#### THE CHURCH AND "NEW THOUGHT.'

WE ARE CONFRONTING A MORAL HELL GATE WHICH THREATENS OUR SHIP OF STATE SAYS CARDINAL GIBBONS.

Discussing "New Thought" and other modern fads and fancies that are making inroads in some of the Protestant de-nominations, Cardinal Gibbons, a few days ago, said to a New York Sun re-norter:

"The Catholic Church is no more en cumbered with the recent-year cumbered with the recent-year 'isms' and excressenses that seem to thrive, each for a time in America, than it has been at any time during all the centur-ies since St. Peter. "The position of the Catholic Church in reference to modern scientists, may be thus briefly summarized: The Church interest and concurance every depart-

be thus briefly summarized: The Church fosters and encourages every depart-ment of science; but, just because she is the friend of true science; she is op-posed to all false pretensions of science. "The pathway of history is strewn with the wreck of many and imposing scientific theories which once found favor in the opinion of man. And such will ever be the fate of those wild specu-lations and assumptions that impura the

will ever be the fate of those wild spect-lations and assumptions that impugn the truth of revelation. "They may float for a time on the human mind like huge icebergs drifting along the ocean's current, chilling the along the ocean's current, chilling the atmosphere and carrying destruction in their path; but, like the false theories before them, they are destined to melt away beneath the effulgent rays of rea-son and revelation, while ' the truth of the Lord remaineth forever'." Asked what are the most serious prob-lems confronting the American people at the present time, the Cardinal an-swered;

" The root of the commonwealth is in

the homes of the people. The social and civil life shrinks from the domestic life of mankind. The official life of a nation is ordinarily the reflex of the moral

"We are confronted by at least three "We are now confronting a moral hell gate which threatens our ship of state, and which it requires more than the genius of a Newton to remove. "We are confronted by at least three

great evils-polygamy and divorce; im-perfect and vicious systems of education, the tendency of our women to become more like men and less womanly, and a lack of appreciation and reverence for

the real treasures of life. "When I speak of polygamy I do not mean that of Utah alone. I refer to the polygamy of divorce that exists in every state and strikes at the root of the fam-

Ally and society. "Any divorced man or woman who is married the second time while having a wife or husband living, but 'legally' sepwhere or nussiand inving, but regary sep-arated by the decree of some court, is a polygamist. According to the United States official reports, in the twenty years between 1867 and 1886 there were 328,716 divorces in the United States. In the same period between 1887 and 1006 there were 932,825 divorces granted 1906 there were 943,025 divorces granted or nearly 50,000 a year. The United States has granted more divorces than all the European countries combined. This is certainly a most awful blot upon our fair name."—New World.

# TO THE GREATER GLORY OF GOD.

Can it be possible that the earnest address of Rev. F. C. Kelley, president of the Catholic Church Extension Society, delivered at the recent mission-ary congress in Chicago, is already bear-ing fruit? We hope so and, really, it would seem so. Among other things Father Kelley said, "We have no lack of Catholic societies in the Church of Father Kelley said, "We have no lack of Catholic societies in the Church of America, but we have a decided lack of societies which try to render any active assistance to the mission work of the Church. A sop to the religious side by one or two donations to great works, a few pennies flung to the poor, dances all whiter, assessments for life insurance, card narties, minstrel shows, athletic card parties, minstrel shows, athletic sports, picnics, balls, and the story is told."

Here is the first sprout from the seed dropped by Father Kelley :

Dear Father Kelley :- Enclosed please find \$51 for the Catholic Extension boys of one of our college societies. Instead of having a banquet they con-sented, under proper persuasion, to donate the banquet funds to your society probono communi, A. M. D. G. Yours fraternally in Christ, (Feb Wey, Con-Yours fraternally in Christ, (Fr.) WALTER STEHLE, O. S. B., Director.



Christians on the other days of the week christians on the other days of the week, when they busy themselves about their secular affairs. There is a Christian side to their business, and to their civil, social, political and economic life, no less than there is to their religious life, and in this sense, like medicine and surgery and pedagogy and engineering and journalism and literature and all

arts and sciences, jurisprudence has a religious side. "It would be tautologically absurd to It would be tautologically absurd to say that theology or the Church has a religious side, but next to the great science of theology, of all sciences jur-isprudence is nearer to religion than any other. And why? Because juris-prudence is the legitimate offspring, the

first-born child of religion. "From the time that Christ founded His Church down to more than one hundred years after the Norman con-quest, or from the beginning of the Christian era down to the middle of the twelfth century, while there was much law, there were no lawyers in England the country from which we derive our the country from which we derive our common law, just as there was much law,

but no lawyers in Athens at the time of Demosthenes. Down to that time law or jurisprudence was a part of theology, and was construed and administered by members of the clergy in ecclesiastical

"Then came by gradual process the conscious separation of law from morals and religion as a result of the grad-ual arising of special conditions when certain ecclesiastics were assigned to give their attention to legal affairs, and through their special studies and labors through their special studies and labors came the development of jurisprudence as a science distinct from theology. "Jurisprudence, then, may be defined as the science of law, and law for all practical purposes, may be defined as the sum of the rules administered by courts of justice, or the practical science of giving a wise interpretation to the

courts of justice, or the practical science of giving a wise interpretation to the laws and making a just application of them to all cases as they arise."—Phila-delphia Catholic Standard and Times.

THE POPE ON WOMAN SUFFRAGE. Much excitement has been stirred in eminine circles by the answer given by the Holy Father to the delegation of ladies representing the Italian Catholic Union. The extreme section take it as hostile to their claims for equal justice, but this is a very great misconception. Those who so read it appear to forget that it was the Catholic Church which took woman by the hand and raised her up to a position of honor and freedom, instead of the one of degradation and servility to which she had for centuries servinity to which she had for centuries been condemned by all-powerful man in the long pre-Christian age. It is inconceivable that the power which enfranchised her should ever be hostile

on public matters and political predilec-tions, but brothers and sisters who are of mature age often assert a like free-dom of thought; and the ultimate fate of " a house divided against itself" was before the birth of popular suffrage. When we are in possession of the full text of the Holy Father's pronounce-ment, it is not unlikely we shall find that

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his answer took cognizance of the whole merits of the case for woman suffrage

merits of the case for woman suffrage while laying down a general [principle founded on the natural law. When that law shall have been so altered by a natural process that there shall be no physical inequality between man and being drafted into the armies of the nation as soldiers, then, but not until or two dropped on their knees; one boy, at the end of the line, after a desperate nation as soliders, then, but not include or two dropped on their knees; one boy, at the end of the line, after a desperate effort at self-control, leaned against the wall, buried his face against his folded arms, and sobbed. "Oh, mother, mother!" then, the Holy Father's dictum will no larger held good \_\_Philadelphia. Cathlonger hold good.-Philadelphia Cath-olic Standard and Times.

Distinguished Convert Dies in Rome.

Isaac Henderson, novelist, dramatist Isaac Henderson, novelist, dramatist, and of recent years holding high official position in the Vatican in Rome, died there recently. The American press has given the death of Mr. Henderson a great deal of notice and the editorial tributes to his scholarship, his artistic ability and his fine social qualities have been many. Mr. Henderson was born in New York, Feb. 13, 1850. He was educated at a Quaker academy in Rhode Island and at Williams College. His father was a partner with William Cullen Bryant and John Bigelow in the ownership of the New York Evening Cullen Bryant and Join Bigelow in the ownership of the New York Evening Post. Isaac Henderson became the pub-lisher of that newspaper, but was able to retire, in most comfortable circum-stances, before he was forty. Then he





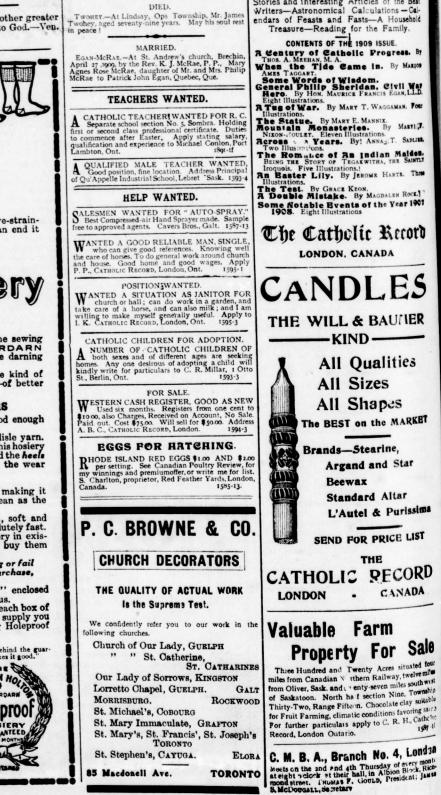
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## Father Brennan III.

