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CHRISTIAN BROTHERS AND EDUCATION.

It is peculiarly pleasant at a time when such bitter opposition is offered to the religious Orders on the continent, says the Liverpool Catholic Times, to notice the testimony borne by juries at the Paris Exposition to the work of the Brothers of the Christian Schools. Not only had the Brothers the highest awards for education in the first class, but they also had prizes in many other classes.

Their agricultural institute at Beauvais was marked out for special honor, and their school for deaf mutes obtained a like distinction. To Brothers Alexis, Petronius, Senateur, Charles, and others medals indicating the notable services they have rendered to education were granted. Altogether exhibition juries gave the Brothers thirteen gold, twenty-one silver, and fourteen bronze medals, besides many "honorable mentions" for their labors in the schools against which the new bill is directed.

The French Government know well enough the value of the work done by the members of the religious Orders, but they are, like all politicians, at the command of those who can organize the constituencies best. It would be worth the while of French Catholics to bring over one or two American political managers for a while and to learn a little of their skill in checkmating enemies.

In noting the gift of Father Walworth's library to the Catholic University at Washington the "University Bulletin" says that the collection includes more than 700 volumes, dealing with theology, philosophy, science, literature, history, biography and genealogy. This generous gift, besides completing previous collections, has added to the library a number of important duplicates, several early editions of note, and many other valuable and finely bound volumes. Father Walworth, so well known and highly esteemed as a missionary worker and as a priest of the diocese of Albany, came from one of the most distinguished families of America. He was a man of refined tastes and of an exhaustive and varied culture. He also kept steadily in touch with the religious and scientific movements of the day, while the several notable works which have issued from his own pen are a proof of his personal activity in the field of literature. His name will be inscribed in grateful remembrance among the generous benefactors of the University library.

The Rev. Father Herman Blumensaat of the Society of Jesus, who had been stationed on Blackwell's Island for the last nine years as spiritual adviser of the Catholic prisoners, died last Sunday in St. Vincent's hospital New York, of pneumonia. He was 56 years old and was born in Bavaria. He came to this country when a young man and was a candy manufacturer. In 1874 he became a member of the Jesuit order and was assigned to St. Joseph's church in East Eighty-seventh street. When the secular priests took charge of this church Father Blumensaat was stationed on Blackwell's Island. He was taken ill on April 8.

The Stemmen voor Waarheid en Vrede gives some remarkable statistics of the progress of the faith in the Netherlands. At the close of the eighteenth century, we are told, there were 354 Catholic parishes with 400 priests. These numbers rose in 1815 to 673 parishes, with 875 secular priests; in 1857 to 965 parishes and 2,093 priests. At present the figures are 1,014 parishes [illegible] The Catholic hierarchy was re-established in Holland by Pius IX. In 1853, since which time some 500 new churches have been built, and 150 rebuilt or enlarged, at a total expenditure of more than 4,000,000 sterling.

The Catholic population of the State of New Jersey has increased 55 per cent. in the last ten years. More than half of the avowed Christians of that State belong to the Catholic Church!

Of the newly dedicated St. Patrick's church, Toledo, the Pittsburg Catholic says: "It was modeled after no church in existence. The whole structure is of Father Hannin's own creation. Its form, its dimensions and every part of the exterior existed in his mind before even a single line went on paper, hence it is wholly new in design."

A solemn triduum in honor of the canonization of St. John Baptist de La Salle, founder of the order of Brothers of the Christian Schools, was held in the Church of the Holy Name, Chicopee, Mass., Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, May 5th, 6th and 7th.

The first event of its kind in the history of the Cleveland diocese, the golden jubilee celebration of Rev. Michael Healy, of Tiffin, was an event long to be remembered in the history of the priesthood of northern Ohio.

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According to "Official Report" the Indian Catholic population of the Vicarite of Indian Territory is 3,085. They woship in 15 churches, attended by six priests; 152 children and 30 adults were baptized last year, and 745 children are in the 12 schools set apart for them.

