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## DIFFERENCE OF OPINION.

The "Post-Express" is usually fair so far as religious questions are concerned. To be sure it has its peculiar ideas, but on the whole it is a vast improvement over former days when the "Express" used to pose as the chief exponent of theology and as censor alike of pope, bishop, priest and minister.

Our contemporary, however, loses its head over Pere Ollivier's sermon over the victims of the recent holocaust in Paris. Here is the way the "Express" looks at it:

"Pere Ollivier is a Dominican monk and a well-known preacher in Paris, with a fine taste for sensational displays. He chose this occasion as his opportunity, and in an inflammatory address declared that by this calamitous fire the Almighty had manifested his displeasure at the religious position assumed for their sins and the sins of their rulers, and the unhappy women were burned because the church would avenge itself for the lack of sufficient respect by burning up pious women engaged in a work of Christian charity, is not a deity that could receive the homage of an enlightened people, and from a church professing such beliefs the faithful would fall away. The Archbishop of Paris has already written a letter to President Faure in which, in substance if not in words, he reproves the ebullitions of the uncharitable no longer received from the state the aid and recognition which had been extended to it in the past.

"It was with good cause that President Faure he said he felt wounded alike as a Frenchman and as a man in listening to this ill-timed address. It is not by the infidels who froth at the mouth if the name of God is spoken, that the cause of Christianity is harmed, but by the utterances of ignorant fanatics like this Dominican monk, who assumes to speak as the monk.

"Such perversion of Christianity as this harangue of Pere Ollivier's are not confined to any one creed; they are sometimes found among those who profess themselves Christians of any church or sect, among Protestants and Catholics alike. It is seemingly that in America as France, both clergy and laity should admit their inability to divine the workings of Providence. If we confine our attention to preventing such calamities as the fire on the Rue Jean Goujon by a reasonable amount of human precaution, we may easily leave the Almighty to work out His purposes, which need no elucidation from monks or men."

The trouble with our contemporary is that it appears to think that a preacher should time his utterances to suit his hearers, as is too often the case with latter day newspapers. We rather prefer this position taken by the "Catholic Standard and Times." Pere Ollivier's prophetic sermon over the victims of the Paris fire appears to have ruffled the doves of infidelity. In the French Chamber

the president, M. Brisson, delivered a very heated attack upon the discourse of the eminent Dominican, and other members, whose exquisite feelings of "propriety," from the agnostic point of view, were shocked, were violent and invidious in their tone. We do not think such manifestations are likely to have any terrifying effect upon the daring preacher. That is not the Dominican tradition in France. Wickedness in high places has been again and again fearlessly rebuked by members of that illustrious order, even as it was rebuked by Columbaeus in the court of the wicked Merovingian queen. Not even the prestige of a Henri Quatre could save him from the scathing rebuke of a Dominican preacher when he had the effrontery to come to church with the beautiful but wanton Gabrielle d'Estrees leaning on his arm. Men who have not shrunk before the most powerful kings and queens are not likely to tremble at the frown of a bourgeoisie powerful for nothing but inroads on conscience and civilization."

## COMING TO IT

The Chicago "Inter-Ocean" has been investigating the question of juvenile and adult crime, and has reached the conclusion that a defective system of education is largely to blame for the unfortunate condition. Summing up the statistics which it had compiled from official reports in New York, the Inter-Ocean said: "Reduced to a nicety, the increase of population in New York has been 33 1/2 per cent. during the past ten years, and the increase of persons arrested and brought to trial was 50 per cent. It is in the more serious crimes that the increase is most notable. While the total increase is 50 per cent., the percentage of felonies on the increase is 90. The increase of women felons kept pace with that of the men. A like feature is noticeable in Chicago; the number of robberies by violence is largely on the increase, and it is notable that a large proportion of these crimes are perpetrated by young persons. The youth who formerly was a pickpocket is now a footpad or a burglar. The increase of suicide keeps pace with that of crime. In 1888 no more than 25 women attempted suicide in New York; in 1896 the number was 72; 64 men made such attempts in 1888, and 147 in 1896. These figures are sadly suggestive of failure in our scheme of education. The spread of mere secular education does not work a diminution of crime. 'The moral essence' is not sufficiently strong in our treatment of youth."

Upon this the Boston "Republic" comments: "When a Catholic journal advances this contention it is accused of harboring a desire to undermine our 'glorious public school system' and to destroy the splendid educational fabric which has been built up and maintained by the American people as the bulwark and prop of their institutions. The 'summum bonum' of our Protestant brethren, particularly those of the ministry and of the lower order of the laity, is the school where all religion is tabooed. This they call a non-sectarian establishment, and when they look at it they thank God that church and state are thoroughly divorced. It never occurs to them to inquire how far the godless school is responsible for the terrible increase in juvenile and adult crime, or for the alarming growth of religious indifference and positive infidelity. Their main purpose is to prevent the Catholics from getting aid for their schools or hospitals. They are willing to submit their own children to the horrors of spiritual starvation in order to accomplish this."

The paschal period is at an end. To-morrow is Trinity Sunday, and all who have neglected to receive the sacraments render themselves liable to excommunication and to be barred from Christian burial.

The ministers who are interesting themselves in Sunday ball playing would find their time well occupied in taking care of the souls entrusted to their charge.

