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NOXIOUS WEEDS

A part of the daily press of the country is guilty of a crime against society in taking certain classes of advertisements, says an able exchange.

"One of these classes is that of the quack doctors, who infest every city and large town of the country and profess to be able to cure almost any kind of disease for a specific sum of money, which must invariably be paid in advance.

Of course these men can cure no disease. They are veritable swindlers, and every dollar they extract from the credulous public is no more legitimately earned than is that which the burglar obtains by blowing open a safe, or the expert pickpocket, by getting your pocketbook.

The newspapers generally, and we are sorry to say, in this city universally, assist these quacks in preying upon the public, by inserting advertisements, at regular rates, setting forth in glowing language the benefits which can be derived from visiting these quacks. They become accessories before the fact, in aiding these impostors to prey upon the class—the poor—least able to bear the certain loss of the money they invest in this way, and the possible damage which almost invariably follows the use of these nostrums.

Another class of these advertisements is of medicines which it is claimed will cure certain loathsome diseases; and others which produce effects that often result in the death of the patients.

Such advertisements ought not to appear in any newspaper which goes to the family.

And there is no daily newspaper in this city, and but few in the country, which does not defile its columns and the family hearthstones, where these papers go, with these indecent and outrageous advertisements.

Such conduct debases the press, and assists not only in swindling the people, but is the immediate cause of many cases of child-murder.

This city maintains institutions at the public cost, or that of private charity, where medicines are given away, where physicians of high standing give without fee their time and talents in caring for those unable to pay. Advice, medicine and attendance are all free, and but for the newspapers the quacks would have to leave the city, and venders of the infamous remedies alluded to would close their establishments.

No family should permit a paper containing the advertisements spoken of to enter its doors."

THE CATHOLIC PRESS.

A circular letter signed by Archbishop Christie of Oregon City; Bishop Brondel of Helena; Bishop Glorieux of Boise; and Bishop O'Dea of Nesqually, has just been issued, calling upon their flocks to support the Catholic press in general and the local press, the Sentinel, of Portland, Oregon, in particular. The document is of general application and its lessons should be pondered by Catholics everywhere. The letter in part follows:

"Few, if any, have an adequate idea of the amount of time, thought, labor and expense required to maintain a paper, and fewer still realize and appreciate the loss that the abandonment of such an organ would mean to the cause of the church in this portion of the Lord's vineyard Hitherto also the poverty of Catholics and their apparent unconsciousness of the value of such a power have left them much in the background. What, in our opinion, is most needed in this regard is a courageous, liberal and concerted action From a want of these essentials for success the Catholic press has suffered throughout these United States, and it is not surprising that certain papers particularly have for the same reason been timid and weak. Give the press the support it deserves, and it will prove to be a great and powerful factor for the good which Providence and the church expects of it at this time.

"The Catholic press of to day must according to the third Plenary Council of Baltimore be thoroughly Catholic, instructive and edifying, not one that will be, while Catholic in name and pretense, non-Catholic in tone and spirit, disrespectful to constituted authority or biting and uncharitable to Catholic brethren. It is not necessary for this reason, however, that it should be a prayer book, but should deal with all subjects, secular, political, religious. Without being offensive, it should be firm, fearless and aggressive if need be. Error is bold and aggressive; truth should be not less so.

"Let the clergy act as agents to introduce the Sentinel into every Catholic home. Let them, from time to time, speak from the pulpit of the importance of the Catholic press. Let the laity, the fathers and mothers of families, encourage this great good by becoming subscribers of the paper, and with united and courageous effort the Catholic Sentinel will grow in power and influence and take its place in the foremost ranks of Catholic journalism."

Tuesday, the feast of the Assumption, will be a holy day of obligation.

WATKIN'S GLEN.

[Continued.]

EDITOR CATHOLIC JOURNAL:

In our pen picture or description, in the last issue of the CATHOLIC JOURNAL, of the lower part of our far-famed glen, the reader was left to recuperate in midway in length and height therein amidst imperial scenery surrounding the "haven of rest," called the Mountain House. Having shared the many attractions and conveniences attached to that popular hotel, the sight-seer is anxious to explore the greater and more attractive portion of the enchanting combination and variety of scenery called the "upper glen." In making the trip on suspension bridge, we arrive at the "art gallery," which contains an elegant collection of a hundred or more of the celebrated paintings of Capt. James Hope. Herein one can feast a goodly hour on those works of that great artist and gladly proclaim the trip hereto is worth the coming. Having made our exit from the gallery of art, the next attraction leads us to a lovely shaded path by which we are brought to "Sylvan Gorge," which I can safely declare to be one of the grandest, wildest and most enchanting scenes of Watkins Glen. [I would suggest to Col. Robinson the name "lovers' walk" to that path leading to such green sylvan arches that are encountered to this most beautiful scene.

