persons marched through the streets of Turin marched through the streets of Turin lately in procession to celebrate the Papal Jubilee. Nearly every window in the Borgo at Rome was illuminated, and some 70,000 person crossed the bridge of San Angelo to attend Mass in St. Peter's in connection with the same St. Peter's in connection with the same auspicious event. From one end of the country to the other, there is a distinct reaction, and the outlook for religion is more hopeful than it was perhaps twentymore noperut than it was permaps twenty-five years ago. . In every city and amongst every class of society you will now find men who are alive to the fast that with the disappearance of religion all that is noble and great in their coun-

try also tends to disappear. "I do not think that the modernist "I do not think that the modernist movement in Italy is of much impor-tance. The people of that country are too logical not to see that if you east doubt on the Virgin Birth and the Resurrection of Christ, you cannot long re-main Christian in the orthodox sense. There is, however, one fact that must never be forgotten by those who write about Italy—the Italian people will probably never cease to be Catholics, and the sooner the Church and the State become reconciled, the better it will be for both the moral and material will be for both the morat and material interests of a very great and very brilli-ant people. But the State must return ant people. Christian idea which made Italy to the Christian idea which made italy great in the past, and which will make her great in the future, should the common-sense of the people realize that the very existence of their country depends upon a nice adjustment of the religious difficulties into which circumstances and above all, the machinations of an unscrupulous minority have driven her. scrupulous minority have driven her. It is certain, too, that whatever may be the faults of the clergy, nothing justi-fies the brutal and scurrilous attacks made upon them by such an organ as the Asino, whose main object is to ex-cite contempt for religion in the hearts of the right generation and lead to the of the rising generation and lead to the inevitable destruction of social order. " I visited recently the new seminary at Bergamo and found it splendidly up-to-date, with baths, a fine library, and a to-date, with baths, a fine library, and a gymnasium and even a riding-school. The professors were first rate, and ex-cellent classes of hygiene and agricul-ture, and innovation, had been capitally organized. This is a good move, for it is essential in Italy, especially in the rural districts, that the priests should upderstand byriene and agriculture, in self: rural districts, that the priests should understand hygiene and agriculture, in order to influence the peasants in the right direction. Classes in art and archaclogy have also been introduced into the seminaries, and there will no doubt be of great use to the rising generation of the clergy who will become the future

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the hands of the priests, is becoming a danger to the country. . . If roused to excess, they soon become absolutely ferocious; and should a revolution break out as a result of the active and papal, anti-monarchical and anti-Christian con-minace, it may be aven worm tarrific spiracy, it may be even more terrific, though shorter, than anything France has ever seen. Therefore, in the in-terests of humanity, it is not only an unwise but a wicked thing that a paper which excites the ignorant week by week against the clergy should be toler ated; one day it may lead to an awful massacre, for it must be remembered that results on the clergy have grown

of late years exceedingly frequent, and not a few have had fatal results. Anti-clericalism in Italy is a danger which the Italian government ought, in the true interests of the peace and progress of the country, to combat by every means at its disposal."

> ARCHBISHOP HARTY OF MANILA MALIGNED.

> EDITOR OF BAPTIST ORGAN THE CULPRIT. Trying to strengthen an argument by the use of a lie is not only immoral, bu likewise foolish. We are led to mak moral, but this remark, says the Freeman's Journal, in consequence of an outrageous state-ment concerning Archbishop Harty, of Manila, which appeared some time ago in The Word and Way, a Baptist

The editorial statement Was organ. The editorial statement was made for the purpose of convineing Bap-tists that the Catholic Church in this tists that the Catholic Children in this country is a huge political machine, worked by the hierarchy and the elergy to promote Catholic interests, and the Catholic electorate is a well-organized compact body that in politics takes the compact body that in politics takes the word of command from their ecclesiasti-cal superiors. The exact words em-ployed by the writer of the Word (and Way article are: "The people of our country are slow to recognize that there is 'a Catholic vote;' that it is a big rote and that it is used by the Catholic vote, and that it is used by the Catholic Church to promote its own interest." If a concrete example of the manner in which this "Catholic vote" is utilized could be furnished, the effect would be

never treated in any pastoral nor even touched upon or adverted to the subject of the duties of citizens at the polls. Catholics will not be affected by the publication of such palpable fibels as the i Word and Way places before its readers. But all honest men must won-der how they who profess to be followers of Him Who was the Way and the Truth can adopt the methods of the one that "stood not in the truth, because truth is not in him," who "when he speaketh a lie, speaketh of his own; for he! is a liar and the father thereof." (John viii., 4.)

