POST-MORTEM CHARITY.

A JEWISH PREACHMENT WHICH HAS AN APPLICATION TO CATHOLICS.

Ave Maria. Cardinal Manning's declaration that it is a poor will which has not God among its beneficiaries has often been repeated in various forms, but we question whether most people are in the habit of thinking of the sentiment as being specially, popular among the Jews. Yet the Chicago Israelite writes editorially as though bequests to charity and religion were far more common among the scattered children than among wealthy Christians. We

When a Jewish millionaire dies without leaving a cent to charity, his family has to blush as for a public scandal; the unanimous adverse comment reveals very plainly the existence of a public opinion, amounting to con-viction, to the effect that mere decency calls for some remembrance of the poor when a man is distributing the vast accumulations of a prosper ous lifetime. Among the general pub-lic this ideal of public decency does not seem to prevail to nearly the same A multi millionaire may divide his towering pile among his rich relatives without so much as the mention of a deserving charity; the newspapers do not consider that sort of niggardliness worthy of a line of comment. Perhaps statistics would show that Christian millionaries have given, even in proportion, larger amounts to education, art, religion, than Jewish millionaries have given so but the assertion is a pretty safe one to make, even without exact figures to support it, that the rich Jew does not nearly so often omit all mention of charity from his last will as do the rich of other faiths or unfaiths. A good deal of this is tradition and may lose some of its force as we drift farther from the Ghetto; a good deal of it is more or less unalterable temperament, the fruit of the discipline of genera-

tions.

It is commonly enough recognized that our Jewish friends take excellent care of their own sick and destitute, and we have heard that they are among the most regular and generous benefactors of the little Sisters of the Poor in some of our large cities. But if the claim made by the Israelite can be substantiated, it constitutes a new title to respect for the Jewish people, and ought to clear away clouds of mis-

understandings and prejudice.
Some other words of our Chicago contemporary on the subject of mency-get-ting and the post-mortem laudation of wealthy men are equally notable and quotable. We especially like the Israelite's interpretation of the motto De mortuis nil nisi bonum :

Whenever a very rich man dies, the newspapers preach very edifyingly to ing man who wishes to succeed They point impressively to the industry, economy and perseverance that have led, in the respective instance, to conspicuous success. The impression one generally carries away from any frank description of this kind of pally a certain single mindedness which, sustained by great energy and unusual physical as well as mental resources, led straight on to conspicuous eminence. The one fact upon which the newspapers do not dwell is that economy has often more than one mean, selfish and petty aspect: that single-mindedness to the aim of personal advancement often involves hard-heartedness to others, injustice to higher claims; that there has often hand in hand with this deter mined specializing, an atrophy of other human interests. This will, of course, not apply to all instances; but when the success is set up on a ped-estal for admiration, the errors and failings that accompanied it should have the same calcium light turned

but the truth. CATHOLIC SCHOOLS.

A TRIBUTE TO THEIR INFLUENCE FOR MORALITY.

There is oue Church which make religion an essential in education, and that is the Catholic Church, in which the mothers teach their faith to the infants at the breast in their lullaby songs and whose brotherhoods and priests, sisterhoods ond nuns imprint their religion on souls as indelibly as the diamond marks the hardest glass. ingrain their faith in human hearts when most plastic to the touch.

Are they wrong, are they stupid, are

they ignorant, that they found paro-chial schools, convents, colleges, in which religion is taught? Not if a man be worth more than a dog or the human soul, with eternity for duration, is of more value than the span of animal existence for a day. If they are right, then we are wrong; if our Puri-Fathers were wise, then we are

Looking upon it as a mere specula-Looking upon it as a mere spectua-tive question, with their policy they will increase; with ours we will de-crease. Macaulay predicted the endur-ance of the Catholic Church till the civilized Australian should sketch the ruins of London from a broken arch of London bridge. We are no prophet, but it does seem to us that Catholics, retaining their religious teaching and we our heathen schools, will gaze upon cathedral crosses all over New England when the meeting houses will be turned

Let them go on teaching their religion to the children and we go on educating our children in schools without a recognition of God and without the reading of the Bible, and they will plant core and train grangings on the into barns. plant corn and train grapevines on the unknown graves of Plymouth pilgrims and of the Puritans of Massachusetts Bay, and none will dispute their right of possession. We say this without expressing our own hopes or fears but as inevitable from the fact that whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap .- New England Journal.

We honor Mary, but we worship God.

PEACE TO LABOR.

COUNSEL OF CARDINAL GIBBONS. New York World Aug 24.

The following article, from the pen of His Eminence Cardinal Gibbons, is

worthy of careful perusal:
"I deeply deplore the present atti-tude of Labor and Capital. I have never questioned the right of workingmen to organize. Indeed, I am a firm believer in the efficacy of organization, especially when it is applied to working men and women. It is the one method by means of which wage earners may better their condition and enforce their rights.
"But such organization should be

brought about and maintained by peaceful methods and without force to individuals. To attempt to coerce men and women to join the unions by de-claring that those who do not join them shall not be employed in the same work with those who do belong is to take a step which, in my opinion, will ultimately result in disaster to the unions especially when accompanied by physical force, as is too often the case in recent labor disturbances.

"These acts of violence, whether committed by members of the unions or by those who sympathize with them, can have but one effect—the alienation of many who are now consistent friends workingmen and believers in their right to organize for their own

protection. "My attitude in this respect has always been clearly defined. I believe not only in the right of workingmen to organize, but I believe it to be their duty to do so. Membership in such organizations should, however, be pure y voluntary. Anything resembling coercion in that connection should not for a moment be tolerated, whether that coercion be moral or physical. "I do not wish to be understood as

accusing the leaders or members of labor organizations of actual partici-pation or even of inciting the many acts of lawlessness or violence which have recently occurred in various parts of the country, and which seem to be increasing in frequency and malig-nancy. In fact everything indicates that it is rather the work of those who sympathize with the men who are engaged in the struggle, and to this extent at least it may be said to create a prejudice against labor organizations

justified by the facts. "It may also be said that the course of the leaders of the unions in deny-ing to non-union workmen the right to ever and wherever the non-unionist fit, is to no little extent responsibl but carrying to its logical conclusion the indefensible position of the organi-zation and labor leaders in that re-

To demand the dismissal of nonunion men for no other reason than that they are non-unionists is, in my opinion, but a modified form of coercion, which naturally begets actual violence in the struggle that frequently follows the refusal upon the part of nployers to comply with such de-

"As an earnest friend of the laboring man I can but wish that he and his leaders shall adopt less coercive measures. Let them gain their end by peaceable rather than by forcible means, by persuasion rather than threats, by arbitration rather than by strikes and lock-outs. Labor is strong enough to be just, and unless I am much mistaken union workingmen will ultimately find it to their advantage to increase the membership in their organization by voluntary enlist-ments brought about by the education of their fellow-laborers to an appreciation of the manifold advantages result-ing from union of interests rationally and lawfully applied."

upon them as warning examples. Of the dead there should be said nothing

Next to providing the child with the necessaries of life, such as food and clothing, the most necessary thing to give him is a religious education. This is a most sacred obligation on the part of parents toward their children. The child is God's, and has been made for heaven, and religion is the link that

will bind him to his Creator during the days of his earthly pilgrimage. Education must be twofold in its character—religious and secular if it be worthy of the name. The heart must be developed and trained as well as the head to make education complete.
The child must be taught to know, love and serve God, as well as to know the beings of this world and the things that are in it.

