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Who is Responsible?
(The Catholic Review)

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Anyone who has carefully followed the reports of crime during the last year knows that there were very few murders and scarcely any of those with the most atrocious features, committed in the United States by Catholic Irishmen, and presuming on European statistics, just as few by Catholic Germans. Catholicism forms about a fifth of the population—yet anyone says they form a larger proportion than Catholics do not commit a thirtieth

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in this country is that while police-records are full of Catholic Irish names and while there are many professional criminals who are known by such names yet at the gallows they are rare. The reason is of course ready to any experienced policeman. A great many races of other races protect their family from disgrace by giving the police an Irish name instead of their own "Anglo Saxon" one. The country is full of professions

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reported in various quarters. They have been especially serious on the Isle of Jersey, at Holyhead, Birmingham, Colchester, Harwich and the Isle of Man. Many houses have overflowed their banks and flooded, causing much damage. The streets of Sheffield are inundated. A portion of the breakwater at St. Ives has been demolished and the iron bridge at Rhodes Bar has been blown down.

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Taking the figures given in the New York *World* of Dec. 23, the year 1888 was a remarkable year for crime in the United States. Murder especially raged out of all proportion to the increase of population. The year before there were 720 murders, but in 1883 the number passed 1,600—having about doubled in twelve months. Then there were more than 910 suicides. More than 92 persons were hanged by lynch-law—some of the victims of the mob undoubtedly innocent.

But a newspaper recently estimated that in the city of New York alone there are about 7,000 infanticides annually. What a state of affairs for a civilized, Christian country!

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It is not, therefore, carefully followed up, and the reports of crime during the last few years are not so numerous as in Germany. It is known that there were very few murders, and scarcely any of those with the most atrocious features, committed in the United States by Catholic Irishmen, and, as premising on European statistics, just as few by Catholic Germans. Catholicism is far fewer than a fifth of the population—

murderers of 1885. We must then consider the more important crimes of the present. The enormous number of the Catholics and poor working people, who have to live in the large cities, and in the most dangerous parts of those cities, where there are many incentives to crime.

Murder is a fearful crime, but there are other crimes, not violent ones, which do not attract so much attention yet are nearly as cruel in their consequences. Delinquency in its varieties—robbery, burglary, larceny, fraud, and forgery—has become so common as to seem a matter of course, providing it is successful and for a sufficiently large amount. A five hundred dollar embe-

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friends and retired for a time to a retreat that had been secured for him. About two months ago, McDermott's company with eight detectives, took passage on board the National Line steamer, *Albatross*, for New York. McDermott went to Cape Breton and thence to Quebec or Montreal, but the detectives remained in New York to watch suspicious characters. It was understood that McDermott had been in New York near the City Hall, in one of the large insurance buildings, and that in connection therewith a system of surveillance was being maintained in the most of the now extreme section of the International American Revolutionary party has

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