He spoke further of the sterling qualities splendid organization of the parishes There is, he said, no other country in the organized, where the priests have their work cut out for them so methodically and where they were expected to work harder. Speaking of the atrocious penal laws he declared that the Spanish inquisition was nothing as compared to the British inquisition which was carried on by policemen and paid informers and was a magnificeni commercial speculation on the part of the government. With regard to the future there could be tend to the good of the church in all parts of the world.

Mr. M. E. Hughes seconded the vote of thanks which was carried with enthusiasm and suitably acknowledged. The meeting was then address-

by Rev. Fathers Chartier, S. J., Cherrier, O'Dwyer, O. M. I., and Lajaunesse. Father Cherrier after expressing his appreciation of the paper read, spoke at length on Truth. He paid a high tribute to the work which the Jesuit Fathers are carrying on at St. Boniface college, where midst of the community in which they lived. There was no doubt as to the particularly in Winnipeg, and the Christian heroism of those English Catholies who had preserved the faith only was the Anglican church at its inthrough centuries of such bitter ception, and through its founders (16th persecution, and to whose prayers it was no doubt owing that a change had taken place in that country so that the but that even now it is participating in people were again turning towards the the crime inasmuch as it continues to ancient faith, should be an example for profit by it. them to imitate. The members of such a society as theirs must necessarily be made in England it is undeniable that Catholics who had the courage to speak there is a constant growth of the faith openly for the church that they loved throughout the land, as is partly shewn and do all they could to extend the by the demand for new churches, schools faith amongst the people of Manitoba. They could reach those whom the priest section of the country, the need of more could not and they could cast some sweet rays of truth into the nearts of such people, which under the warmth and benevolent heat of the grace of God would in due time bring forth fruits of salvation.

Thus was a most successful and enjoyable meeting brought to a close and the members present returned home happy in the thought that their opening meeting augured well for a most successful fall and winter session.

With reference to the above meeting the following interesting correspondence has appeared in the Free Press:

"Catholicism in England," To the Editor of the Free Press.

Sir.—On my way through Winnipeg my attention has been directed to an interesting lecture by Mr. F. W. Russell, on "Catholicism in England."

Mr. Russell, speaking to Romanists, naturally uses the term Catholic, as synonymous with "Roman" Catholic. The Church of England asserts every day her belief in one Holy Catholic Apostolic church-not Roman. Mr. Russell himself is witness that the statutes against Romanism, were directed against it as a form of high treason. In other words they were-I do not defend them -political, not religious.

Is Romanism necessary in England There is nothing more deceptive than facts, always excepting figures. But the registrar-general's marriage returns are at least impartial. They show, I believe, that the percentage of Roman Catholic marriages is, if not decreasing, stationary. I have in my possession a pamphlet by a Roman Catholic canon, lamentting at some length, what he calls on his title page "our losses." It has often been stated, and not, I believe, contradicted, that were it not for Irish and foreign immigration, Romanism in England would be a diminishing quantity.

It is true that Catholic truth and Catholic customs, and knowledge of the ritual ordered by the English prayer book, are increasing in England. But they are no more distinctively Roman than the Nicene creed or the Lord's prayer.

I have every possible asspect for the holy Roman church; but less for the Italian mission in England; and I write in intention, at any rate, in the interest or "Catholic truth."

E. Herizsmith, Pembroke College, Cambridge. Winnipeg, Sept. 17.

Catholicism in England. To the Editor of the Free Press.

Sir,-Just a few lines in reference to the letter under the above heading in this morning's Free Press, wherein the writer criticizes some of the statements contained in my address before the members of the Truth society on Monday last.

I must not take up your space in dis- branch of Catholic work, the admirable of the English Catholics and also of the cussing his reflections on my use of the organization of the parishes, and the im-

> against "Romanism" (the odious penal of the country. It was they who inspired, and in most cases, were the actual authors of the acts of parliament which made it high treason to be a Catholic, and un er which the ancient religion was crushed out and the beautiful atrocious laws enacted against Catholics,

With regard to the progress being and other Catholic institutions in every priests, in spite of the increasing numbers of young men annually ordained, the vitality which characterises every

term Catnolic, and there is no need to mense throngs which attend the do so, for outside a very few members of churches. It is true there have been world where thin, s were so admirably the Ritualistic wing of the Anglican losses caused by a leakage which is now church, there is scarcely any one now-a- to a great extent controlled, but still days who would support your correspon- exists. A few years ago Catholic repredent in the point he wishes to make. sentation on boards of guardians and While not defending the statutes similar bodies was so meagre that they were quite unable to safeguard Catholic laws your correspondent claims that interests, and a very considerable perthey were political, not religious. There centage of Catholic children in workis truth in this, but if it proves anything houses were brought up as Protestants. it surely is that the English church is Then, again, there was the active prosesimply a creation of politicians, for the es- 'lytism of organizations worked ingenitablishment of that church and the pass- ously under the disguise of philanthropy, no question that if ever England ing of penal laws were contemporaneous the primary object of the supporters of became largely Catholic it would events; they were the two parts of the such agencies being the snatching of the one undertaking, and the work of the souls of Catholic children. Aided by the same men. The penal laws were, in a resources at their command, they acword, the means by which the founders complished their work with great sucof the English church (politicians your cess and marvellous cleverness, and correspondent calls them) forced their there is no doubt that by this means a establishment upon the unwilling people multitude of Catholic children have been lost to the church in England—in directions. Fortunately, however, for some years past the proportions of this hardly of a kind which one who says he writer may have, as he states, but

fact, this leakage for a time was almost sufficient to offset the gains in other leakage have been immensely reduced shrines, abbeys, cathedrals and churches The spirit of the age has become more that adorned the land and are even now tolerant and just, and what would have they were laboring to spread the Truth. in existence - which were built by been deemed justifiable by many twenty The same work the members of the Catholic hands for Catholic worship by years ago in dealing with the question Truth society were carrying on in the the sacrifices of Catholic love-were of a child's education, would now be handed over, together with their endow- considered an outrage on propriety ments, to the church which they had and fair play. Then, too, there is an bigotry which existed in Manitoba and just by law established. To this day awakening on the part of the Cathorics, that church is enjoying those ill-gotten and their energy and vigilance have gains, therefore, it would seem that not been aroused. These, however, and others equally deplorable, are the "losses" to which your correspondent century politicians!) responsible for the apparently refers, but surely they are writes in the interests of Catholic truth should rejoice over, even though the little respect for what he is pleased to call "the Italian missions in England." F. W. Russell. Winnipeg, Sept. 19, 1895. SUBSCRIBE FOR THE Northwest Review.



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