









are an honest effort to solve the difficulties which have hitherto kept the Christian Brothers from putting their schools under control of the Board.

In reference to the self-gratulation of the Christian Endeavorers, of which we made mention in last week's issue, because of Col. Ingersoll's supposed conversion to Christianity through the Endeavorers' prayers, the colonial has been interviewed by a press reporter in New York on his return to that city from his lecturing tour.

Another of those instances wherein thoughtless persons imagine that the Catholic Church violates the principle of the indissolubility of marriage occurred a few weeks ago in New York city, and we have been requested by a correspondent to explain the matter.

Frank G. Carpenter in last Sunday's Express quotes Dr. Talmage as saying: "I tell you there is more religion in our kitchens than in our parlors; and you will find as much true Christianity among the Catholic servants as among the Protestant mistresses."

Protestants all have a longing for that word "Catholic," which they repudiated with such scorn a few centuries ago, but which apparently they would now willingly assume again if they could.

CATHOLIC PRESS.

"If eight hundred Fenians landed at Queenstown on a filibustering raid, and fought a battle in which several of the Queen's troops were killed, what, asked a distinguished American naval officer last week, would be done with the raiders if they were made prisoners?"

"Is the tide turning?" asks the Literary Digest, and goes on to quote from various Protestant publications to the effect that there are "signs of a return of the world from doubt and agnosticism to religious faith."

world appears to trundle in a groove, and passes with the departing years through the phases of doubt, disbelief, indifference and scorn to a glimmer of the light of faith with the new century, and the practice of a piety that deepens in fervor with the new decades.

Speaking of the baleful effects of alcohol upon the system, the late Sir Andrew Clarke said: "I do not desire to make out a strong case. I am speaking solemnly and carefully in the presence of truth, and tell you that I am considerably within the mark when I say to you that, in the rounds of my hospital wards to-day, seven out of every ten owe their ill-health to alcohol."

But what are we to understand by this Christian Spirit which is the object of this month's general intention? We meet frequently in ascetic authors with the expressions the Christian Spirit, the Catholic Spirit, the Spirit of Faith and others similar.

They all relate to the dispositions with which the Holy Ghost endows faithful souls, where, by sanctifying grace, He has taken up His abode in the soul of the Christian. Unceasingly does He work therein to fashion it to the likeness of Jesus Christ; to make it free, desire and love whatever the Heart of Jesus desires, loves and feels.

The more pliant the soul is under the action of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, the more does the Christian Spirit develop and expand. If, on the contrary, the soul prefers to follow blindly the lead of carnal instincts and the lights of mere human wisdom, the influence of the Spirit of Jesus Christ will go on diminishing within it, and even before that divine Spirit has been driven forth by sin, the soul may be said to be gradually losing the Christian Spirit.

Secular education and crime if they have not the relation of cause and effect, at least show a remarkable parallelism. In France the increase of crime amongst juveniles since the establishment of secular education, has become strikingly noticeable.

The annual meeting of the New York branch of the Catholic Club, which is composed of clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church of America, was held in this city on January 9.

"Is the tide turning?" asks the Literary Digest, and goes on to quote from various Protestant publications to the effect that there are "signs of a return of the world from doubt and agnosticism to religious faith."

ments, their "Holy Communions" are bogus and neither they nor the misled penitents who confess their sins to them are apt to be benefited by their imitation of penance.

LEAGUE OF THE SACRED HEART.

General Intention for February. THE REVIVAL OF THE CHRISTIAN SPIRIT. Messenger of the Sacred Heart.

Of all the gifts that the infinite bounty of God can bestow on men, the one He prizes most and the most necessary for us, is undoubtedly the gift of His own spirit.

But even when the spirit of the world is vanquished and the flesh subdued, there yet remains the arch-enemy of mankind: "For our wrestling is not against flesh and blood; but against principalities and powers; against the rulers of the world of this darkness; against the spirits of wickedness in the high places."

Alas! Satan has succeeded but too well. The Christian spirit finds no place in modern codes of law, nor in the constitutions or the body politic of nations.

THE EDITOR.

The Pope a Careful Reviser. With the Head of a Healthy Journalist.

According to the rumors from Rome the Pope is now finishing a new Pontifical document addressed to the dissenting churches, and claiming the supreme authority of the Holy See from the time of St. Peter.

When the Pope is satisfied with this first study he turns the matter over to his "Secretary of the Latin Letters," whose function it is to translate the Pontifical documents into Latin.

When we give ourselves up to our passions we plant thorns round our heart. Vocal prayer is the chaff, while mental prayer is the grain.

never undergone the hardships of active service. But when, at confirmation, the sign of the cross has been traced upon his brow with holy chrism, he becomes a perfect Christian and a soldier of Jesus Christ.

