

THE INTERNATIONAL TRUTH SOCIETY.



THE Rev. Dr. William F. McGinnis, one of the best known of the young priests of the Brooklyn Diocese is the President and founder of this society which now enters on its second year, with most cheering assurance of success. The report that was published in June shows every sign of a great, good and glorious enterprise, whose principal object is the dissemination of Catholic teaching and ideas by means of laymen and through library channels. It will be the chief work of this society to watch the secular press, etc., as to the circulation of anti-Catholic attacks; to answer these attacks systematically and to defend the cause of the Church on all occasions when its honor is impeached or its interests assailed. Inevitably this will involve a great deal of hard work and require considerable ability on the part of its members. The originality of the aims of the society and the vast and interesting field of its proposed labors must appeal with more than ordinary interest to all Catholics.

The first Report shows that much has been most satisfactorily done already, several of the great papers in the United States and some in Canada have been called to an account for some publications that no true and educated Catholic should tolerate. The manner in which these rectifications and re-statements have been made, has been so calm and dignified and clever that the best of relations can be vouched for between the defenders of the faith and the editorial body. The society purposes to use the public press as the chief means by which it can reach the public. It has gone to considerable expense to secure reliable foreign correspondence. Some of the assertions now in circulation as to the indiscretion (!) of our missionaries in China, for instance, have compelled the Rev. President to leave nothing undone in order to get the true story of the propagation of the faith in that region of the world. In due time the society may make known what has been achieved in the way of securing and maintaining the rights of the Catholics in the lands newly acquired by the United States.