

"If every diocese in the country had a Rev. Dr. Heiter, willing and capable of going out and meeting the Socialist leaders, the cult would purchase its tombstone within a year. Meeting the issue fairly and squarely, and ramming its advocates against the wall in 'the sight of their dupes, are all too little accustomed to. Between Bishop Quigley and Dr. Heiter, Social Democracy has a mighty black eye in Buffalo. A lot of those fellows imagine that they cannot be met and overwhelmed in fair fight by the Church. A few hereabout now know a great deal better."

TWO DEVOTIONS.

The month of May excites the longing for the fields, the woods, the seaside—for home and vacation. But it starts or rather increases the current of prayerful humanity that ebbs and flows incessantly about the places of Catholic worship. The annals of Christianity evince that at no time, even the most troublous, were faith and devotion lacking; and while never presenting the one unvarying aspect, appeared with successive generations now in one form, now in another. St. Philip Neri is mainly responsible for the popularizing of the world-wide devotion of the month of May. He perceived the danger of the Renaissance there was from the revival of the effete Pagan love for material and esthetic beauty, and, that in the time of his own Italian spring, when earth bloomed forth in her richest attire, people were apt, in the attractions of their surroundings, to lose sight of the grandeurs of the Creator. This peril, particularly grave for the southern youth, St. Philip counteracted and at the same time satisfied the yearning for higher things by proposing the devotion of the month of May. Not only did the population of Florence take to it as to their element, but the practice quickly spread to colder climes, and to-day flourishes among Catholics in all parts of the globe. Students of a Catholic university see nothing derogatory in devotion for her whom they are accustomed to regard as the most blessed Mother of God, and to invoke frequently under the title "Seat of Wisdom."

With this veneration (not worship in the Protestant sense) of the Virgin Mother, is very appropriately associated during the first days of May, devotion to God the Holy Ghost. His Holiness