So the Church has her colleges and academies everywhere to impart this perfect education, and for the great masses of her people she has the parochial schools. To provide religious men and women for the religious training of the young the Church is unceas-ing in her efforts, through her bishops and priests, to foster vocations and to encourage the bright of mind and pure of heart and generous of soul to take up the work and to go forth and labor in union with our Lerd, Who will be teaching through them, Who said, "learn of Me," and commanded that the little ones be allowed to come around Him, saying: "Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." encourage the bright of mind and pure

The school is the nursery of knowledgel and childhood is the seed-time of life. "Train a child in the way he should go," says Holy Writ "and in his old age he will not depart therefrom." How important, then, that the school be Christian, and that the life of Christ be held up as the model life which the child is to be encouraged to copy his own, and how necessary that His divine words be the first seeds that will be sown and cultivated in the

youthful heart. Nearly everything for a pupil's suc-cess depends upon the teacher's knowl-edge and ability to impart it; for, with

to secular instruction, still more is it true with regard to religious instruc-tion, for the bond is closer between teacher and pupil and the influence stronger and greater. There is a kind of heart to heart understanding. The innocent child sees in the teacher an exemplification of all that is beautiful and noble in character, and its impressionable soul easily and unconsciously takes on the same and it is one of the sweetest memories of its after life the days spent under such holy influence. The truly Christian teacher in our Christian schools is indeed a powerful factor in the perfect training and forming of the child, and many a prayer will be said for the teachers in after years

by their grateful pupils.

How important it is that Catholic children be sent to Catholic schools, where everything is done to give them an unsurpassed secular training while the religious education is so faithfully watched over! How unjust and how unwise for parents to deprive their children of that greatest of blessings a religious education! The foundation of temporal as well as eternal success for the Catholic boy or girl is a Catho lic education. They will be only half educated in any other school—and a Catholic to be a Catholic cannot do anything by halves. They must be fully equipped if they would conquer in the battle of life and take a leading and successful part in the struggle for existence. Those Catholics who have succeeded in life and are the glory of their Church in the high positions they have attained in the professional, literary and business world are, almost exception, the products of

Catholic education. Let Catholics, then, be a unit on the necessity and advantages of Catholic schools. Let them use no other and do all they can to maintain them and bring them to the highest excellerce, and the result will be not only the betterment and advancement of Catholics themselves, but likewise the improvement and betterment of the whole world, for though the drop of yeast be little, to borrow the Scripture simile, it will be in be the providence of God the leaven that will leaven the that the end justified the means, that it is lawful to lie to heretice, that terment and advancement of Catholics of God the leaven that will leaven the whole mass.—Bishop Colton in Catholic Union and Times.

THE VICTORY WHICH GOD IS PREPARING FOR HIS CHURCH."

Six thousand of the faithful from various parishes in Rome were admitted the other day to an audience, and addressing them His Holiness said: "We are in times of tribulation for the Church of God. Many on every side and by every means make cruel war on us. The wicked are numerous, but none of us is quite free from fault. We should then recognize our failings and should then recognize our failings and bear the cross which the Lord has laid the kind employed by those who hold worldly power. Yet though they are full of meekness, St. Paul himself could not display greater confidence in the issue of a struggle for the faith. God, His Holiness firmly declares, is preparing a victory for the Church. He is not then in the least degree dismayed by the anti-Christian policy of M. Combes.—London Catholic Times.

CARDINAL VANUTELLI'S LOVE AND THE FOR CHILDREN

His Eminence took the people's hearts testimony of men, the testimony of God torm during his ni teen days so-

journ among them. Says the correspondent of the Dublin Freeman:

He gave further proof of this beautiful characteristic in his nature at Headford Junction, when the train stopped there while he was on his way to Kilthere while he was on his way to Killarney. The people gathered at the railway carriage window to see the Cardinal, and, when he appeared, to kiss his ring, among them a little girl of five or six years, apparently alone. She raised up her arms towards the Cardinal, but as she was so small her hands could not reach his ring. The Cardinal at once beckoned to one of the men present to lift up the little one in his arms, and when this was done he gave the child his hand and ring to kiss and patted her affectionately on the head and blessed her. This is only one of the many instances which he give during his tour of his consideraand especially towards the

young and the poor.

