

The supernatural is the object of the queen of sciences, theology. We affirm the truth of Christianity; rationalists deny it. We are a fact. A gigantic fact. What are they? They are a negation, and any number of negatives will fail to rise to the dignity of a positive truth.

Death of Hon. T. Davie.

Chief Justice of B. C. Succumbs to Heart Disease.

A Prominent Figure in the History of His Adopted Province—Brief Life Sketch.

Victoria, March 7.—Hon. Theodore Davie, chief justice of British Columbia, who died this morning, has been ill for some time, but this morning was very much better, and when visited by his brother was in the best of spirits and arranged to go driving.

Theo. Davie was born in England in March, 1852, and came to Victoria with his father fifteen years later. He studied law with the late Mr. Bishop, but when the Cassiar excitement broke out in 1874 he forsook the practice of law, to which he had just been admitted, and tried his luck in the gold fields.

Theo. Davie was the boldest and most enterprising of the public men of British Columbia. Much of the railway development in Kootenay, particularly, was due to the assistance which, with great temerity, he induced a timid legislature to grant to enterprises, the wisdom of which has since been abundantly proved, and it was he who, in the face of a rapidly rising maintained movement, anchored the capital at his island city, Victoria, by putting through an act authorizing the construction of the just completed million dollar parliament buildings.

Confession in the Church of England.

The Church of England has been in evidence over three hundred years, and yet it is still in doubt whether its ministers possess the power of absolution, whether the practice of private confession to a "priest" is or is not permitted by the Book of Common Prayer, and whether the general confession at Matins and Evensong is sufficient.

now an infallible guide for Anglicans in the person of the editor of the "Church Times," and he has just given all whom it may concern the benefit of his opinion on this burning question. He takes what he would himself describe as a "Catholic" view of the matter. First he sets forth all the objections usually raised by the Protestant party against what even he does not venture to call one of the seven Sacraments—knowing as he does that the Church of England has always protested against five of the Sacraments of the Catholic Church—and he then proceeds to remove all these objections entirely to his own satisfaction, concluding with some excellent remarks on the salutary benefits to be derived from confession. But although the "Church Times" has spoken, the cause is not finished. So long as the Anglican Church exists, differences of opinion on vital matters of faith and practice will continue to exist among her members.—CATHOLIC TIMES.

OBITUARY.

Mr. Nazaire Germain.

After a long and painful illness borne with truly christian fortitude, Mr. Nazaire Germain, who had been living with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Fournier, breathed his last on Thursday afternoon, the 10th inst. Rev. Fr. Messier, Parish Priest of St. Boniface, and Rev. Father Lebel, S. J., consoled him in his last moments and shared the sorrow of his bereaved family.

Mr. N. Germain had built up a fine hardware business in Ottawa, when twenty years ago he determined to come to Winnipeg, where he continued the same line of trade for two or three years and then crossed the river to St. Boniface, managing a grocery store, which he gave up only when declining health forced him to retire.

It will be remembered that nearly three years ago he celebrated his golden wedding. He was then hale and hearty and welcomed with right royal hospitality the host of friends who came to congratulate him on his 50 years of wedlock. Though a man of quiet and unassuming manner, he showed unbounded liberality to the unfortunate and great generosity to charitable institutions.

Some two years ago he began to feel the inroads of age. With characteristic cheerfulness he used the joke about his now stiffened limbs, and when, about six months ago, he was confined to his bed, suffering acute pain, he still jested good-humoredly about his ailments.

Had his constitution not been of the strongest, he would long ago have succumbed to the fatal malady that he fought so bravely. His friends feared that the end would have come several months before; but his quiet courage and joyous resignation lengthened out the period of his meritorious sufferings. His demeanor during all this long-drawn agony has been a most precious example to all who witnessed it. Over and over again he has received the sacraments of the Church, and his prayer was almost continual.

At the time of his death he was seventy-five years and two months old. He leaves behind him Mrs. Germain, the lifelong companion of his successes and trials; four sons and three daughters: Mr. George Germain, of the Provincial Secretary's office, Mr. Cleophas Germain, of St. Boniface, Mr. Napoleon Germain, of Montreal, Mr. Alphonse Germain, of Boston; Mrs. Paradis and Mrs. Fournier of St. Boniface and Mrs. Richer of St. Anne de Chenes, Man.

What makes the loss of this venerable patriarch more painful to his family is the recent demise of his son Edmond, who lately died in St. Paul after receiving the last sacraments from the hands of Rev. Father Coutlee. The recent death o

Mrs. George Germain's father, Mr. Poulin, of Montreal, also adds to the atmosphere of mourning in this bereaved family.

The funeral of Mr. Nazaire Germain took place at St. Boniface yesterday morning. The Requiem Mass in the Cathedral was celebrated by Rev. Father Messier, assisted by Rev. Fathers Gravel and Bellevue as deacon and subdeacon in presence of a very large concourse of friends from Winnipeg and St. Boniface. In the sanctuary we noticed Rev. Fathers Dandrand, O.M.I., Beandin, O.M.I., Guillet, O.M.I., Cherrier, P.P., and Lebel, S.J. The choir was large and effective. Especially good were the Dies Irae of Mr. Pambrun, the Miserere mei of Mr. Leclerc and the Pie Jesu of Mr. Ernest Leveque. The pall-bearers were Judges Dubuc, Prud'homme and Prendergast, Mr. Chenier, Mr. Genest and Mr. Fr. Jean.

Don'ts for Mothers.

- Don't nag.
Don't be too severe.
Don't break your promises.
Don't neglect your husband for the baby.
Don't spoil the children by overindulgence.
Don't talk about the children in their hearing.
Don't forget that you were once a child yourself.
Don't forget that your friends can hardly be expected to share your own absorbing interest in your infants.
Don't claim that the children inherited all their bad qualities from their father and all their good qualities from you.
Don't repeat your orders to the children over and over again with increasing impatience, instead of giving them out once firmly and then seeing to it that they are fulfilled.
Don't claim that every child should be entitled to a happy childhood, and that in later life you may not have the power or privilege of making it happy or guiding it from unhappiness.

The very Rev. Father Leduc, O. M. I., V. G., writes from Edmonton that he hopes to be here at the end of this week with Rev. Father Husson of the Mackenzie vicariate. Father Leduc says that every day Klondikers are starting in crowds for the Yukon. More than a thousand horses and 500 dog teams are strung out over a distance of 150 miles north of Edmonton. Most of these miners have no idea of their route nor of the numberless hardships that will befall them. They are stark mad with the auri sacra fames. But, in the designs of Providence, says the veteran missionary, they are opening the way for the heralds of the Gospel.

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