Not only members of the Roman Catholic church in St. Mary's but citizens generally will regret to learn that Father Brennan, the esteemed priest of this parish, was compelled to leave for Montreal Hospital on Monday to undergo a more or less serious operation. On Sunday last Father Brennan addressed One of the very best sections of the country in the North-West is Red Deer, Alberta. Those who are seeking homes a few kind parting words to the mem-bers of his congregation. Before taking the 4 p. m. train on Monday he was prethe 4 p. m. train on whord y he was pre-sented with a purse from his people with the assurance that their prayers and deep sympathy would go with him and remain throughout his trying ordeal.— St. Mary's Journal, May 6, 1909. in that end of the Dominion could not do better than write Rev. Father H. Voisin, O. M. I., Box 341, Red Deer, Alberta.

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St. Vincent's College, Beatty, Pa.

We have, as Father Kelley says, mil-lions for everything but religion. Sug-gest a banquet, where it is possible for a little social shining, and the board is surrounded in a wink. Announce a func-tion of which it is possible for an tion at which it is possible for vain women to show their so-called charms, and the man of the house is at once called upon to furnish the frippery with which the frivolous female decorates herself. There is continuous and de-moralizing contention in the unseemly scramble for prestige in the whirl of the world.

We are glad to note the self-denying spirit of the Beatty boys, and earnestly pray that it is but the beginning of a more sincere effort on part of Catholies generally to take greater interest in the religious side of life-to be more generous in their contributions for the work of spreading God's kingdom on earth.-Catholic Union and Times.

## RELIGION AND LAW.

CATHOLIC JUDGE DISCUSSES THEM IN PROTESTANT PULPIT.

Fall River, Mass., April 18.—For the first time in its history the congregation which worships in the First Christian Church listened to-night to a Catholic. On invitation by the Rev. Carlyle Summerbell, the pastor, Judge John J. McDonuch was the seators at the

Summerbell, the pastor, Judge John J. McDonough was the speaker at the evening services. He took for his sub-ject "The religious Side of Jurispru-dence," and said, among other things: "There is a religious side of juris-prudence in the sense that there is a Christian side of jurisprudence. The great maiority of the people of our

great majority of the people of our country glory in the name of Christian. They are Christians not alone on Sunday when they attend church, but they are

character of the Holy Father's answer, separated as they are from their con-text. The words, "Woman can never be man's equal," which seem to have stirred the ire of the extreme suffra-gettes, if taken in their proper mean-ing, do nothing more than state a natural fact. Man is physically stron ;-er by a wise provision of his Creator, for he was made to be the breadwinner and the defender of the home. Woman was made for the tender duties of the brightener of that home and the loved was made to the bender duby of the brightener of that home and the loved mother of sweet children. As long as there is a man at the head of the household, and as long as he can and does discharge all the duties of prodoes discharge all the duties of pio-tector and mainstay, there can be rea-sonable recognition of the womans claim to go beside him to the polling booth and into the pollitical arena-which is outside her legitimate sphere. which is outside her legitimate sphere. Yet there are very many cases where-in this general rule, would seem unjust in its operation, as for instance, in re-gard to single women who possess property which might be injuriously affected by taxation of an unjustifiable character. In such cases the law of Great Britain and of several other countries extends to women the right countries extends to women the right of the franchise, with certain limita-tions. But if the laws of all civilized

countries admitted men and women on equal conditions to the franchise, the results in many households would be in all probability fatal to domestic peace, for not only husbands and wives frequently entertain different opinions CATARRH CURE ... 25c. is sent direct to the diseased parts by the Improved Blower. Heals the ulcers, clears the air passages, stops droppings in the throat and permanantly cures Catar th and Hay Feyrer. Blower free. All dealers, or Dr. A. W. Chase Medicine Co., Toronto and Buffalo.



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