The world is the enemy of the Christian, and the soldier of Christ lays claim to it as his country. His allegiance is with Christ, who has redeemed him. "If the world hate you; know that it hated me before you. If you had been of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you."

The Christian spirit is the antithesis of the spirit of the world, of the spirit of hell, and of the spirit of the flesh. The soldier of Christ, to deserve his noble title, must be, before all, animated with the Christian Spirit.

Alas! Satan has succeeded but too well. The Christian spirit finds no place in modern codes of law, nor in the constitutions or the body politic of nations.

THE EDITOR.

The Pope a Careful Reviser. With the Head of a Healthy Journalist.

According to the rumors from Rome the Pope is now finishing a new Pontifical document addressed to the dissenting churches, and claiming the supreme authority of the Holy See from the time of St. Peter.

When the Pope is satisfied with this first study he turns the matter over to his "Secretary of the Latin Letters," whose function it is to translate the Pontifical documents into Latin.

When we give ourselves up to our passions we plant thorns round our heart. Vocal prayer is the chaff, while mental prayer is the grain.

ness is the path to their true greatness, for Justice exalteth a nation; but sin maketh nations miserable.

Societies for the evangelizing of the heathen, charitable associations, a thoroughly Catholic press—such are a few of the grand works which have been called into existence or improved upon by Catholics of the nineteenth century; and all orders in the Church, Bishops, priests, religious, laymen, under the guidance of Pontiffs, such as Gregory XVI., Pius IX. and Leo XIII., have had a share in the bringing about of so much good.

O Jesus! through the most pure Heart of Mary, I offer Thee all the prayers, work and sufferings of this day, for all the intentions of Thy Divine Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, in reparation of all sins, and for all requests presented through the Apostleship of Prayer; in particular that the Christian Spirit may again hold sway over our families, and may once more permeate the laws of Christian nations. Amen.

THE EDITOR.

The Pope a Careful Reviser. With the Head of a Healthy Journalist.

According to the rumors from Rome the Pope is now finishing a new Pontifical document addressed to the dissenting churches, and claiming the supreme authority of the Holy See from the time of St. Peter.

When the Pope is satisfied with this first study he turns the matter over to his "Secretary of the Latin Letters," whose function it is to translate the Pontifical documents into Latin.

When he receives the first text of the encyclical, which is always in Italian, he stretches it out in long and elegant Latin periods. This done, the document is printed in the pre-established form of the Vatican.

When he receives the first text of the encyclical, which is always in Italian, he stretches it out in long and elegant Latin periods. This done, the document is printed in the pre-established form of the Vatican.

When we give ourselves up to our passions we plant thorns round our heart. Vocal prayer is the chaff, while mental prayer is the grain.

to his Holiness in its final form. At last the Pope has his encyclical in proper shape; but it frequently happens that Leo XIII. keeps it locked up for months before giving it publicity. He watches the current of public opinion, and waits for a favorable chance to bring out the carefully prepared document, because an encyclical presented at an unfavorable moment creates little or no impression.

It is certainly ill judged, says the Catholic Citizen of Milwaukee, to invite Protestants to visit Catholic services for the gratification of their mere idle curiosity. And it is doubtful whether the viewing of Catholic ceremonies without any previous knowledge or intuition of their meaning is calculated to impress Protestants favorably.

BRINGING PROTESTANTS TO CHURCH.

So intelligent an observer as Macaulay, on his first visit to a Catholic Church during Mass, describes the services as "mummeries." Subsequently, while in Rome, he seems to have informed himself as to the meaning of the ceremony, and, as a result, his diary exhibits more liberality and teachableness.

There are some Protestants who are Catholic in feeling and instinct. To such the services of the Church are an attraction and an incentive to investigation. Burnett, author of the "Path Which Led a Protestant Lawyer to the Catholic Church," was decisively impressed by a midnight Mass at Christmas. But he had previously devoted much time to reading religious and controversial works, and was, perhaps, already intellectually convinced.

Another Forgery.

Bishop Montgomery has taken the trouble to write to Rt. Hon. W. E. Gladstone as to the authenticity of a statement attributed to him by the "patriotic" forgers. It ran as follows: "No more cunning plot was ever devised against the intelligence, the freedom, the happiness and virtue of mankind than Romanism."

Special musical Vespers Sunday evening in St. Mary's Cathedral attracted an immense congregation. So great was the crowd that numbers of people were unable to get inside the edifice. The leading attraction was Miss Adele Strauss, the celebrated soprano of New York.

DIocese of Hamilton.

Special musical Vespers Sunday evening in St. Mary's Cathedral attracted an immense congregation. So great was the crowd that numbers of people were unable to get inside the edifice. The leading attraction was Miss Adele Strauss, the celebrated soprano of New York.

When we give ourselves up to our passions we plant thorns round our heart. Vocal prayer is the chaff, while mental prayer is the grain.