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A new college at Santa Barbara, Cal St Anthony's—was dedicated April 25th. Bishop Montgomery of Los Angeles was to preach. The new college will be used for the instructing and training of young men who are desirous of enterinng the Franciscan Order.

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The Rev. Joseph Parker, pastor of the City Temple, London, in opening the annual conference of the Congregational Union, recently, said he sympathized with the Catholics, who were wounded by the pitiable insults heaped upon their religion by the antiquated and despicable oath put into the sovereign's mouth. He declared that the oath must be improved off the earth.

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Act as if everything depended on yourself; pray as if everything depended on God.—St. Anslem.

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To be ungrateful is not only to commit a serious wrong, but is a fault that costs a heavy price.—Guizot.

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Who, O, my God, may tell the marvels wrought in us by Thy love, without our even knowing them?—Comtesse de Fremandin.

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Love is the cause of all that we believe.—Bossuet.

THE PRIEST AND THE MULBERRY TREE.

Did your hear of the curate who
mounted his mare,
And merrily trotted along to the fair?
Or creature more tractable none ever
heard;
In the height of her speed she would
stop at a word,
And again with a word, when the curate said Hey,
She put forth her mettle, and galloped
away.

As near to the gates of the city he
rode,
While the sun of September all brilliantly glowed,
The good priest discovered, with eyes
of desire,
A mulberry tree in a hedge of wild
briar,
On boughs long and lofty, in many a
green shoot,
Hung large, black, and glossy, the
beautiful fruit.

The curate was hungry, and thirsty to
boot;
He shrunk from the thorns, though he
longed for the fruit;
With a word he arrested his courser's
keen speed,
And he stood up erect on the back of
his steed;
On the saddle he stood, while the creature stood still,
And he gathered the fruit, till he took
his good fill.

"Sure never," he thought, "was a creature so rare,
So docile, so true, as my excellent
mare.
Lo, here, how I stand" (and he gazed
all around),
"As safe and as steady as if on the
ground,
Yet had it been, if some traveller
this way,
Had meaning no mischief, but chanced to cry Hey!"

He stood with his head in the mulberry tree,
And he spoke out aloud in his fond
reverie.
At the sound of the word, the good
mare made a push,
And down went the priest in the wild-briar bush.
He remembered too late, on his thorny
green bed,
Much that well may be thought cannot
wisely be said.

Rev. Mr. Buckley, who was received into the Church several years ago, was ordained by Cardinal Gibbons last week. Father Buckey was at one time rector of the Episcopal church in Newport, the fashionable summer resort.

"A PAIR OF BIGOTS."

MADISON C. PETERS AND HIS COLLEGUE BROUGHT TO A HALT.

They Attempt to Slur the Sacred Practices of Catholics in the "Book World" a Magazine Issued By a Department Store Firm in New York.

Rev. Madison C. Peters is no longer editor of "Book World," a magazine issued by the Siegel, Cooper Co., the great Sixth avenue department store firm in New York.

In the last issue was an article on the religions of Japan, contributed by the Rev. Robert Stuart MacArthur. This described the different sects of that country. In the course of the article the Rev. Mr. MacArthur made reference to the superstitions of Japan and added:

"One may see certain religionists in New York showing a similar superstition about an alleged bone of an alleged saint's arm."

Rev. Mr. Peters is know to all Catholics as a rabid enemy of their faith, and the Rev. MacArthur is equally notorious in this regard. The sentence quoted above from MacArthur's article was interpreted by Catholics as an attempt to slur the relic of St. Anne, which is preserved in the Church of St. Jean Baptiste at No. 159 East Seventy-sixth street.

The Siegel, Cooper Co. were soon in receipt of numerous letters from Catholic patrons protesting against the use to which this publication was being put by its bigoted editor. Among those writing was T. St. John Gaffney, who said:

"The members of your firm can hardly be acquainted with the antecedents and general reputation of the Rev. Mr Peters and the Rev. Mr. MacArthur, otherwise I am sure they would not have entrusted such persons with the editorial direction of a magazine which must appeal for support to all religious denominations.

"The Revs. Peters and MacArthur have acquired an unenviable notoriety for making malicious, scandalous and slanderous attacks on Catholicity, a religion whose constituency numbers nearly one-half the church-going population of the United States. The Catholic clergy are not engaged in misrepresenting and ridiculing the sacred tenets of those of contrary faith, but in working in all charity for the betterment of mankind and the salvation of the world.

A business firm such as yours must rely largely upon the support of Catholics, and I am satisfied that it is far from your purpose that the publication I refer to should be utilized by discredited ministers of any belief, for the purpose of venting their spite against the religious feelings and convictions of any class in this community."

Replies were immediately sent out by the firm expressing keen regret over the occurrence and giving assurance that nothing of the kind should occur in the future. Announcement was also made that the firm had asked the resignation of Peters.

FATHER BODFISH'S PROTEST

Rev Joshua P. Bodfish, formerly a Paulist, but now pastor of a church in Boston archdiocese, created a sensation at the dinner of the American Irish Historical Society of Boston by protesting against the elimination of priests and nuns from the schools of Cuba and Porto Rico. He said "Under the old conditions the peaople were satisfied. Now comes a revision. The nuns and priests are being driven out of the public schools and a lot of New England schoolmarms, who cannot speak the language and have no sympathy with them, are taking their places. There is not a single Catholic appointed in the schools. The object is to force upon the people the American system of education. Is this civilization? The natives are forced to emigrate; their markets have been taken away, they are starving. Are we going to civilize them as we did the American Indians?

TWO BROTHERS ORDAINED.

Two brothers, Rev. Frederick Bocklage and Rev. Clement Bocklage, both natives of Cincinnati, were ordained recently in the grand new Covington Cathedral by Rt. Rev Bishop Maes D. D. They celebrated their first holy Masses, Easter Sunday, in St. Charles' Church, Carthage, at 7:30 a. m. and 10:30 a. m., respectively. Fathers Frederick and Clement made their studies together for the past ten years at St. Gregory's College, Cedar Point and with the Benedictine Fathers at Cullman, Ala. Their parents are dead but a number of brothers, sisters and relatives and a host of warm-hearted friends will rejoice with the two new priests. Kentucky will be the future field of labor of the Fathers Bocklage, and the diocese of Covington is fortunate in securing for itself these two popular, talented and pious ecclesiastics.

Do not forget your Easter duty. It is much more important than any of your temporal concerns, for it is a duty which you owe to God, to yourself and to your neighbor.

The idea of true piety, which is independent of the world and of men's opinions, is found in the person who is thoroughly possessed with the sense of his duty to God and has no affecttation orpjretension.—Percy Fitzgerald.

Great souls are always loyally submissive, reverent, to what is over them; only small, mean souls are otherwise.—Carlyle.

The acceptance or rejection or faith depends much on man's moral state. Faith is a test of moral character.—F. Gavin, S. J.

The only important thing in good works is the amount of love we put into them. The soul of an action is its motive.—Father Faber.

PERSONALITIES.

Bishop Glennon has been delivering lectures at Notre Dame university, his alma mater.

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Spain's Queen Regent performed the ceremony of washing the feet of 24 poor people at the Palace, Madrid, on Maundy Thursday, and served food to them.

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Rev. Patrick J. O'Donohue, pastor of the Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel, St. Louis, died the other day at the Mullanphy hospital, that city. Father O'Donohue was born 45 years ago in County Longford, Ireland. He attended Carlow college and was ordained there in 1880.

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Clement Studenbaker of South Bend, Ind., has presented a sum of money to the Notre Dame College Oratorical association, the interest to be used for prizes to be given to the three men chosen to represent Notre Dame in the annual debate with the representatives of the University of Indianapolis.

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Dr. Schaepman has been created a Domestic Prelate by the Pope. Like Dr. Lieber, whose name by a lapsus calami has appeared for his in a Roman letter, he is the lead of a party. For many years he has led the Catholics of Holland, and despite occasional criticisms from the Catholic press, still retains all his power. He is a priest and a Doctor of Divinity. Dr. Lieber, the German leader, is a layman.

