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CATHOLIC INCREASE.

Dr. H. K. Carroll was placed in charge of the United States Census of Churches in 1890. Since that year he has compiled each year an important and interesting statement, says the New World. The authoritative statement for last year, according to the Literary Digest, announces that Catholicism increased by 80,432 during the year 1900. Methodism claims an increase of 106,472 members, which number, however, has to be subdivided among seventeen different classes or kinds of Methodism which are by no means at peace one with the other.

The figures for the past ten years are even more satisfactory. The New York Christian Advocate states that: "The largest gains in communicants between 1890 and 1900 were made by the Catholics—2,508,212. The Methodists (17 bodies) stand second with 1,327,065; the Baptists (13 groups) third, with 803,434; the Disciples of Christ fourth with 508,931; the Lutherans (21 bodies) fifth, with 429,096; the Presbyterians (12 bodies) sixth, with 300,068; and the Episcopalians (2 bodies) seventh, with 179,128."

All the above figures are taken from a non-Catholic source and the leading position conceded to Catholics cannot therefore be contradicted. This is indeed the most edifying and strongly illustrating the maxim: "Truth is great and will prevail." Our opponents may scoff and jibe at the Church which Christ Himself founded, but she has two promises from her Divine Originator—that her members should be hated by all men for His Name's sake, and that the gates of Hell should not prevail against Her. Who can deny the fulfillment of our Blessed Savior's words? Amid the attacks of the sects from every side the grand old Church stands firmly founded on the Rock; and so little have the gates of Hell prevailed that the increase of her membership has to be acknowledged by the non-Catholic and anti-Catholic elements which have compiled statistics by which the development of the various bodies professing Christianity can be compared.

Yes, the Catholic Church, as in numbers it surpasses any one other Christian profession, so also excels in its ratio of increase. And it stands alone in its greatness. Methodism shows a good record, but to its total increase no less than seventeen bodies contribute; there are thirteen lots of Baptists, twenty-one of Lutherans, twelve of Presbyterians, and two of Episcopalians. The increase of 80,432 for the one year, 1900, is put down to the Roman Catholic Church and everybody knows there is no subdivision there. "Truth is great and will prevail." The proposition may be reversed. "That which is great and prevails is true." The Catholic Church is great and prevails, even on the testimony of her opponents; therefore the Catholic Church is true.

Rev. W. T. Lardge is a Nonconformist minister of Preston, England, but he is a believer in the doctrine of Purgatory. The "Catholic Times" states that in a recent sermon the reverend gentleman argued that there was and must be an intermediate world between heaven and hell immediately on leaving this world; it was a simple and self-evident truth, both from the Scriptures and common sense. This doctrine was at one time openly acknowledged by the church at large. This was prior to the "Reformation," but as Christians they were bound to admit the reality of that doctrine, if they believed in the Bible as the Word of God. They could not get out of it. They must put their prejudices against that doctrine on one side, for the Bible says that there is a purgatory. Truth was

truth, and facts were facts. He was glad to notice that the doctrine was being revived in not a few quarters of the Church of England, and if it were not for the prejudices of some of the people it would spread rapidly. "God speed the day!" the preacher exclaimed. "It was a beautiful doctrine, a helpful doctrine, and a true doctrine." The church was well attended, and as may be expected, Mr. Lardge's sermon has made a profound impression.

The Congregation of Rites having finally approved the beatification of Jeanne d'Arc, the ceremony will take place next year with the greatest solemnity. In Vatican circles the beatification of Christopher Columbus is again discussed. The archbishop of Genoa recently presented the congregation of cardinals with new proposals.

Do not neglect the society of old men. Their memories are stored with many facts, which make them repositories well worth examining. Old men resemble old books, which contain excellent matter, though badly bound, dim and dusty.—Pope Clement XIV.

The accession of the Prince of Wales to the throne of Great Britain, says the Ave Maria, recalls an incident of his visit to this country which is creditable to him, though of course much more so to an American Catholic lady. At a fashionable ball in New York, the future King of England was presented to the oldest daughter of General William T. Sherman, and after some conversation his royal highness requested the pleasure of dancing with her. But Miss Sherman's mother was a model Catholic, and she had been educated in a convent. The dance was a waltz, and accordingly the young lady declined. Far from being offended, the Prince of Wales waited until a square dance was played, and again claimed Miss Sherman for his partner. On the eve of his departure for England, the future King was asked what lady he admired most of all that he had met during his visit. Without a moment's hesitation, he answered: "I must say I admire Miss Sherman the most."

In China, twelve and one-half miles from the village of Liou Chek, there is a mountain of alum, which, in addition to being a natural curiosity, is a source of wealth for the inhabitants of the country, who dig from it yearly "tons of alum."

"WHERE IS THY BROTHER?"

