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There is what is called the worldly spirit which enters with the greatest subtlety into the character of even good people...

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24.

A CURIOUS PLEA.

The efforts of the Baptists to convert Quebec remind one of "the mountains in labour" and of the offspring thereof, "a ridiculous mouse."

This eulogy is just, but it is fatal to the rev. preacher's argument. On what ground is he going up to Quebec to teach and improve a people so gifted?

And, then, when a particular brand is decided upon, on what ground, Mr. Stackhouse, will you rest its truth? On your private authority?

piration of the Bible he calls "little men with little minds." No wonder that many Protestants turn to one self-contradictory dogma only, which they call "creedless morality."

Then, when hold on dogma becomes thus uncertain, what is the result? Morality suffers. You cannot subtract divine sanction from dogmas of the speculative order, such as the existence of God, the Incarnation, the Divinity of Christ, the Inspiration of the Bible, etc., without at the same time destroying the very basis of the moral law.

"It should be noted that, in respect to the main question now under discussion the Roman Catholics alone among our families of good stock, taught by the principles of their religion, have kept a right sense of social responsibility. Among them alone the birth-rate is maintained, and the figures are very significant, showing clearly that there is no real decrease in fertility in the classes involved in our survey."

The French Canadians are doing more than their share to verify the forecast of Mr. Whetham. There is no race suicide among them, and consequently they are rapidly over-running New Brunswick and glorious Ontario, and developing, besides, considerable strength in the New England States.

Now, what is the cause of the fecundity of families? Fidelity to Christian traditions; statistics prove that up to the hilt. In fact, Neo-Malthusianism (race suicide) is decimating liberalism. It was to this cause that the *Weekblad* of Haag, the organ of the liberal socialists in Holland, attributed the defeat of its party last year.

We shall return to this subject.

Book Review.

"Atoned," adapted from the German by Rev. L. A. Raudter Society of the Divine Word, Techny, Illinois. The scene of this story is laid chiefly in Hamburg. Max Von Elliott, whose parents, after many vicissitudes, had died early, was adopted by a rich uncle who did business in that city.

These fire-side stories were learned by the author from the Gaelic *shannachies*, who used to gather in his father's chimney corner in Donegal. They are first-rate specimens of the traditional stories of the Gael, and are

very appropriately dedicated to all who enjoy a bit of fun.

The "Society of the Divine Word" has also just issued a dainty little volume, called *Life's Little Day*. This work was compiled by D. J. Scannel O'Neil, and is made up of a collection of gems culled from Catholic sources with a view to impress upon the reader the serious side of life.

Our London Letter.

LONDON, Feb. 10th, 1910.

It is a curious fact, that, though at the time of the riots in Liverpool, the secular press had much to say of religious intolerance, the Government Enquiry now being held in that city into the cause of these disturbances, in which the Orange element was the aggressor, is being passed over in complete silence by the whole daily press.

The hearing, which opened last week is expected to last some three weeks, and already the revelations made thereat have shocked all those who have become acquainted with them. The Protestants opened the case, declaring that they had assurances from the chief of police that neither the Host, nor any "religious emblem" would be carried in the great jubilee procession of Holy Cross Mission.

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For Sale at ANTIGONISH by JAMES KENNA

HUGH D. MCKENZIE, Agent, ST. PAUL BUILDING HALIFAX.

CLOTHING SPECIALS

NOW COMES the February Sale in preparation for inventory. All profits are sacrificed and a part of the cost as well to effect a quick and complete clearance.

Bargains in Hats

Bargains in Suits

Bargains in Ulsters

Bargains in Overcoats

Something has to be done to develop business during February. We never could see anything to be gained by carrying goods over. Our plans are on a large scale, and our eyes are on the future.

A. KIRK & CO. Kirk's Block, Antigonish

Mark-Down Sale At O'BRIEN'S

We have tabled the balance of our stock of white and colored waists ranging in price from \$1 to \$4.50 all of which we are clearing at

Half Price

In addition we are offering special inducements in all lines, as we make it a rule never to carry over any old stock if possible. We are prepared to give unusual bargains. We quote just a few prices:

- Shirting Gingham, from 4c. up. Flannelette, from 5c. up. Grey Cotton, from 4c. up. Cretonne, from 8c. up. Cretonne, worth 20c., now 15c. Men's Heavy Pants, \$1.00. Men's Very Heavy Working Pants, \$1.35. 10 pounds Onions, 25c.

In groceries we are below the lowest. Quality guaranteed.

J. S. O'BRIEN

Winter Supplies!

Our stock of Fall and Winter goods is now complete.

Groceries

Everything found in a first class grocery. Get a 2 lb Caddy of "Shamrock Brand Tea" for your Winter supply—none better offered at same price. Flour, meal and feeds always in stock.

Dry Goods

Shirting, sheeting, table linens, flannels, cotton wrap, Dressgoods, Quilt, Blanket, etc.

Clothing

Men's Suits, Boys' Suits, Overcoats, Reefers, Standard Underwear, in extra large sizes.

Boots and Shoes

Anticlotting a heavy advance in leather goods, owing to the present high prices of hides, I have bought heavy Boots and Shoes. Also heavy

To-m and Carriage Harness. Buy now before advance in prices. Amherst high shoes for men and women, boys and girls, kept constantly in stock.

Hardware

Stoves, Ranges, Heaters, Chains, Traces, Pails, Oils, Chopping Axes, Nails.

Crockery

Just opened out a shipment of Crockery from England's latest designs; quality the best.

Custom Tailoring

You run no risk when placing your order with our tailors. A full line of latest patterns in Suits and Overcoats to select from. Fit and workmanship guaranteed.

Highest market prices paid for Pork, Hides, Butter, Eggs and all farm produce.

Thos. Somers, Antigonish, N. S.

Card of Thanks.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Grant Kirk desire to express their grateful appreciation of the timely and invaluable service rendered by the Antigonish Firemen on Saturday evening last, while their residence was on fire. Their promptness in arriving and their action in saving life and property cannot be soon forgotten. They also wish to thank all other kind friends who rendered valued service and sympathy on this occasion.