After proceeding on a half hour's journey through places, hardly able to determine the most admirable, we reach "Sylvan Rapids," as they glide and dance most beautifully to the "piper's tune" through this irregularly constructed rocky channel. Spanning this scene of beauty is the Gladstone rustic bridge, from which can be had a delightful view down through the Sylvan Gorge, admiring the wonderful windings and numberless recesses worthy of the artist's brush.

After the continuation of another half hour's of both walking and climbing through a great variety of that scenery which belongs to a glen of the Watkins fame, we at last arrive in Glen Cathedral. This scene has been acknowledged by the ablest of critics as one of the masterpieces of Nature's handiwork. The cathedral, so-called, is a regular amphitheatre in its construction, with level bottom stone surface, 800 feet in length, 200 feet in width, and its towering walls reaching a height of over 300 feet. Its walls are richly tapestried with mosses, ferns and clinging vines. Its roof is the canopy of Heaven, and the rafters are lofty pines and evergreens as they seem so formed overhead. It is herein the celebrated vocalist, especially of the soprano order, now and then test their vocal ability, to be mocked by the echoing and re echoing sounds of their voices as they travel from glen to glen.

Having visited many other objects of wonder, the Baptismal Font, Grand Staircase, the Veranda, Glen of the Pools, and the Author's Rest, we reach the "Poet's Dream." This truly is a magnificent scene and is worthy the efforts of the best of artists. It is a place suitable for deep contemplation and lively admiration on God's work's of Nature. To describe it in justice, it would require the full space of the ordinary article. To know, one must come to see; to see, is to appreciate, and then the trip will be joyfully rewarded. Leaving this point of much interest, and examining further sections of the glen and ascending more staircases, we come in fine view of the "Triple Cascade and Rainbow Fall." By triple cascade is indicated three very interesting portions of the glen that make a lasting impression on the vision of the explorer on account of the variety of scenery and the beautiful combination added thereto On the opposite side of the cascade we have the famous rainbow falls, leaping over the brow of a cliff 400 feet high It is at this peerless scene of beauty the artist is at home, painting nature in its height of beauty. No pen can adequately describe or do full justice to this one special scenery in this marvelous revelation of the handiwork of the Almighty

Among the remaining twenty portions of the glen to complete the journey to scene "Omega," the "Artist's Dream" is worthy of admiration. It it made up of a pleasing confusion of scenery, such as silver cascades, crystal pools, various angles in rock, and other scenes that keep the sight dancing in merriment.

Oh! glen of fame will ever remain
A subject for artist, poet and author,
Your sights so dear to me they appear
In dreams in every quarter

Oh Watkins town, of famed renown,
Of beauty grand and fair
I sing to day my humble lay
In accents soft and rare

Oh Seneca's lake, as the day doth break,
And the bird of morn soars high,
I ramble aloft on the cliffs above
Whose head is high touch the sky.
I ramble away, on a festal day
From vanity glare and noise
To calm my soul, where its waters roll
In solitude's holy joys

HARRY O'CONNELL.
WATKINS, N. Y.

CATHOLIC NOTES.

The millions of members of the Apostleship of Prayer will this month pray for the "Triumph of the Papacy.

The Catholics of the world are loyal to the Holy Father, the successor of St. Peter, and they will most fervently implore the blessing of heaven for the head of the Church on earth. He has been for years virtually a prisoner in his own home. He has been despoiled of his states and subjected to insult that the state might prosper It is not progressing, but, on the contrary, is becoming more helpless every year, while love for the Holy Father only becomes the stronger as the days of his imprisonment lengthen.

Just as the work of art in our galleries and museums furnish the students of art an example and inspiration so in the Church many a weary soul is encouraged and inspired by the example of the saints, and many a student of Christianity comes to meditate before the statue or picture of his patron saint or the Mother of Christ and finds therein consolation, encouragement, and strength.—Right Rev. J. B. Cotter.

At the beginning of the present century there was not a single Catholic in Norway. To-day the Catholic Church has more liberty and a better status there than in any other country in Europe. Since 1891 the appointment to all ecclesiastical posts is left entirely to the Church herself; the Catholic priest is the civil officer for the Catholics of the district, the Catholic marriage ceremony has legal force, the liberty of the public exercise of Catholic worship is guaranteed, Catholic processions are escorted by the police with great pomp, and at the solemnity of Corpus Christi the Lutherans actually go the length of presenting flowers for the decoration of the altars of repose of the Blessed Sacrament.

