

"thaw them in," that is, by manifestation of a truly Christian love, move them to a more and more complete identification of themselves with the Church in its various expressions of life and activity. Love on the part of the people more than the eloquence of the pastor will hold a congregation together, while, on the contrary, indifference and coldness on the part of the people, despite all the ability shown in the pulpit, will serve to dissipate any congregation.

The Roman Catholic Church and the Liquor Traffic.

THE decision of the Papal Delegate, Satolli, in supporting the position of Bishop Watterson with reference to the expulsion of liquor dealers from membership in Catholic societies will be hailed by evangelical Christians everywhere with great satisfaction and delight. The fact that so large a proportion of those engaged in the nefarious traffic have their membership in the Romish Church, and, despite the iniquity of their business, have hitherto been permitted to enjoy all the offices of that Church, renders this decision one of momentous significance. It brings the Papacy into accord on this question with the majority of our Protestant denominations, many of which have long since taken similar action. When it is definitely settled that there is no ecclesiastical refuge for men who seek to enrich themselves at the cost of their neighbors' degradation and pauperization, it can hardly be questioned that many will be deterred from entering upon this business, and some, at least, who are in it will forsake it. That enlightened Christian sentiment is almost unanimously opposed to it as a mighty enemy of the general weal will tend to make men think twice before adopting it as a means of livelihood. The great Roman Church has never been regarded as "cranky" upon any question of public morals, and this action will not be regarded as the outcome of a spasmodic enthusiasm or fanaticism, but of a deliberate conviction which has come to stay. "The morning cometh!" It will yet be seen that Rum and Romanism are not inseparably joined together. The statement, apparently official, that the Pope has determined to make Satolli sovereign in ecclesiastical matters in America, following, as it does, immediately upon this important decision, seems to indicate that the Supreme Pontiff is in sympathy with his representative's views and is ready to support them.

It is gratifying to note the agitation and alarm expressed in the leading organs of the liquor traffic. It is the best of indications that the Delegate's "fulmination" is regarded as something more than thunder. There is considerable lightning in it. By the confession of *The Wine and Spirit Gazette*, "the strict enforcement of this decree would be a severer blow to the liquor trade than anything the Prohibition cranks and the cold-water fanatics have accomplished within the last 40 years."

Suppression of Lotteries.

ALL friends of morality will sincerely rejoice in the action of the present Congress looking to the suppression of lottery traffic through national and international commerce and the postal service subject to the jurisdiction and laws of the United States. By this action "any person who, within the jurisdiction and subject to the laws of the United States, shall contrive, propose, set up, or draw a lottery, so-called gift concern, or similar enterprise offering prizes dependent upon lot or chance, or assist in such contriving, proposing, setting up, or drawing, in any place within the jurisdiction and subject to the laws of the United States, and who, from any place whatever, whether within or without such jurisdiction, shall cause to be sold, transferred, or delivered within any place, subject to the jurisdiction and laws of the United States, and who shall cause to be brought within any place subject to the jurisdiction and laws of the United States from abroad, or deposited or carried by the mails of the United States, or carried from one State to another in the United States, any paper, certificate, or instrument purporting to be or represent a ticket, chance, share, or interest in or dependent upon the event of such lottery, so-called gift concern, or similar enterprise offering prizes dependent upon lot or chance, or shall cause any advertisement of such lottery, so-called gift concern, or similar prize enterprise offering prizes dependent upon lot or chance, to be brought into the United States or deposited in or carried by the mails of the United States, or transferred from one State to another in the same, shall be guilty of a felony, and be punishable in the first offense by imprisonment for not more than two years or by a fine of not more than \$1,000, or both, and in the second and after offenses by imprisonment only."