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Bishop Moeller, of Columbus, Ohio, has sent to Philadelphia a draft for $40,000 to be applied on the principal of the Cathedral debt of Columbus, Ohio. On December 1, 1900, the total indebtedness amounted to $198,361.32. Since then $74,890 has been paid on the principal, with $6,101.44 interest. There is a cash on hand to the amount of $704.16, leaving a total balance to date of $116,662.07.

HIGHER EDUCATION.

There is the work of higher education. Our youths are too generally content with a common school education, too few of them are pupils of colleges or universities. Indeed, the number that do seek a higher education is lamentably small. Parents do not understand the importance of such education for their children, priests do not understand the importance of it for their people and for the church. Intelligence is power, intelligence means influence, it means victory. If Catholics are to rise to positions of distinction, if they are to be in the country something more than herds of voters, if they are to elevate themselves and to honor their church, they must be educated. Heretofore the cry has been—and a blessed one it is to which, as time goes by, our lips must not be closed—Catholic schools! Henceforth must go this other cry—and be it even the louder—Catholic schools and a Catholic university! And since the people will rise only as their leaders rise, be there still that other cry—and the loudest of all—seminaries for our levites the best and highest that thought and money can bestow!

There is the work of the religious education of the people. Without this, mere secular education will not avail; rather will it be a peril and a menace. We shall multiply Catholic schools and colleges. This is not enough. But I ask, is due care taken to instruct in religion the legions of children who, for one reason or another, do not attend and will not attend Catholic schools and colleges? The neglect of such children will be a terrible misfortune for the church. And, I further ask, is the religious instruction usually given in Sunday classes and in schools as deep, as extensive, as exclusive, as dogmatic, as the need of the times demands? The letter of the catechism, pious legends, devotional practices will never enable our youth to encounter the cold winds of unbelief passing over the land; will never fit them to be, before non-Catholics, defenders and expounders of the faith. The need of the hour is solid instruction in the great dogmas and moral principles of the Catholic religion. We are taken up too much with little things, the mere flounces and frills of piety, and we forget the vital elements which produce and nurture the virile religion, for which alone men today have the time and taste, and which alone will defy all storms.

Is there sufficient religious instruction for the Catholic body at large? How many there are who rarely listen to a sermon. Is the sermon of itself all sufficient? Are proper means taken to supplement the sermon by the reading of Catholic books? If I were to seek to-day a discouraging sign I would find it in the absence from Catholic homes of Catholic periodicals and Catholic books. In their patronage of Catholic literature the Catholics of to-day have gone backward. There were more Catholic books in one log shanty of an Ohio pioneer of forty or fifty years ago than in a dozen pretentious mansions of Catholics of the present time. The chief Catholic literature sent out to-day by Catholic publication houses in America are prayer books and catechisms; there is but scanty sale for publications of a more serious kind.

Are we doing enough to reach out to all classes of people? What are we doing in the slums of cities? What are we doing to recover lukewarm Catholics who because of social isolation or spiritual apathy are holding aloof from mass and sacraments, whom, however, a kindly effort would stay in their receding march? What are we doing for unfortunate Catholics, inmates of State institutions, who cannot come to us, who remain without instruction or Sacraments unless we go to them?—From Sermon by Archbishop Ireland.

The soldier's fidelity is proved in battle, and blessed is he who is faithful in adversity.—St. Alphonsus Liguori.

MISSIONS IN OHIO.

A ZEALOUS PASTOR TO PREACH TO NON CATHOLICS.

In the Distric School Houses All Over His Parochial Territory—Some Interesting Details of Former Missions Held in Wyandot County.