Commence your daily life with prayers. Earnest prayer will sanctify your daily actions—will give you strength to bear up with disappointments. The men, women and children who consecrate their day's action with prayer weave the blessed charm of God's grace around them, which gives strength against temptation. How many daily go forth in health from their homes never to return there in life. Prayer is surety for those you love and leave behind that whatever may betide you yet all is well.

The Irish Catholics are a noble people. Just think of the Protestant church of the parish of Maynooth, Ireland, being in the grounds of the Catholic College of Maynooth! When Writing about this very singular fact lately, an Englishman stated those who worshipped therein were never insulted by the Catholics. How would it be, supposing a Catholic Church stood in the grounds attached to a Protestant college?—Colorado Catholic.

THE GOSPELS

GOSPEL—Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost—St. Luke x. 23-37.—At that time Jesus said to His disciples: "Blessed are the eyes that see the things which you see. For I say to you that many kings and prophets have desired to see the things that you see, and have not seen them, and to hear the things that you hear, and have not heard them. And behold a certain lawyer stood up, tempting Him, and saying: Master, what must I do to possess eternal life? But He said to him: What is written in the law? how readest thou? He answering, said: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart, and with thy whole strength, and with all thy mind, and thy neighbor as thyself. And He said to him: Thou hast answered right; this do, and thou shalt live. But he, willing to justify himself, said to Jesus: And who is my neighbor? And Jesus answering, said: A certain man went down to Jerusalem from Jericho, and fell among robbers, who also stripped him, and, having wounded him, went away, leaving him half dead. And it chanced that a certain priest went down the same way, and seeing him, passed by. In like manner also a Levite, when he was near the place and saw him, passed by. But a certain Samaritan, being on his journey, came near him, and seeing him, was moved with compassion; and going up to him, bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and setting him upon his own beast, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two pence, and gave to the host, and said: Take care of him, and whatsoever thou shalt spend over and above I at my return will repay thee. Which of these three in thy opinion was neighbor to him that fell among the robbers? But he said: He that showed mercy to him. And Jesus said to him: Go and do thou in like manner."

What did the apostles see in Christ? The apostles saw in Jesus Christ the Eternal Word, the only-begotten son of the living God, the Messias promised to the patriarchs, foretold by the prophets, and expected of nations, while ignorant and carnal men saw in Him only the son of a carpenter, an obscure and poor man of Nazareth, a son of Adam like all the rest of men.

Weekly Church Calendar

Sunday, August 13—Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost—Gospel, St Luke x 23 37—St. John Berchmans, confessor
Monday, 14—St Eusebius, priest and confessor.
Tuesday, 15—The Assumption of the B. V M.
Wednesday, 16—St Hyacinth, confessor.
Thursday, 17—St. Liberatus, abbott and companion.
Friday, 18—St. Clare of Montefalco, virgin.
Saturday, 19—St. Louis, bishop and confessor.

Every Catholic family ought to subscribe to "Our Boys' and Girls' Own," the new illustrated Catholic monthly. It costs only 75 cents a year and contains something to interest every one in the family. 75 cents in postage stamps, sent to Benziger Bros, 36 Barclay street, New York, is the easiest way to pay for a year's subscription.

HERE AND THERE.

Sailors are noted for their strange pets gathered in all corners of the world, but of all the animals they love, the cat holds foremost place in Jack's affections.

Smoking goes on in the Philippines everywhere but in church. Even your cab driver will offer you a cigar if you are not smoking, and he thinks you have none.

Mr. Sidney Cooper, the English artist, who is now nearing his 96th birthday, had four paintings on view this season at Burlington House, and sold all of them.

The New York and Brooklyn bridge, opened in 1883, carries, it is estimated. 147,000 persons a day on cars, 4,500 in vehicles and 3,500 on foot, a total of 155,000 in each 24 hours.

The total length of electric railways in Switzerland is 105 miles, of which 47 miles were opened last year. The power for nearly one-half of the lines is obtained from waterfalls.

A poor widow with seven children advertised in a New York paper for a temporary loan of $50. She announced her willingness to permit the money lender to "keep the children as security."

The highest mountains of the Philippines Islands are Halcon (Mindora), ippins Islands are Halcon (Mindora), 8,863 feet; Apo (Mindanoa), 8,804 feet; Mayon, active volcano (Luzon), 8,283 feet, and San Cristobal (Luzon), 7,375 feet.

The business conections of a family in Kirwin, Kas., are rather suggestive. One son is a doctor, another is an undertaker, a third makes tombstones, and the wife of the later is a druggist.

A Berlin physician has written an article on the dangers resulting from what are considered insignificant wounds. For instance, of 13 injuries to the thumb, permanent disability followed in 60 per cent.

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