Another instance of that kindly consideration for the gentle and the weak he gave when he had just left the pulpit in the Thurles Cathedral. After giv ing the Pontifical blessing a young girl was struggling with all her strength to get through the crowd around the pul it in order to kiss the Cardinal's ring. He saw her, turned back, and forcing himself through that crush of stalwart Tipperary young men, almost as tall as his own six feet two inches, he thrust out his arms over their heads and gave the young girl his hand so that she might kiss his ring. Everywhere he seemed quite at home with the people.

A Little Heroine.

Miriam Cline, a little girl of eleven years, saved six families from a terrible death in a burning apartment house in the West End, Boston, last Sunday, by running through the building and giv-ing the alarm. She was found by thre-

ing the alarm. She was found by I man Joseph Woods on the top hoos the building overcome by the smoke and almost unconscious. But little Miriam comes of a race famous for its heroic women ever since the brave and cess depends upon the teacher's knowledge and ability to impart it; for, with ordinary application, a child must learn and advance under such an instructor. As this is true with regard

QUESTION BOX ANSWERS

By Rev. Bertrand L. Conway.

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"Is not your doctrine of infallibility opposed to liberty of thought?

"Is not a Catholic hampered in his search after truth by his blind, degrading obedience to the claims of an infallible Church?"

The doctrine of Infallibility is opposed to the Church of the Church of the Church?

posed to the false liberty of thinking error, but not to the true liberty of thinking the truth. This objection is based on the false notion that unre-stricted liberty of thought is a good thing, and that every man has a right to think just as he pleases. The Catholic Church maintains, however, that no one has a right to believe what is false any more than he has a right to do what is evil. Christ plainly tells us that error and sin imply not the liberty but the slavery of the intellect and will. "You shall know the truth shall make you free and the truth shall make you free "Whosoever commit "You shall know the truth, (John viii. 32): "Whosoever committeth sin, is the servant of sin," (ibid. 34). Universal liberty of thought is im-

possible, for every principle and fact of reason or revelation that we acquire must necessarily restrict our liberty of thinking the opposite. Once we clearly grasp any truth we are bound by the law of our reason to accept it. No intelligent man to-day would consider himself free to deny the fact of wire-less telegraphy, the existence of bacteria, or X rays, the phenomena of hypnotism, or the earth's movement around the sun. No man of sense, even if he had never travelled beyond his own little village, would question the testimony of others regarding the existence of London, Pekin or Calcutta. Speculation is useless, and opinions are absurd, when we are face to face with undoubted facts. A man full of prejudice, ignorance, and error may think himself free to believe many calumnies against the Catholic Church. He may and worship their images, sen indus-ences, pay money for confession, and the like. He may believe that they teach that the end justified the means, that it is lawful to lie to heretics; that the Pope can do no wrong. But surely he is not to be congratulated for this Such liberty of thought is not a ble ing, but a curse, to be done away with as soon as possible by a knowledge of

the truth. We can readily see how non-Catho-THE HOLY FATHER REPLIES TO THE ATTACKS OF PERSECUTORS OF THE CHURCH IN LANGUAGE BREATHING AN APOSTOLIC SPIRIT.

We can readily see how the cather its, whose religion disclaims infallibility and rests on the shifting sands of private judgment, should quarrel with any certain teaching in religion.

The Catholic, however, believing in a Church authority which, like Christ, is divine and Infallible, speaking in upon us with that resignation of which He has given an example. Let us pray and humble ourselves in the sight pray and numble ourselves in the sight of God: this will be our strength in the victory which God is preparing for the Church." The Holy Father, it will be observed, uses no words of proud disdain. The terms are not of the kind employed by those who held ly welcomes the revelation of God she cular confession, transubstantiation, the Trinity, eternal punishment, than mathematicion would the fact that two sides of a triangle are greater than the

The submission of the Catholic to the Church is not "a blind, degrading obedience" to a mere human authority, but the assent of faith to a divine auth ority, which he can prove proclaims to the world all the teachings of the Saviour. He knows by reason that God hath spoken; he believes by faith all that God has said, because He is the Infinite Truth. "If we receive the testimenry of the testimenry of God.

