

Fourth. Our itching to report the evil we know of our neighbor. Never be so base as to speak of the monster in the box without mentioning the microscope; or if you do not speak of the latter be silent as to the former, and leave it for what it is, a horn-beetle in the microscope. Remember that 'charity covereth a multitude of sins.'

WISE ZEAL.

Would to God that we Catholics did for the dissemination of the true faith, only the tenth part of what the Protestants do to combat the truth and to spread error, by the distribution of books and tracts.

Protestants send their colporters through city and country, and throw heretical books and tracts full of aspersions and calumnies into every house, while we rarely find a Catholic family that possesses even a small select family library. Still more rare do we find Catholics who think of distributing such books among those of another belief. Protestants spend millions for that purpose. If we Catholics labored with the same energy, how great and beneficial would be the influence which we should exercise for the welfare of the Church and for the salvation of souls! For, thanks be to God, there is no police here commanded by Bismarck, to confiscate and destroy such books and pamphlets.

Besides this Apostolate of the Press, by means of books, there is also another, not less important through the daily newspapers. How energetically do Protestants and enemies of the holy church make use of the press, in order to poison public opinion by their journals and illustrated papers against the Catholic Church and her servants! Catholics ought in like manner to be provided with Catholic daily papers to further the welfare of the Church.

Not only Protestants in general, but often particular sects of Protestants and even the Freemasons have their dailies where they are only 10 or 15 thousand together and we find cities of 30 or 40 thousand Catholics that have no daily. And even where Catholic dailies do exist and are well edited they find a cold reception by many and also a difficult existence. How can this be accounted for? Only by the words of Christ: