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Pointed Observations on the Recent Priestly Pronouncement.

From the Catholic Telegraph.

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The Freeman's Journal is responsible for the following very amusing story.

"Considerable merriment has been excited in Irish circles in London by an amusing story of the futile efforts of an agent provocateur to inveigle a number of prominent London Irishmen into a conspiracy for the establishment of a new insurrectionary movement in Ireland in sympathy with the Boer cause.

CZOLGOSZ DIED UNREPENTANT

Boston Pilot.

Leon Czolgosz, the assassin of President McKinley, suffered death by electrocution as the penalty of his crime, on the morning of Tuesday, Oct. 23.

Be it remembered, to the honor of these good priests, that to acknowledge Czolgosz as a brother, it took courage on their part, like unto that with which Father Damien cast his lot among the lepers.

Father Pudzinski declared that Czolgosz was deficient in intelligence and feeling, scarcely able to realize the enormity of his crime or the significance of its penalty.

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All honor to the Rev. Mr. Courtenay of Chilliwack, B. C., who, rising above hereditary prejudice...

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A Jewess a Convert.

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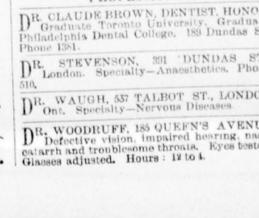
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CLXIV.

I think it is safe to say that the great jealousy which unquestionably existed in the leaders of the Church in the twelfth century towards lay reading of the Bible, especially in the vernacular, was chiefly confirmed by the discovery that almost all the sects of Europe, although constant readers of the Bible, used it only to attack, not the Catholic Church only, but historical Christianity in every form.

The notion, then, that the churchmen of Innocent's time, and before and after, restricted Bible reading for fear the people would find out how far the Catholic system varied from the New Testament, is diametrically opposite to the truth. They saw that habitual Bible reading in the vernacular was used for other purposes than to attack Christianity in the name of Christianity.

The great distorting influence, in Protestant treatment of the Church legislation before and after Innocent III., has been the assumption that the Albigenses and their sister sects were an earlier sort of Protestants. Not only were they not any sort of Protestants, but they were really not any sort of Christians whatever.

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The Root of all Sin.

There is a place in the Atlantic Ocean which sailors call the "Devil's Hole." Contrary currents hurl their torrents upon each other there, causing such commotion in the waters that navigation is always difficult. If you ever passed over it when the weather was good, you wondered why the sea was so rough and the ship rocked so much.

In the voyage of life, my dear brethren, there is a "Devil's Hole" in our track. It is the abyss of pride. Like the whirlpool, it is very much hidden; the appearances are all fair, and this makes the danger all the greater. You are, when swayed by pride, unconscious of the condition of your soul. You feel disturbed and blinded as to its cause. Envy and hatred rise up in your heart, but you do not see their hideousness because, forsooth, your self-conceit or self-will has been offended by those who are wiser and better than you, and this galls you.

Secondly, St. Bernard asks again: "What am I now? I am one subject to a thousand ills. My soul inhabits a tenement of clay which may be dissolved in a moment. I am surrounded by temptations on every side. I am in danger of losing God's grace at any time. What reason have I for trusting in myself? What cause for self-exaltation? There is, instead, reason for constant fear and trembling. I am such a weak vessel that only Divine Omnipotence can prevent me from sailing to my destruction."

But we have, besides these reflections on our own misery, the example of our Divine Saviour to teach us humility. He came down upon the earth to cure men of pride. The world was filled with it. Greatness, men had come to believe, was in the palace of the Caesars, but the stable of Bethlehem proves the contrary. The form of a servant was what the God-Man took—not that of indignity, and with the most humiliating of all the punishments which the world could inflict—crucifixion—He suffered death to remove that curse of pride.

The saints have made it the chief object of their lives to imitate and share in the humiliations of Jesus Christ. St. John, who understood better than the other Apostles the divinity of Jesus, witnessed with sorrow, faith, and love His humiliating death. There is a tradition that St. Peter once started to leave Rome, but not far from the city's gate he met Our Lord going towards the city. The Apostle asked the Lord why He was going. "I am going to Rome to be crucified again," said Jesus. St. Peter cried out, "No, you shall not," and went back to die himself for his Master. To-day in Rome one sees a sanctuary which has been erected to mark the place of this apparition, and you have only to look from this spot to the dome of St. Peter's church to understand the fruit of the humility of the Prince of the Apostles. The lives of all the faithful in the Church point to this virtue as a straight way to heaven.

INFIDELITY AND SUICIDE.

If one may judge of the progress of infidelity from the terrible increase of the crime of suicide, unbelief is making sad havoc of the souls of many. The days have gone when the controversies between those inside the Church and those outside were confined to matters of detail, and proceeded upon the common acceptance of certain general principles which were called "Christianity," as distinguished from "Catholicism" on one hand, and "Protestantism" on the other.

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He had his father's dinner in a basket. He took a seat in a field along side the track, where a passing engine puffed a lot of cinders into his eyes, causing him to rub them vigorously.

Boom, boom—rattle, rattle—ding, ding—choo, choo—Oh! they had a noisy time, the cars and the locomotives, dashing about, whistling and ringing. Trains were coming and going at a great rate.

From that station down to the next, at Rowe's Factory, it was a down grade all the way. Start a car at the station above, and it would jog along itself, going more and more rapidly, till it reached Rowe's Factory, where the grade changed.

Johnny was startled when he looked up and saw that the car was in motion, and a good deal frightened when, seeing nothing before or behind the car, he knew it was loose, and cruelly running away with him in the dark!