The Catholic is not hampered in his search for truth, any more than the scientist is hampered by any ascertained principle or fact of science. tained principle or fact of science. Indeed, the certainty of revealed truth gives him a greater confidence and freedom in the pursuit of new truths. Many things are left open to speculation, outside the domain of defined dogma. With an infallible guide, he calmly views the progress of science, carefully distinguishing opinion from principle, hypothesis from fact, and does not change his doctrines to meet the shifting views of unproven scien-

Infallibility, therefore, is the correct ive of ignorance and error, and the foe to uncertainty about the dogmas revealed by God. As Cardinal Newman wrote: "It is a supply for a need, and it does not go beyond the need. Its and it does not go beyond the need. Its object is, and its effect also, not to enfeeble the freedom or vigor of human thought, but to resist and control its extravagance" ("Apologia," p. 253.) And the Protestant writer Mallock: "It (the doctrine of infallibility) is not fetter only it is a support also; and

fetter only; it is a support also; and lose who cling to it can venture fear essly, as explorers, into currents of peculation that would sweep away al-ogether men who did but trust to their wn powers of swimming" "Is Life n powers of swimming" "Is Life orth Living?" (Ch. xii. p. 310.) "Is not your Church a spiritual

spotism in which men must surrender neir private judgment in religion to the like themselves?"

If the Church were a mere human authority that undertook to give its own views of Christ's teachings, like Luther, Calvin, Wesley, Fox, Socinus, Mrs. Eddy, Dowie, a rational thinker might indeed call it a spiritual despotism when it attempted in the slightest degree to command in matters of faith

But the Catholic Church is a divine teacher, commissioned by the Almighty on of God to teach all nations till the Son of God to teach all nations till the end of time in His name and with His authority, and guaranteed as "the pillar and ground of the truth" by His abiding presence and the Hely Spirit's (Matt. xxviii. 18 20; Mark xvi. 15, 16; John xiv. 16; xvi, 13; Luke x. 16; I. Tim. iii. 15. etc.) There can, therefore, he appearance of any intellectual fore, be no question of any intellectual

or moral slavery for a man to submit to her authority, which is God's. 'He that heareth you heareth me.' (Luke

is not the Church that estabspiritual matters to a human authority, whether our own or that of others—for our own is as human as another's-and Protestants themselves acknowledge this when they call out for the pure word of God. The Church teaches by divine authority; in submitting to her we sub-mit to God, and are freed from all human authority. She teaches infal-libly; therefore, in believing what she teaches, we believe the truth, which frees us from falsehood and error, to frees us from falsehood and error, to which all men without an infallible guide are subject, and submission to which is the elemental principle of all spiritual despotism. Her authority admitted excludes all other authority, and therefore frees us from heresiarchs and sects, the very embodiment of spiritual depotism in its most odious form" (O. A. Brownson's works, vol. x.

Indeed, what is the fundamental eason to-day of the downward trend of Protestants towards infidelity? Is it not the fact that intelligent men are beginning more and more to realize t slavery of being subject to a sect's human and fallible version of Chris-tianity? How many Protestants to day, frantly? How many processants to day, for example, hold to the original doctrine of Luther or of Calvin? Very many even deny the essential dogmas Christ taught, viz.: the Trinity, the Divinity of Christ, eternal punishment, and the like. A pretty conclusive argument this that either there is in the world to day a teacher divine infal. world to-day a teacher divine, infal-lible, and authoritative even as Christ, namely the Catholic Church, or no man living can be certain that he possesses the complete Gospel that the Saviour

FEW DON'TS FOR CHURCH-GOERS.

Don't talk in church—it shows a lack faith and very bad breeding.

Don't chew gum in church—it's an adication of "ragger" habits and

it makes you look very cheap and un-generous, whether you feel so or not.