"I was my brother's keeper, and because I strove to take his land, as brothers may—
Eise what's the use of brotherhood?—
he die.
Defending it, He lies beneath its sod—
A bayonet thrust—I wiped away the blood—
His blood—from off the surface of the steel—
Lest it should rust its polish. It is gone.
Gone from my hands as well, and from my soul.
For, as I hope to enter heaven, I swear
I did it for his good. I slaughtered him
For his own good. He wished to rule himself—
To govern his own land in his own way—
He called it liberty, and he has won
His freedom now—the freedom of the grave—
His soul is free, although his body rots—
Dead for his good—I killed him for his good."
"Thou hypocrite!
The souls that thou has freed
Have gone to God to call for justice there.
Down on thy knees! Ask pardon in the dust!
The stamp of Cain is set upon thy brow.
Repent, and make what poor amends thou canst.
Restore what thou with violence hast stol'n.
Remember thou Christ's awful words,
"If thou
The world and all its riches should'st attain,
And lose thy soul—what shall it profit thee?"
—Edward Shadwell, in Boston Pilot.

Monsignor G. H. Doane is spending a few days in London before starting for Rome. He enjoys the distinction of being an honorary member of the Athenaeum Club, and looks out from Thackeray's Corner upon the hurly-burly of Pall Mall. He will return to London toward the end of May, and will probably remain there during June.

Rev. J. Prendergast, an uncle of the late Rev. P. J. Prendergast, of New York city, died recently in Tallow, Ireland. He was 90 years old, the oldest priest in Waterford diocese. One of his nephews is the Auxiliary-Bishop of Philadelphia, another is Rev. F. Prendergast of Carrick-on-Suir.

FATHER YOUNAN, C. S. P. Father Younan, the great Paulist missionary, was born in Calcutta, India, fifty-one years ago of Syrian parentage. His father spoke the language of Christ, and claimed descent from the very apostles. He spent forty years of his life in his native country, where he was for many years engaged in missionary work. He has been a priest for 21 years, and has traveled over all the world excepting Russia. He came to this country with the express purpose of spreading the faith among non-Catholics.

THE POPE'S SUPREMACY.

An Historical Fact and a Scriptural Doctrine.

There are not a few non-Catholics who have, perhaps, observed that while the supremacy of the Pope exists as a fact in history, it exists quite as luminously as a doctrine in the New Testament. They may even think, being of a logical turn of mind, that the amazing words of Our Blessed Lord in conferring the supremacy are best interpreted by the docile acquiescence of all spirits in accepting it. Such a coincidence between the command of God and the obedience of man could hardly be fortuitous. The one is the all-sufficient and only possible explanation of the other. That such majestic Pontiffs as St. Sylvester, St. Damasus, St. Innocent and St. Leo the Great—who thought of nothing and aimed at nothing but the glory of their Master, should have impudently subverted the constitution of His Church by an unholy lust of ambition, and without any care for their own salvation, is a suggestion worthy of a demon; that such colossal saints as a Jerome, an Augustine, a Hilary and an Ambrose should have basely connived at the usurpation, without any conceivable motive, is an hypothesis worthy of a fool; but that both, the Pontiffs on the one side and the Saints on the other, should conspire together, amid the acclamations of the whole Church of Christ, to found a spurious supremacy of the Holy See, which they who accepted exalted even more highly than they who claimed it, upon texts of Scripture which they all feebly misunderstood, and a supposed command of God which they all idly imagined, is an idea which only the heretic, who is a compound of both demon and fool, could ever have conceived.—From the Sunday Democrat.

ABOUT RELIGIOUS ENTHUSIASTS.

About eleven years ago a new sectarian church was launched into the troubled deep of religious competition, the peculiarly sectarian character of this church being that it was not to be sectarian at all in brief, we quote a few sentences from that herald of religious authority, The Western Watchman. It says, among other things "They secured a prophet, an apostle and a messiah all in one in the person of Dr. Cave. The poor man undertook to formulate a new gospel, establish a new church and spread the non-sectarian kingdom of righteousness from the centre of St. Louis to the uttermost bounds of her extended limits. Last Sunday he resigned; broken in health and crushed under the weight of his gigantic undertaking. There is no chance for an enterprising young ecclesiastich in these days of gospel trusts, and Dr. Cave goes down to his death crushed under the wheels of the Moloch of sectarian monopoly. The Non-Sectarian Church is bankrupt. Assets a large lot of faded hopes and punctured ambitions, liabilities pledges unredempted, prophecies unfulfilled and a mortgage."

DEFENDER OF THE FAITH.

The abjuration of Transubstantiation is an important element in the Oath of Accession, and the retention or omission of it will go far to shape the character of the oath in the future. We are content as Catholics to point out a certain inconsistency—or shall we call it a paradox—which can hardly have escaped the notice of those who are not forgetful of our history. To state it, we have only to set aside by side four well-known facts: 1. The English Sovereign, in becoming King, becomes "Defender of the Faith." 2. In order to become one or the other, he must first of all abjure Transubstantiation. 3. But the title of Defender of the Faith, acquired by this abjuration, had its historic origin in the grant of it by Leo X. to Henry VIII. 4. Henry VIII. merited this title from the Pope, by a vigorous defence of Transubstantiation. In other words, the King now earns his title of Defender of the Faith by publicly abjuring the very doctrine for defending which his ancestors first gained it.—London Tablet.