† J. J. HARTY, Archbishop

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

The sixteenth annual convention of the State Council of Massachusetts of the Knights of Columbus was held on Tuesday in Lawrence Encampment Hall, Bosto

Rev. James N. Supple of Charlestov the state chaplain, made an eloquent address, in the course of which he said : 'Let us view our order with the eyes

of one devoted to its highest interests and most jealous of its good name and character. The powerful, important and necessary part that the Knights of Columbus are to play in the future pre-Columbus are to play in the future pre servation and advancement of holy mother Church and of her divine faith in the hearts of the American people

becomes more evident as the years roll by. We cannot fail to note the irreligous conditions of other countries. to a conditions of other countries. Soci-ety is on the brink of ruin and the life of the Church threatened. The same irre-ligious influences which have brought about this deplorable condition in those countries are at work here in America, and we fear for the future of American rights and liberties and for the preser

"The existence of the Knights of Columbus is providential, the work of Christ is calling together as his apostles the Catholic laymen of America, to band themselves together and in charity to go forth and teach the nations by word and example. The times demand revival of faith and an awakening of religious activity in the hearts of see the efforts that are being ex-

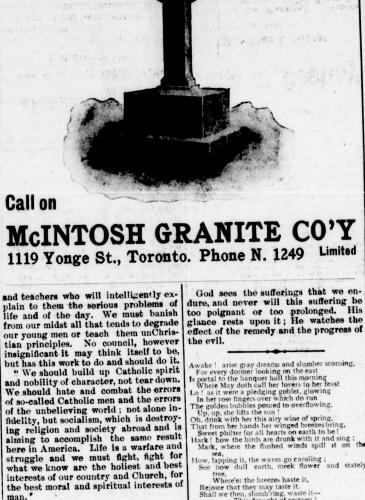
We see the efforts that are being ex-erted to draw away the hearts of men from the observance of law and order, of obedience to authority and of justice. The sanctity and perpetuity of the marriage contract is being destroyed The command of God, 'Thou shalt not kill' is ignored and there is a slaughter to the incomment amontal day by day. These evils are enunciated and defended to-day from so-called Christian pulpits. Lord save us or we perish.

" Thinking men cannot fail to see the lessening of virtue and morality in the home and especially amongst the very young of both sexes. This danger of immoral homes is now threatening us. immoral homes is now threatening us. The reasons for this widespread cor-ruption are many. Want of a family re-ligious life, want of faith, neglect of vigilance and the worldly and sensual spirit on the part of parents. But one chief reason and source of corzuption is the widespread system of education through certain irreligious and immoral papers, novels and light literature. Adults and children have their souls, hearts and minds fed on such foul and

demoralizing reading. "Our order has for its corner stone practical Catholicity. What is practical Catholicity ? Practical Catholicity means for us an exemplification of Christ's teaching in our daily lives, living as Christian men with a firm and intelligent faith, with an earnest hope and with an ardent charity. It means a faith that is visible to the world in the faithful performance of our duties and obligations as a father, husband or son, and in the good example we set in the sobriety and honesty of our lives.

"Practical Catholicity means to be Christian men in our public life, in our performance of our public duties as professional men, as business men and as citizens; realizing our obligations to our clients, our employers or our country. Would that all of our citizens our clients, our employers of our citizens country. Would that all of our citizens both of high and low degree, had the spirit of a Bright, a Gladstone or an O'Connell. If they had they would first

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to strengthen the conviction amongs Baptists that a Catholic politica political machine really exists. The Word and Way soribe was equal to the occasion. Without further ado he produced a pas-toral which he attributed to Archbishop toral which he attributed to Archbishop i Harty of Maula. Its character may be judged by the following extract from it: "First, it is the duty of all Catholics to vote when they get a chance; second, the voter has a binding and a heavy duty to induce only Catholics to vote, and to vote only for Catholics."

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and to vote only for Catholics." That we were justified in confidently asserting (last December) that Arch-bishop Harty was not the author of the pastoral published by the Word and Way is shown by the following com-munication from the Archibishon him munication from the Archbishop him

Manila, March 11, 1909.

Manna, March 11, 1909. My dear Dr. Lambert, —My attention, has just been called to an editorial in . your issue of December 26 last, "A Palpable Libel upon the Church." . I would not consider it worth while to notice the false statement printed in the Word aud Way were it not for cer-Word and Way were it not for cer-tain attacks upon the patriotism of Cath-

custodians of so many inestimable trea-sures of art and antiquity. . . tain attacks upon the patriotism of Cath-olics. So numerous have been the calumnies and misrepresentations utered against the Church in the Philippines since I have taken posses-sion of this see, that to answer them my time would be entirely taken up from morning until night. If calumnies in general are an abomination in the sight duty to do as they like, and whereas ther can make demonstrations against existing authority, proclaim strikes of a or God and man, then now characterize those uttered against the Church that has been the fruitful cause of whatever good exists in these islands to day? Not only did I never issue a pastoral on the eve of any election, but I have

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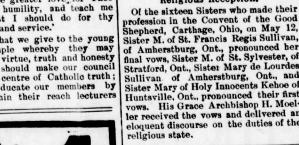
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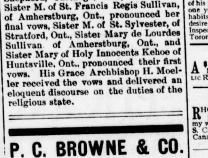
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