Don't make only a half genuflection.

If it is not worth while bending our knees to the floor in adoration to our Lord, it is hard to understand what orings us to Mass.

Don't come up to the altar rail after

everybody has received Communion and the priest has returned to the ultar. Such actions disclose a carelessless that cannot be explained.

Don't stay in the back seats when you can get one near the altar. When ou go to see your neighbors you don't tand or sit at the door—you go in the est room. Why can't you treat our best room. Why can't you treat our Lord with the same courtesy? Don't say it's too hot to go to church during the summer months. It's not too

hot for anything else, why should it be Mr. Devlin Complimented and Our Sotricty Commended.

Canadian Associated Press Despatch. London, Aug. 23 .- A recent issue of the Connaught Champion says: "Galway should be proud of Mr. C. Devlin, M. P., who leaves no stone unturned to push forward ithe interest of his con

stituency."
The President of the Midland Temperance League in a letter to the Bir-mingham Daily Post says: "The expenditure on alcohol per head in the whole of Canada is exactly 25 per cent. of what is spent in England. It wants imagination to picture the but little condition of things in the home country if the people here lived as thriftily and intelligently as the Canadians. Toronto Globe, August 24.

The Curse of Secret S cieties.

Secret societies brought about the seizure of the Papal States; secret seizure of the Papar States; secret societies caused the fall of Napoleon III. In Ecuador they assassinated Garcia Moreno; by their machinations they drove Dom Pedro from Brazil after he had freed its millions of slaves. Yesterday in Guatemala they staves. Testerday in Guatemaia they caused the pagan gods of Greece to be worshiped by public school pupils; to day in France they are driving out the religious orders. Wherever they exist around the earth they are either ridiculous or dangerous and ought to be abolished by law. The principle upon which they are based is unchristian, since they endeavor to procure by hook or crook privileges for the initiated of which all other people must stand deprived. - New World.

CATHOLIC KNIGHTS AND SECRET SOCIETIES.

At the convention of the Catholic Knights of Wisconsin, held at Madilished spiritual despotism; it is she who saves us from it. Spiritual despotism is that which subjects us, in assumed such importance that Arch-bishop Messmer spent a day before the convention adjusting the matter. the only redemption from it is having in spiritual matters a divine authority. Protestants themselves acknowledge of four societies are now before the court of Rome, undergoing examina-tion and awaiting judgment. In his address he laid down the general rules as follows: 1. The Odd Fellows, Good Templars, Knights of Pythias, the Sons of Temperance, whose rituals and practices have been examined, are explicitly condemned. 2. All societies that require ap oath or promise upon a State tribunal, or divulge anything to ecclesiastical authority, are implicitly condemned. 3. Any organization whose ritual inculcates doctrines or requires devotions that are not Catholic are implicitly condemned.

Even after a society has been con-demned a dispensation may be granted by the Apostolic Delegate to insurance members who innocently joined it be-fore it was explicitly condemned, and cannot leave the same without great financial loss, upon condition that he shall not attend the meetings, but may continue to pay his dues so as to keep

his insurance good.

The constitution of the Catholic Knights of Wisconsin was amended so that hereafter no member can belong to any secret society either explicitly or implicitly condemned by the Church.

Dean McNulty's Strenuous Methods The Very Rev. Dean McNulty of Paterson, N. J., continues his strenuous war upon saloon keepers who transgress the law. On a recent Sunday morning he made an unexpected and, presumably, unwelcome visit to the saloon of Alderman Daly on Grand street. The priest knew that if he attempted to enter the place by the same door as the patrons he would be debarred, so he went upstairs and, meeting a member of the household, asked and received permission to go down a rear flight of stairs and into the rear yard. In this way he got into the saloon. When the priest walked into the bar-room there drinking, but they soon scattered. No doubt the Dean by this time lodged a complaint against the proprietor of the place. The aged priest also tried to get into several other saloons, but in each case the watcher succeeded in

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