Just then he caught the flash of a sharp red light away down the track! He knew enough about the trains to understand what it all meant.

"What could he do—dash into the arms of his mother about a little boy's weakness and God's strength. He dropped on his knees there in the aisle of the car, and asked God to help a little boy in a run-away car.

He opened his eyes, and saw away down the track the sharp fire light. One light made him think of another. There was his father's red! Why couldn't he wave it at the car—wouldn't the engine stop?

He snatched the light, ran to the end of the car, and there he stood on the platform, waving the lantern.

"What is that?" said William Marston, looking from the cab window of the locomotive that was thundering along, bringing out the engine to Jones.

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"What is the matter?" said the passengers, and a lot of black heads were bobbing out of the car-windows, like turtles coming to the top of the water.

"Danger!" called one to another, as they saw the light ahead waving. The express came to a stop, and then commenced to back, back, going faster, faster, trying to get out of the way of Johnny's car, and every thing being pitched down the steep bank.

So much for adding God's strength to a little fellow's weakness!

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN.

The life of man cannot be without having some end in view, and it is towards this end that we must direct our actions, all our words; otherwise we would be like vessels without ballast, and Reason not being seated at the helm of our soul, we should do nothing but wander here and there at hazard all through life.—St. Basil.

Strictness and Accuracy Essential to Success.

Habits of exactness in any phase of business life are a safeguard to character. In considerable degree the character is exhibited in any of his spheres of thought or action. He cannot, therefore, indulge in laxity in any one of his activities of head or hand, without incurring the risk of growing less successfully in other things.

Determine to Win.

Hope is the motive power of all human endeavor, the source of all human improvement, the kernel of all human delight. Perhaps a thoroughly happy and satisfactory life may be described as one which has received no severe shock to the realization of its hopes and plans, and in which the expectations of life have been fairly well realized.

Is There Iron in Your Blood?

Great achievers, men who bring things to pass, obstacles or no obstacles, have an abundance of iron in their blood. Some of the best people we ever knew—good companions, splendid friends, and extremely agreeable—have never accomplished anything worthy of their ability, simply because they had no steel in their veins.

People whose blood is full of positive force are the leaders, the aggressive men who get to the front. They do not lag and loiter behind, waiting to be attacked. They take the initiative; they push ahead, regardless of obstacles.

One of the first things to do, in starting out for success, is to show the world that you are not made of putty, or straw, but that you have some stability in your back. You should make a reputation as early as possible for doing things. Let your friends know that whatever you put your hands to will be accomplished, no matter what may stand in the way.

The moment you establish the reputation of a man of stamina, of firm, prompt decision, of one who does not waver, vacillate, or wobble,—the world will make way for you. But the moment you show a disposition to be pushed to allow yourself to be pushed to one side, and people see that there is no iron in you, but that you are made of soft metal, they will trample upon you, and crowd you to the wall.

It is the determined man, the one whose decision is prompt and final, who succeeds, but also wins the respect and confidence of the community in which he lives. People believe in him, because he is a man of force. They know that he will not dilly-dally or tarry his back upon the enemy, but that he can be depended upon to stand firm and push toward his goal.

There is no quality which gains more admiration and respect than that which enables a man to form a definite purpose, and then to concentrate all his energy in executing it.—Success.

Neatness.

Among the minor good qualities which a young man, aiming at perfection and success, should cultivate is neatness. The value of neatness is not always fully appreciated, especially by the young and inexperienced. Neatness is not a quality, but a manifestation of certain desirable qualities recommended to one who is neat to the favorable consideration of other people.

The neat man, generally speaking, a well-balanced and orderly mind; he does things methodically; he is accurate things methodically; he is accurate things methodically; he is accurate things methodically.

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IS THIS CHRISTIAN?

Insults Offered the Church in the City Where Martyr's Blood.

The Rome correspondent of the London Tablet brings a startling charge against the American missionaries now "doing business" at the Eternal City.

Do the people here at home, who pay for their maintenance, believe actions of the sort mentioned are Christian? Do they believe desirable converts can be won thereby? Says the correspondent:

For one class of persons the anniversary of the Fall of Rome is always an unqualified success. The Methodists of the Eternal City are a numerous band, but they make considerable noise than even a few frogs in a pond.

Every year on the great feast, they get on the roof of their church and rain down on the passers-by perfect showers of leaf-bills in the national colors of Italy, in which they insult the priests, monks, the Pope, and the Catholic Church.

Success is in the blood. There are men whom Fate can never keep down—they march jauntily forward, and take divine right the best of everything that can afford. But their success is not attained by the Samuel Sniles-Connec-tion policy.

A WORD TO PARENTS. This is the time of year when, in the long evenings, the children, either at home or in reading-rooms, are attracted more than ever to reading.

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THE LIQUOR HABIT.

Rev. J. A. McCallen's Lecture.

On the occasion of a lecture delivered before a large and appreciative audience in Windsor Hall, Montreal, in honor of the Father Mathew anniversary, Rev. J. A. McCallen, S. S., of St. Patrick's Church, Montreal, paid the following grand tribute to the value of Mr. Dixon's new discovery for the cure of alcohol and drug habits.

Referring to the inordinate use of alcohol and drugs, he said: "When such a grave malady is inflicted upon a man, there is no escape unless he is cured by a miracle of the value of the Dixon remedy as my own eyes have seen, and which the papers have spoken so much lately, and if I am to judge of the value of the Dixon remedy by the fact that it has effected under my own cure which I must come to the conclusion that I have longed for twenty years to see discovered has at last been found by that gentleman."

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