INJUSTICE TO CATHOLICS.

The Catholics in the State of Illinois are up in arms against a proposed free text book bill for the public schools in that State. They oppose it on the ground of being doubly taxed and they are upheld, by most of the influential papers of Chicago. In 1893 a similar bill was introduced in the Albany Legislature by Assemblyman Peck, now commissioner of public safety. There was great opposition to it at the time. It was denounced from Catholic pulpits on the Sunday preceding election, but it eventually, however, came into existence. New York's Catholic taxpayers are now paying for free text books as well as paying for the books which their children use in the parochial schools.

A REMARKABLE DEATH.

Father Sullivan, a priest attached to the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at Montmartre, Paris, preaching in the cathedral at Nantes on death and eternity, concluded by remarking that he had preached Lenten sermons for the last 20 years in many places, and noticed almost invariably that within a week of his preaching someone among his hearers was suddenly called to his account. This, he said, was a terrible example made by God and was no doubt a necessary lesson. "If the same thing happens here," he continued, "I wish that the person called may be ready to appear before the Lord." He rested a few moments after the sermon and then, approaching the chancel, fell dead.

Prejudice is like a thick fog through which light gleams fearfully, serve rather to terrify than to guide.—Father Faber.

FIVE MINUTE SERMON.

SHORT INSTRUCTIONS ON THE GOSPEL BY A REVEREND FATHER.

Gospel—St. John xvi. 16-22:—Joy After Sorrow.

St. Jerome says: "It is impossible for man to be happy both on earth and in heaven; it is impossible to enjoy the pleasures of this world and those of heaven; it is impossible to pass from the joys of the present life to the joys of life eternal." He who mourns on earth will rejoice in heaven, and he who laughs and is merry in the world will weep in hell.

We must know that if we are faithful followers and true friends of Christ, we may expect sorrow, tribulations, and sufferings here on earth, but all this will be for our greater glory and joy in heaven. We are now mourning like Joseph in the pit and in prison, but a day will come when our joy will be greater than his was when he was raised to the throne, and we will see that our humiliations and sufferings have been as so many steps by which we arrived at the height of happiness, and to the possession of a kingdom which no one can ever take from us.

THE FORTY HOURS.

The official order follows:—April 28th—Caledonia; Geneva; Victor; Hornellsville.

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR.

Sunday, April 28, 1901.—Gospel, St. John xvi. 16-22.—Patronage of St. Joseph. Monday, 29.—St. Peter of Verona, martyr. Tuesday, 30.—St. Catherine of Siena, virgin. Wednesday May 1.—St. Philip and James, apostles. Thursday, 2.—St. Athanasius, bishop, confessor, doctor. Friday, 3.—Fasting the True Cross. Saturday, 4.—St. Monica, widow.

IN MEMORIAM.

[Lines to the memory of Mrs. Eliza Moranay who died in the Cathedral parish, April 1, 1901.]

O! do not weep for them that's gone.
The loving mother, good kind friend,
For from her truly Christian life,
We know her sorrows now must end.

The friends that met her day by day,
And prized her for her noble heart,
Her love of right, her hate of wrong,
And we were loth from her to part.

But now that around her bedside dwelt,
The children that she held so dear,
We pity you and ask the Lord,
To give you comfort, give you cheer.

CATHEDRAL.

Hieronymo Council, O. W. B. L. At the regular meeting of Hieronymo Council, O. W. B. L., the following resolutions were adopted: Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to take from this life the little daughter of our associates, Mrs. Atkinson, therefore be it

Resolved, That we extend to our sister comrade and her family, our very sincere sympathy and pray our Heavenly Father to sustain and comfort them in their bereavement.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered on our minutes and published in THE CATHOLIC JOURNAL, and a copy transmitted to the bereaved family.

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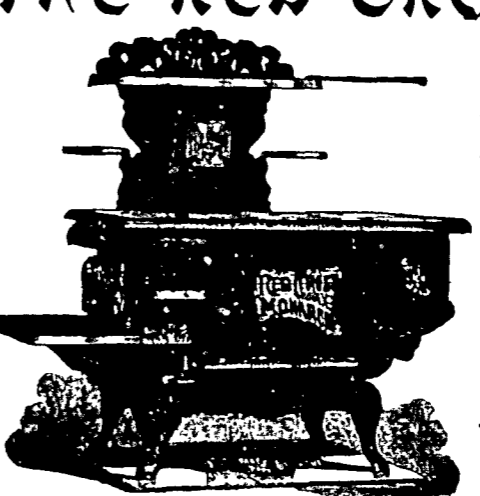
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