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Shall we sharpen and refine the youthful intellect, and then leave it to exercise its new powers upon the most sacred of subjects, as it will, and with the chance of exercising them wrongly or shall we proceed to feed it with divine truth, as it gains an appetite for knowledge?

THURSDAY, APRIL 14.

Some Chicagoans, it is said, proposed to purchase the famous cottage of Anne Hathaway at Shottery and transport it over the Atlantic to Chicago.

The Presbyterian Witness writes over "the state of morals in the pre-eminently Catholic countries of South America."

One of the most brilliant and successful diplomats in the British service is Nicholas Roderic O'Connor, an Irish Catholic.

The United States, it would seem, is guilty of the diplomatic outrage of attempting to force upon Spain as Consul at Ponspi, one of the Caroline Islands, a man who is peculiarly obnoxious to the latter nation.

A striking illustration of the almost incredible ignorance of Catholic doctrines on the part of even learned men is furnished by a recent editorial in the New York Sun.

ORANGE LOYALTY. The Unionist members for Ulster held a private caucus on the last day of March, at the residence of Lord Arthur Hill, in London.

"D. M." writes us from the Province of Quebec: "In a copy of your paper dated some time after Christmas I observed you state 'there is absolutely no proof for Infant Baptism' in the N. Testament.

The Halifax Critic somewhat tardily takes up the question of the proposed monument to Cardinal Newman in Oxford, and parrot-like refers to 'the incongruity of erecting such a monument within a hundred yards of the spot where Cranmer, Ridley and Latimer were burned at the stake.'

The Local Government has brought in a bill providing for compulsory instruction in the schools of the province on the effects of alcohol on the human system.

Andrew Carnegie, the Scottish-American millionaire, is a benevolently disposed man and deserves credit for his princely gifts to the public both in the land of his birth and in that of his adoption.

I rejoice when young men and women have been fully occupied in obtaining knowledge of practical affairs, of shorthand and typewriting, methods of farming, banking methods, book keeping, penmanship, business correspondence, business customs and commercial law.

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Another point deserving of notice in this connection is the argument made use of by those who defend the police.

ments. It is a poor sophism. The civil law does not attempt to reach the hearts of men, but it does undertake to control their public actions; and it does and should prevent the holding forth public temptation to vice.

It is claimed further that it is inconsistent with Dr. Parkhurst's position as a Christian minister to call upon the law to punish crime.

THE SCRIPTURE PROOF.

"The Son of God, the second person in the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one substance, and equal with the Father, did, when the fulness of time was come, take upon him man's nature, with all the essential properties and common infirmities thereof, yet without sin; being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, of her substance.

According to the teaching of the Confession, which, on this point, is in reality no other than that of the Catholic Church as set forth in the definitions of General Councils, the Son of God, who is of one substance, and equal with the Father, took upon Him human nature, being conceived by the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the Virgin Mary.

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The principle here laid down Catholics, of course, repudiate. We cite the words for the sake of the clause which we have taken the liberty of putting in italics.

take refuge in evasion or sophistry, if one is bent on denying the doctrine; but no one can honestly question its cogency.

But we wish to forestall every objection, and remove even the possibility of cavil or evasion on this point.

Scripture tells us, then, that the son whom Mary brought forth, and who was called Jesus, was to be called, and therefore was, the Son of God, else he could not so be called.

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