

A HIVE OF INDUSTRY

THE BUSY ALPINE MONASTERY OF
MARIA EINSIEDELN

A Protestant Tribute to the Austerity and Intellectuality of the East Monks—Their Literary and Artistic Treasures.

A correspondent of a Presbyterian weekly, the New York Observer, describing at some length the life in a monastery of Maria Theresia, writes naturally many errors when writing about the faith and devotion of Catholics, but he is constrained nevertheless to pay tribute to some features of the life which the monks lead there. The monastery he says:

"This is two stories in height, with pavilions at the angles, and contains the chambers of the abbot, the residence of the monks, the college where from 300 to 400 youths are being trained, and the library of 40,000 choice volumes. As we were conducted through these halls and chambers, we passed a number of brothers who were at prayer or meditation, others engaged in teaching and still others their way to take their places in the refectory and their cells."

church services. There is no music in this monastery, and the monks have made important contributions to the science, art and learning of the country. The library is rich as might be expected in these works. Napoleon III. gave a magnificent chandelier to the church and gave portraits of himself and Empress to adorn the abbot's salon. There is also the portrait of Frederick William IV. of Prussia and of his brother sent by them to the abbey, and that of Francis Joseph and Elizabeth of Austria and of Pius IX. also personally presented to the monastery. It was far more interested in the parchment volumes filled with works of Chrysostom, Augustine, Basil, Iliquoir and others, than in the pages it was permitted to look at. Manuscripts and illuminated manuscripts were also among the treasures.

large number of rich and rare new publications. The monastery never was so prosperous as now. The exterior was an object lesson and far more impressive than any lecture on the Catholicism of the Middle Ages at the theological seminary. If any thinks the Roman Catholic church dead or dormant, he need not go to Rome to find out the truth. Let him come to free and enlightened Switzerland, and less than two hours' ride from the stronghold of Zwinger's reformation he will be able to settle the matter."

We heartily commend this respondent's testimony to the activists of those Alpine monks to the people are forever harping upon the monks' or the indulgent friars' monastery or convent is in fact, a magnificent and important

The minutes do not show that the trustees ever met through a megaphone, but it may nevertheless be a Church Calendar of West Virginia.

Must Be a Practical Catholic

The Western Watchman has the following interesting note: The newly elected trustees of the Catholic Knights of Wisconsin hold that a Catholic who has rights in that organization "has ceased to be a practical Catholic." Late James Henry Barry, formerly a well known lawyer of Madison, Ohio, who married a divorced woman before a Protestant minister, was expelled from the Catholic Knights of Wisconsin. Tarant held he violated one of the canons of the church and caused the Catholic Knights to expel him as a practical Catholic, therefore losing his rights under the policy issued by the Catholic Knights. Judgment of the defendant, the Catholic Knights, was ordered, said Judge Tarant and ground that the marriage of the plaintiff had ceased to be a condition precedent under the rules and the canons of the Catholic Church, the western

which, 1840, is enormous, and for that reason the party seems to be a practical Catholic.

Elected to a Legislature.
Rev. Father Daniel J. O'Leary, whose recent election to the Legislature is causing no end of comment about New England, is a Roman Catholic priest and will be the first of his faith to become a Vermont legislator. His election is also locally remarkable because this city is a Scotch stronghold and for many years

ment, only one other Democrat, William O. Harrison, was elected to the Vermont assembly. Fisher O'Neil has never before been a politician. He did not work in the campaign but he was victorious. He was born in Winslow, Vt., Jan. 14, 1888, and was admitted to the bar in 1912. He was elected to the Vermont House of Representatives in 1916. He is a learned attorney and has traveled abroad extensively. Fisher O'Neil was director of the Vermont college in Burlington, Vt., for 10 years, but during the past twelve years has been the guiding hand of the Vermont State Bar Association. His parish here is St. Albans.

Fear is a greater pain
 than death. Oh, those of little faith,
 those tears! Crawl with me
 while you are in the land of the living.
 Let the world be your home,
 and the world be your home.