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Impudence.

Father Dubigg's sharp, but justified letter to Mrs. Clarence H. Mackay, upon which we commented upon in last week's Journal, has called forth a number of communications to the press. Most of these were from Catholics in defense of the parochial schools.

But there was one effusion, printed in the New York "Sun", which emanated clearly from the pen and heart of one of those contemptible fellows which no appellation can fit adequately. Thank God, the sewer rats are dying out, at least those who have the pluck to express their convictions over their own signatures. This person said flatly that Catholic schools are what Mrs. Mackay styled them—a menace to the community. Here are some of the arguments which this sturdy opponent of "menace to the community" puts forth:

"Catholic schools engender class distinction." Do they? Well, if to inculcate respect for law and order, morality and decency, honesty and square dealing, engenders distinction between those who practise these principles as opposed to those who only escape prison because of technical limitation of law; who think it oute to cheat their neighbor in questionable business transactions; who have no respect for chastity and sneer at the sanctity of the marriage vow; who would have the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution regarded as dusty traditions; then indeed Catholic schools do engender class distinctions.

"Children should be educated by the state only and as the state wishes." That argument went in the Spartan days but in the United States the rights of the individual, where they do not conflict with the law and with the rights and good of the majority, are rather more potent. However, that is a matter open to discussion and the "Sane" contributor is entitled to his opinion. Pursued to its logical end, if the state and the state only has the right to educate, then the state has the right to prescribe what we shall eat, drink, wear, read and think. In Russia such condition may prevail, but not in the United States. We may be pardoned for wondering if the contributor is not one of those who came to this country to escape the "grinding exactions of European despotism."

"Catholic schools should be closed and then pupils compelled to attend the state schools." Again a mere matter of opinion. But where will the state find accommodation for the 15,000 parochial school pupils in Rochester alone, to say nothing of New York city, where the public schools to-day are far inadequate for the non-Catholic pupils of school age. If Bishop McQuaid were to close the twenty parochial schools in Rochester to-morrow, it would cost the authorities a million dollars to furnish educational facilities to the pupils interested, and increase the annual expenditure for schools in Rochester by about \$375,000. Does the "Sun" correspondent stand ready to bear his share of the expense which his plan would involve?

But, why pursue the subject further?

Ignorant.

"Pleasant Hours"—sadly misnamed—a publication from Toronto says that the Roman Catholic religion is the prime cause of poverty in Ireland.

If refusing to surrender faith for self be prime factor for poverty, then the Catholic Church must enter a plea of guilty.

But the fact is that the absentee landlordism attempts on the part of the English government to make Ireland pay a unjust proportion of the cost of the British Empire, compulsory collection of tithes to build useless and well nigh empty Protestant churches have kept the Irish people poor, but honest, God-fearing and virtuous.

Who shall say that their virtuous poverty is not more to be commended than opulence acquired dishonestly and spent immorally?

Good Advice

In a pastoral letter to his people, Bishop Colton of Buffalo, writes thus strongly on a timely topic:

"There is no greater obligation resting upon parents and for which they will have to answer more rigorously at the judgment seat of Almighty God, than the obligation of bringing up their children in the fear and love of God. It is for parents therefore to take all the means in their power to bring up their children to know and love and serve God in their youth so that they may carry these principles and the practice of them all through life.

"A Catholic child should be sent to a Catholic school when such exists. It is the duty of the parents to give this advantage. The child has an immortal soul and he has a born right to receive the best means with which to save it. It is in this view that the Church insists that there be schools attached to every parish, and places on parents the obligation of sending their children to them."

Rev. W. B. Leach of Chicago, had better look out or he will be called upon to stand trial for heresy before the Methodist conference for uttering sentiments like these:

"Character is God's standard to advance men. Our standard is graft, seemingly. God's plan is merit. Our plan is pull. God could have picked of a thousand to be the protector of His child, the Virgin Mary, but Joseph alone met requirements. God did not fit him; Joseph was fitted, ready for any work. He was God's pride in that he was jealous of God's honor as manifested in himself. I hail Mary, saying, 'Hail, Mary, pure, perfect.' I hail Joseph saying, 'All hail, Joseph, God's man, self-fitted for work and God honored.'"

John Alexander Dowie is to be commended for one thing. He does not propose to tolerate race suicide in his city of Zion.

One may sympathize with the Rev. Dr. Crapsey, but it is hard to approve his theory that a man may stand in the pulpit ostensibly representing a particular creed or dogma while in his inmost heart he repudiates its essentials.

Let us not forget to pray for our departed relatives. Also do not forget to have masses said for the repose of their souls.

There are too many unemployed in Rochester to think of importing cheap labor to work on public contracts.

A writer in the "Catholic World" urges the formation of a national league of converts to the Catholic Church. A capital suggestion!

Children who are cruel to dumb animals are likely to be cruel to human beings and should be repressed sternly in their inclination.

Why is it that the Catholic churches are crowded at three and four services on Sunday? Is it not because no doubt is expressed from the pulpit, because sensational sermons are lacking, because opera music is lacking in the choir loft? In short, is it not that we go to church to worship, not to be amused or to show the latest Parisian finery?

When it is conceded—as is the case on the non-Catholic side—that each is at liberty to interpret Scripture as he pleases, why go to Church? Is it not more comfortable to remain at home, in a easy chair, negligee costume, perchance with fragrant Havana and liquid refreshment and read and interpret at one's sweet will?

The buzz of the political bee, the insidious smile of the candidate, the honeyed word of the booster all are with us again.

Do you believe, really, that the beef packers ever will spend an hour behind prison bars?

Now that the schools are re-opened, parents should see to it that their children are at mass on time, also at Sunday school each Sunday.

It may be that papal nuncios will be seen at Pekin and Tokio.

Our congratulations are extended to Rev. Richard J. Story, rector of the church of the Nativity B. V. M., Brockport, N. Y., on the celebration of the golden jubilee of his ordination.

Five Minute Sermon

The Mammon of Iniquity.

The object of these words of Christ was to reprove the extreme anxiety and attachment for the riches of this world, and besides to exhort us to place our trust in divine Providence.

In order to encourage us to place our confidence in God, Jesus Christ commands us not to be solicitous about what we are to eat, or where-with we are to clothe ourselves, because that God Who in His goodness has made us out of nothing cannot and will not refuse us what is necessary for our sustenance, if with childlike confidence we have recourse to His fatherly love.

He wished to teach us that our only desire and our constant prayer should be that God may be glorified and that we may obtain the necessary means to gain heaven—that is, an abundance of grace, holiness of life, the possession of virtue, and perseverance in good. When, therefore, the kingdom of God is our only object, when we are faithful, just, and persevering in the divine service, then divine Providence will provide us with the necessary temporal things, without our being anxious about them, in the same manner as the earth brought forth its fruit without being cultivated when Adam was in the state of original innocence.

Weekly Church Calendar.

Sunday September 17 Gospel St Matt v. 24-32 Seven Sorrows of the B. V. M.
 Monday 18—St. Joseph of Cupertino, confessor
 Tuesday 19—St. Januarius & Comp. martyrs
 Wednesday 20—St. Eustachius & Comp. martyrs
 Thursday 21—St. Matthew apostle and evangelist
 Friday 22—St. Thomas of Villanova, bishop and confessor
 Saturday 23—St. Linnus, pope and martyr.

Forty Hours.

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