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## WEST POINT CONTROVERSY

We thought there was something hidden, some mysterious reason why President McKinley appointed Joseph McKenna, a Catholic, to a place in his cabinet. The reason has been disclosed. It is that Mr. McKenna may give false impression to non-Catholic and bigoted acts of the administration by promulgating whitewashing opinions that are to be much advertised as coming from a Catholic. In other words, he is to be a cat's paw to "take the curse off" the anti-Catholic acts of the administration.

The first case in point is the West Point chapel. Our readers are familiar with the facts in this matter. Briefly stated they are: The students at the United States military academy at West Point are required to attend religious services on Sunday in the post chapel. The post chaplain is an Episcopalian. Catholic students and others in the post either have to attend the Protestant services or wait until the chapel building is free for use for Catholic services. The chapel is but ill-adapted for the celebration of mass. Generously disposed Catholics wish to build an edifice on the government property that will be better adapted—in short, to build a Catholic chapel or church. They were perfectly willing to donate the building to the government; all they asked was permission to erect it.

Ex-Secretary of War Lamont last year granted the desired permit but later revoked it because of the howl of the bigots. To his credit, however, he saw the mistake he had made and again granted the permit. On assuming office Secretary Alger confirmed the acts of his predecessor. All Catholics rejoiced because they thought justice was to be meted out to their colleagues in West Point.

Suddenly Attorney-General McKenna delivered himself of an opinion that the federal government had no right to give permission to erect a Catholic chapel on government property. While it is the opinion of eminent lawyers that McKenna is in error as to his legal points, precedents and conclusions, that is neither here nor there. The question is: Who asked McKenna's opinion? Or did he obtrude himself unasked and unsought into a matter where he was not needed and his advice unnecessary. There is no evidence of any sort that Secretary Alger asked the attorney-general for any opinion. He evidently thought the course of his predecessor and ex-Attorney-General Harmon a safe one to follow. If Secretary Alger did not ask McKenna's advice who did? At whose solicitation did he draft and publish it?

Is William McKinley, jr., the responsible party? Or is Joseph McKenna one of the "elastic-conscience" Catholics we all know?

## A PROTESTANT TRIBUTE

Rev. J. L. Scott, pastor of McDowell Presbyterian church, Philadelphia, is delivering a course of Sunday evening lectures entitled "Five Great Religions." The third lecture dealt with the "Roman Catholics." The Rev. speaker was quite fair in his description of ourselves. In the course of his remarks he had this to say:

"Rome gave us the master paintings of the world. She built our finest churches, and Rome made the position of woman respectable. "Rome and we are plodding along side by side. There are many things we could learn from her. The devotion of Rome to her church is worthy of our imitation. The Roman service is not a matter of convenience. It does not depend upon one's clothes nor whether or not he likes the minister or his wife. The Catholic is usually there."

"I do not share in much that some regard as sacred. Those exposes of Romanism, ex-priests and escaped nuns to me are unworthy a place in any service. We are here together. Life cannot be lived by Protestant or Roman independent of each other. My own idea is to see whatever good each may have and not to heal wounds by opening them wider. I have no respect for that parish priest who inflames his people's passion against their neighbors, nor have I any for that minister who has no devil but Romanism in his theology. Some of our

sweetest hymns were written by Romanists, and we sing them. Why not appropriate the good, what ever it may be?" After predicting the triumph of Geneva over Rome, he went on to say that "behind Rome and Geneva stands the same Lord. It is not a question of persons, but of distance. There is sufficient good in each to save the soul, and more perhaps than either is willing to use."

This is not half bad from a Protestant minister, and a Presbyter at that!

## THE GOSPELS

GOSPEL: St. Luke, vi. 36-42.—At that time, Jesus said to His disciples: "Be ye merciful, as your Father also is merciful. Judge not, and you shall not be judged; condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you shall be forgiven. Give and it shall be given to you; good measure and pressed down and shaken together and running over shall they give into your bosom. For with the same measure that you shall mete withal, it shall be measured to you again. And He spoke also to them a similitude: Can the blind lead the blind? do they not both fall into the ditch? The disciple is not above his master; but every one shall be perfect, if he be as his master. And why seest thou the mote in thy brother's eye, but the beam that is in thy own eye thou considerest not? Or how canst thou say to thy brother, Brother, let me pull the mote out of thy eye, when thou thyself seest not the beam in thy own eye? Hypocrite, cast first the beam out of thy own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to take out the mote from thy brother's eye."

Weekly Church Calendar Sunday, June 13.—Trinity Sunday—Epist. Rom. xi. 32-36; Gosp. Matt. xxviii. 13-20. Last Gospel Luke vi. 36-42. Monday, 14.—St. Basil the Great, Bishop, Confessor, and Doctor of the Church. Tuesday, 15.—St. Barnabas, Apostle (June 11) SS. Vitus and Companions, Martyrs. Wednesday, 16.—St. John Francis Regis, Confessor. Thursday, 17.—Corpus Christi. Friday, 18.—Of the Octave of Corpus Christi. SS. Mark and Marcellian, martyrs. Saturday, 19.—St. Juliana Falconieri, Virgin. SS. Gervase and Protase, martyrs.

What lesson are we to learn from the words, "the blind cannot lead the blind?" We are to learn that we should not assume charge of others if we have not sufficient knowledge to properly discharge our duty, besides, we should trust only those who, on account of their probity and knowledge, deserve our confidence. An ignorant, immoral, and worldly counsellor can but drag our soul after him into the abyss.

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