In the fall of 1898 the first mission for non-Catholics was given in the County of Wyandot. This was followed last week by another effort to place the religion of Christ before the stray sheep of the county. As heretofore, the mission was given at Kirby, which is somewhat west of Upper Sandusky, the county seat. Kirby is a small town, but has a large and handsome church, within reach of thousands of unchurched Protestants. Upper Sandusky has two daily papers, which circulate all through the county, selling as they do for $2 per year—the old price of the weekly papers. These newspapers were glad to publish all we sent them, and we managed, between them, to give fairly good accounts of each evening's doings. At the former mission, several communications were addressed to these papers, challenging or criticising our statements, which the editors refused to publish, as we learned later on. We asked them at this mission to kindly publish every criticism. If anybody concluded to show fight, we were ready to take up the gage of battle. The expected did not happen, though we put our Catholic belief rather bluntly.

Eighteen months ago, we could state that there was but one Protestant church in Kirby, of the rare Winebrenner type the white frame church, with its artistic little belfry, still stands; but there are no services, except when the annual or semi-annual collection is taken up for the support of its seminary, which is located, together with its denominational headquarters, in Findlay, Ohio.

Catholics are largely responsible for the going out of Winebrennerism in Kirby, but, unfortunately, the sectaries have not entered the Catholic fold, which leaves them worse off than before. Father Hultgen, pastor of Kirby, is solicitious for their salvation and is doing all in his power to draw them into the Church. His efforts, so far, have not met with much success: still he is bound to succeed, if, as Tertullian says: "The human soul is naturally Christian." They will be craving for some religion, and there will be but one person to supply it. They ask no questions at a non-Catholic mission, but the fact that they are sufficiently interested to come and listen is a hopeful sign. Father Hultgen has in view what appears to be a very practical and effective plan—to preach missions in the district school houses all over the parochial territory.

The non-Catholic mission was preceded by one for the faithful. There were not many questions asked at the former; nearly all were answered by Father Hultgen. Someone, evidently a Catholic, wanted to know the manner of Luther's death. The answer we were expected to make was that he hanged himself. The half million readers of the 'Waisenfreund' are all thoroughly convinced of this, for that paper has been harping on this one string for years, though not one reputable historian can be quoted in favor of that belated gossip of a garrulous old servant. The answer we did give was a disappointment.

The Catholics of Wyandot County have proved, in a small way, the advantage of Catholic federation, of which so much is being written nowadays. The three parishes of Kirby, Upper Sandusky and Carey—clergy and laity—are a unit in all that regards their religious interests. Though they constitute but a small minority of the voting population, by concerted action they succeed in getting all they "go after." In deference to their expressed wish, the saloons of Kirby have been closed on Sundays. Father Hultgen has been appointed to the presidency of the Board of Charities and corrections. Catholic children are sent, in consequence, to Catholic institutions, and the orphans in charge of the Cleveland Sisters are paid for out of the county funds. This is as it should be. If every county did the same, a heavy burden would be lifted from Catholic shoulders.

LOST AND FOUD.

A charming little anecdote is related in the life of Father John Bosco, the founder of many charitable institutions in Europe. One day a little boy belonging to his orphanage was found weeping bitterly. The lad was about to make a general confession, and had written his sins in a copy-book, either because he was scrupulous, or because he found them too numerous to remember readily. He lost this inventory of all he had, or rather of all he had not, for when we commit sin we lose virtue and gain vice. The child's grief was uncontrollable, and so he was brought to Father Bosco. The latter took the little fellow upon his knee and asked him what the trouble was. "I have lost all my sins!" he said amid his tears and sobs. "Happy boy, to lose your sins!" said the kind old man; "but still happier are you if you never find them, for being sinless you will be near to God." Then he consoled the little chap by telling him that he had found the copy-book containing his sins. "If I had known that," the little fellow said with a happy smile, "I would not have cried; and when I went to confession I would have said 'Father, I accuse myself of all the sins in your pocket.' "

There is for us a lesson to be learned from the child's simplicity and earnestness. There is no danger we will write down our sins and then lose them. No; the trouble is we won't lose them, but instead will lose ourselves in them. Nor have we need of a copy-book. All we have to do is to remember what we can, confess them and be sincerely sorry for them.

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