

their self-interest, not to their moral sense; he will ask their support because he or his party will give them most, or do most for them, whether it be right or wrong to do it; he will teach them to look upon the franchise not as a trust, but as a means of getting some benefit for themselves. What is right is right, regardless of majorities. God and one voter are a majority where morality is involved, if all the rest of the nation were ranged on the other side. (Catholic Review.)

How Catholics are influencing Anglicans.

This clipping is from an English Protestant newspaper: there was a singular scene at Westminster Abbey on Oct. 13th last. For many years the Roman Catholics, after a service in an adjacent church of their own, have made a pilgrimage to the tomb of Edward the Confessor in the Abbey on his feast day. For the first time the day was observed by the abbey authorities with choral celebration of holy communion in the morning and an address on the history and character of Edward the Confessor by the Bishop of Peterborough after evensong. His Lordship gave a masterly address on the subject, which was listened to with rapt attention. As the congregation came out there was a stream of incoming Roman Catholics anxious to reach the tomb, some carrying wreaths; and the double devotion to Edward the Confessor had an effect which anywhere else but in church would have been ludicrous.

MILL Run by NUNS

(New York Freeman's Journal)

A thriving woolen mill carried on by Sisters of Charity is an interesting fact in addition to being a "decided novelty," as the London Daily Chronicle describes an establishment of the kind in the West of Ireland. The paper also notices another fact bearing on the subject, viz., that it was by "the great and good King William," whom the orangemen worship, that the Irish woolen industry, once very prosperous, was destroyed. Both houses of the English Parliament made formal complaint to the King that English interests were being injured by the manufacturing going on and prospering in the "sister country." "The growth and increase of the woolen manufacture in Ireland," said the aggrieved Englishmen, "hath long been, and ever will be, looked upon with great jealousy by all Your Majesty's subjects of the Kingdom of England." To which His Majesty replied: "Gentlemen, I will do all in my power to discourage the woolen manufacture in Ireland." And he did it. Laws were soon after made which not only "discouraged" but destroyed the Irish industry, previously so flourishing.

The evil work thus done had a large share in causing the miseries of Ireland ever since. Recently praiseworthy efforts have been made to undo the mischief. Mills have been established in many districts of the country, but in none was an undertaking of the kind more of a godsend, because of poverty it relieved, than in Foxford, county Mayo, where the Sisters of Charity set the enterprise afoot. It was no light task for them to take up. Such things cannot be done without capital. It required over \$150,000 to start at Foxford. But Mrs. Morrough Bernard, the Superioress of the Sisters was not frightened by this. "Partly by gifts, partly by loans," she raised the money, "built a mill, stocked it with first-class machinery, and set about training the totally inexperienced peasantry in the art of manufacturing woollens." Such work for Sisters of Charity! If King William, "of glorious and immortal memory," were living, he would

have sent them to jail for it, or perhaps beheaded them. This sort of thing was not uncommon in Ireland in his time.

But conditions are slightly different in our day (no thanks, however, to the Williamites) and so the nuns of Foxford are free to employ the poor people around in making woollens, which they do to the extent, we are told, of an annual turnover of \$40,000, and with results to the neighborhood which the London paper thus tells of: "What a godsen weekly mill wage is in the homes can scarcely be realized in prosperous countries, where paying work is abundant. The Superioress notes with pride that when they came to Foxford there was but one butcher—an amateur—in the neighborhood. Now there are three professional butchers, all making a living. The enterprise of Sisters does not end with the factory. They teach girls cookery, dairy work, laundry work, etc., and encourage the people to rear poultry, superior breeds of fowls being given by the Congested Districts Board. Moreover, they have done wondrous things in inducing the cottiers in most instances to remove the ugly middens that until lately disfigured approach to their houses, and replace them by flower and vegetable gardens, the nuns supplying the seeds. The result is that an annual horticultural and poultry show is held at Foxford with some very fine exhibits."

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