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ESSENTIALS IN FAITH.

We hear people outside the Church, and even occasionally within, speak of essentials and non-essentials in faith. What they mean exactly or upon what principle they draw the distinction we candidly admit that we do not know.

INDEX EXPURGATORII.

Few of the disciplinary institutions established by the Church are so ill understood and so ill appreciated as the Index Expurgatorius or the Congregation upon prohibited books.

pleasure of the Pope, with a secretary and a certain number of consultors, the chief of whom is the Master of the Apostolic Palace. He is the primary and official Consultor of the Congregation.

Whilst this is the official Congregation framed for the express purpose of attending to the proposition of books, the examination of them devolves upon another Congregation, the Congregation of the Holy Office.

THE PROBLEM OF THE UNEMPLOYED.

There is unhappily no doubt that distress of a widespread and severe character exists in Toronto at the present time. Our charitable organizations have not had for many years so much misery clamoring for relief.

Unfortunately there is a disposition on the part of the average citizen to say: "I pay my taxes to the city to look after the poor. It has a relief office, a House of Industry, and similar machinery to attend to these cases."

Two things are imperatively necessary at the present crisis. First, the individual citizen should realize that his assistance is necessary. The city cannot give employment to all in need.

Second, landlords, collecting agencies and instalment plan dealers should act as generously as possible during the few weeks intervening between this and the opening of spring.

After the present crisis is tided over, a rigid investigation should be made into the underlying causes. It is strange that, with railroads unable a few months ago to handle freight because of shortage of rolling stock,

COMPOUND INTEREST

The earning power of compound interest is not as generally understood and appreciated as it should be. It may be illustrated by the following news item which recently appeared in the press:

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CREED AND CONDUCT.

In a recent article one of Toronto's daily papers, in the course of its editorial, comments on the alleged falling off of religion as an element in familiar conversation, explained this occurrence on the ground that "creeds" were losing their hold.

Now this sentiment of "dependence on life rather than creed" is not particularly new. It was set forth with his usual epigrammatic clearness and terseness by Alexander Pope long ago when he wrote:

"For modes of faith let graceless zealots fight; His can't be wrong whose life is in the right."

These lines are subjected to a severe and masterly criticism by De Quincey, in his Essay on Pope, in a passage marked by his subtle penetration and marvellous beauty of style. "In this couplet," he writes, "what Pope says is that a life which is irreproachable on a human scale of appreciation, neutralizes and practically cancels all possible errors of creed, opinion, or theory."

To talk about a right life and a wrong creed is, as this great master of English prose points out, to understand life in the shallowest sense of the word. A man's creed is the most important factor in his life.

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His power of affording work is regulated by the unwritten law of supply and demand. If the supply exceeds the demand, or if the demand from some other reasons is diminished, then work stops.

Death of Mr. James Higgins. Saturday, Jan. 11th, saw the passing away of one of the patriarchal figures of Guelph, in the person of Mr. Jas. Higgins, aged 84 years.

TRULY A STRUGGLING MISSION. In the Diocese of Northampton, Fakenham, Norfolk.

HELP! HELP! HELP! For the Love of the Sacred Heart and in Honor of St. Anthony of Padua, DO PLEASE send a mite for the erection of a more worthy home for the Blessed Sacrament.

IT RESTS WITH YOU. To say whether I am to succeed or fail, All my hopes of success are in your co-operation. Will you not then extend a co-operating hand? Surely you will not refuse? You may not be able to help much, indeed. But you can help a little, and a multitude of "littles" means a great deal.

ing has its dangerous hardships as well as adversity with its depression of trade and lack of work. The system is wrong; and will grow worse as long as capital and labor stand apart.

Hope Hides The Cross!

(For the Catholic Register.) "It is a good and wholesome thing to watch how brave souls bear themselves in the battle of life."—Mrs. Craven.

Times there are when life is dreary,— Ours a bondage land of tears!— Marcid, nay, our hearts and weary; Cloud-dimmed, perhaps, our path with fears!

Times, again, when soul-met pleasure Bids us lift our hearts on high; Yea, when e'en in cheering measure, Gentle hours are passing by.

Christ's loved story yet would tell us Grief-fraught days are not in vain; Onward e'er His woes compell us; None like joy that's born of pain!

Never, no; in soul's behavior, Earth's with Heaven's bliss compare; Let us, like our thorn-crowned Saviour, Love the cross we have to bear.

—R. H. Fitz-Henry. Feast of St. Agnes, 1908.

Death of Mr. James Higgins

Saturday, Jan. 11th, saw the passing away of one of the patriarchal figures of Guelph, in the person of Mr. Jas. Higgins, aged 84 years. Seldom does it fall to our lot to chronicle a death which cast such a deep gloom over the community.

The immense concourse of people who assisted at the funeral showed the esteem they held for the dead. The funeral obsequies were grand and solemnly imposing. The Requiem High Mass was sung by Rev. Father Donovan, S.J., and services at the grave were conducted by Rev. Father Coffey, S.J.

Disquiet not yourself regarding what the world may say of anything, but frequently consider what God may say of it.—Flowers of Mary.

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The Church is sadly needed, for at present I am obliged to SAY MASS AND GIVE BENEDICTION IN A GARRET. My average weekly collection is only 3s 6d, and I have NO ENDOWMENT except HOPE.

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Don't Turn a Deaf Ear to My Urgent Appeal. "May God bless and prosper your endeavours in establishing a Mission at Fakenham."

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