

already arrived. Our poverty is suddenly turned to riches. Our desolation gives place to abundance. Among Catholic nations we are called to go up to the head of the class, for no other tongue can boast of an encyclopedia to compare with our own.

A somewhat amusing, but extremely significant, instance of the alertness of outsiders to this great event in the Church, was provided by the recent constitutional amendment campaign in Alabama between the saloons and the anti-saloon league. Both contestants printed and spread broadcast the article on alcohol from the Catholic Encyclopedia as a campaign document. Oh, when will the Catholics of America wake to the importance and excellence of everything Catholic, even as it is recognized by those inimical to the Church?

It is an indisputable fact that every priest, institution, family, individual, wherever dwells a spark of zeal for the conversion of non-Catholics, should procure the Catholic Encyclopedia as the best possible armory, in the natural order, for that holy warfare. It is culpable rashness for the missionary to try to get along without it. Moreover, since such a distinguished and capable production is one of the best kinds of missionaries in itself, the missionary spirit should manifest itself in seeing that this work is placed in the reach of non-Catholics wherever possible. There is scarcely a little town in the country which does not support a library. Catholics should see to it that this encyclopedia is in every one of them. Similarly, every school and college and university in the land should have this opportunity to free its students and professors from the dense ignorance now prevailing in every department of knowledge concerning all truths in which the interests of the revelation of Christ and the history of His Church are involved.

The writer of this notice feels bound in gratitude to speak of another feature of the encyclopedia—its usefulness for spiritual reading. Where else can we find the lives of the Saints so clearly, comprehensively, concisely and convincingly presented to us? It is like getting a new bird's-eye outlook over the whole world of Saints. For example, the