

literary character. The dailies are published mostly in the great centres of population, and, whilst varying in size and importance, all are real live newspapers, giving the telegraphic news of the world, and the market reports of the day.

De Tyd (*The Times*) of Amsterdam, for many years the only and most influential daily, first appeared in the middle forties, and is the battle-scarred veteran of Dutch Catholic journalism. From the start it successfully opposed Protestant bigotry and intolerance, while later on it has been fighting steadily liberalism of the Continental stamp. The memory of many a hard-fought battle still clings to its venerable pages, and Catholics will never forget the debt they owe to this ably-edited and most valiant champion of Holy Church.

De Maashode, or *Messenger of the Meuse*, the great commercial river of Rotterdam, is the young giant Catholic daily of Holland, that has been displaying in recent years a nerve and enterprise such as would completely upset the stereotyped views current in this country of the Dutch character. To compete successfully with a long-established and powerful liberal rival, this enterprising journal publishes both a morning and an evening edition. Its telegraphic service and daily commercial reports of the markets of the world are so extensive and complete as to bring the paper in demand among bankers, brokers, and business houses of various kinds. The paper's policy is out-and-out Catholic; it stands for no mincing of religious principles; it is bold, brilliant, and aggressive: its latest journalistic triumph occurred last summer, when the *Maashode* was largely instrumental in ousting from office the liberal clique, that for years had been dominant in Rotterdam's municipal affairs.

Another leading Catholic daily is *Het Centrum* (*The Centre*), the paper founded and for many years edited by the late Monsignor Dr. Schaepman, the priest-orator-poet and statesman of modern Holland. He was a man of many parts, and to his wisdom and sagacity it is mainly owing that since 1888 Catholics and orthodox Protestants have joined forces for the

upholding of Christian principles of government against present-day liberalistic unbelief and socialistic disorder. Dr. Schaepman's motto was quite characteristic of the man: '*Credo Pugno*': I believe, therefore do I battle. He died in Rome in 1906. A grateful and admiring people have erected an enduring monument to the memory of this remarkable leader, whose name will go down in history as the Windthorst of The Netherlands. The above-named dailies may be called National newspapers, in the sense that their circulation extends over the entire country, and is not mainly confined to the section surrounding their centre of publication. Quite naturally there exists more or less rivalry between them; the friction at times crops out in print. But on the whole it is harmless and much of the same nature as the contention we read about in Scripture: as to which of them should be the greatest in the kingdom!

Most of the Catholic dailies issue illustrated Sunday papers, with pictorial representations of the principal current happenings at home and abroad, that contrast very favorably with our American 'abomination' known as the Sunday Supplement.

The field of Catholic journalism in Holland, as may be gathered from the foregoing sketch, is abundantly well supplied. However, numerous as they are and limited as their sphere of circulation is (among only two million souls, over an area slightly exceeding 12,000 square miles) the papers are well supported, and generally conducted on a sound paying basis. They skillfully manage to keep their columns well filled with live advertising matter. Consequently their readers hardly ever have any need of looking elsewhere for information they may require of this kind. Moreover, Catholics in Holland seem to be fully aware of the danger to their Faith that lurks in the pages of the secular and so-called neutral press; they seem conscious of the extreme folly of handing over their good money to aid and comfort their most dangerous foes, and that it is one of the most pressing of our present-day public duties to support and uphold the Catholic press.

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