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And Still Another.

The thousand and one warring sects into which our non-Catholic friends are divided is to be swelled by an addition. It is called "the Church of Humanity," and it is engineered by one Kerr, who is also the editor of the Christian Educator," published at Great Bend, Kansas.

For one dollar a year it is possible to secure life memberships in the church, and an annual subscription to the Educator—just like trading stamps or tickets with tea or coffee.—The creed of the new sect is hazy—if it has any at all—but if it has any one cardinal principle it is: "Leave the other churches and give your money to us; but be sure and send Kerr the money early and often."

The new sect numbers 44—16 in Kansas to one in each of the other States of the Union; but Kerr needs more members to bring in the dollars he needs.

Evidently, Kerr has not yet made his "Gospel graft" pay as well as John Alexander Dowie, but he has hopes; like Barkis, he's willin'.

The Latest Fad.

Really our non-Catholic friends are hard put to secure attendance at their services, as witness the following press dispatch:

"Milwaukee, Wis., July 14.—The Rev. William A. Shaw, pastor of the North Side Congregational Church, has announced a plan to increase the attendance of his church, and to secure funds for the payment of recent improvements, which has spread far and wide as entirely unique.

"Every person who contributes his mite in the Sunday collection plates is to find his name emblazoned on a tablet in the chancel the following Sunday. This display advertising, Mr. Shaw says, will not detract from the sanctity of the House of the Lord, nor turn it into a mart.

"He believes firmly in the adage that advertising pays, and is sure that his proposition will prove attractive to the city's merchants who appreciate clever advertising. In addition he is sure that many persons will be drawn to hear his sermons out of curiosity. He says he will see to it that they all become regular attendants."

On second thought, though, there are possibilities in Mr. Scott's plan.—For instance, the announcements might read like this:

Members of the congregation next week should buy their dry goods from Linen, Crash & Co.; their groceries from Paul Smith; their crockery from John Jones. There will be a mark down slaughter sale of jewelry at Frank Simpson's and so on. Really, Mr. Shaw may beat the Milwaukee papers as an advertising medium. Of course it's not the Gospel; but how many non-Catholic preachers nowadays preach the Gospel?

The "Rev. Father Hagerty was not penciled to lecture under the auspices of Detroit Trades and Labor Councils after the members had learned his real status in the Catholic priesthood of the United States.

Press despatches state that "Religious Garb" Skinner has been at Oyster Bay, calling upon the President. President Roosevelt should be cautious how he mixes up with this zarplot in New York State politics.

Geographies are now being revised so as to include the village of Eopaus, the home of one Alton B. Parker.

A Base Libel.

One of those childless meddlers who have done so much to upset social conditions in this country must have been poking her nose into things in France. A Miss Betham-Edwards has made the astounding discovery that the real reason the French government has expelled the religious orders from France is, because the "old maids" have retired to the convents because of unrequited love.

Was there ever anything more absurd ever conceived? In the first place, in nearly all the religious orders, postulates are refused after they have attained the age of twenty-eight years. In the second place, no religious community could long exist if its membership were made up of the disappointed, the morbid.

No, no. It takes a real avocation—a call from Almighty God to lead a young girl to forego the pleasures of the world, to take upon herself the vows of perpetual chastity, obedience and poverty. And if Miss Betham-Edwards really had investigated the matter, she would have learned that the convents were filled, not with the disappointed or morbid, but with women who possess a capacity for all the joys and pleasures of life, but have relinquished them that they might serve God better and advance His Gospel on earth.

A Practical Lesson.

A writer in a current magazine, discoursing on indiscriminate and inconsistent spending, gives what he declares to be an accurate account kept by a flesh and blood young man of his month's expenditures.

This young man has a salary of \$1,000 a year. His cigars cost him \$7.35 for the month; "treats" and "refreshments" \$7.65; "slot machines," \$6.25; theatres and entertainments, \$13.35, total \$24.60. On the other hand, his board and lodging cost \$30—nearly as much as his dissipation. "Papers and magazines," the literary side, cost \$1.75—not so bad a proportion. But how much do you suppose "Church and Charity" received from this young man during the month? Just 68 cents! Less than one per cent. of his income!

These figures explain how our young men's tastes run. They care far more for various forms of dissipation than they care for reading and improving the mind. If they go to the theater, there must be a lunch and liquid refreshments afterward. They spend more than ten times as much for cigars as they give to aid the cause of religion.

Undoubtedly the same statement is true of young women. They think nothing of half a dollar for a seat in the theater; but "really they cannot afford it." When the third Sunday of the month rolls around, and they are called upon for a twenty five cent school collection, to support the institution which is furnishing Catholic young people with a knowledge of their holy religion—

Pity 'tis, 'tis true.

Mgr. De Regge.

In the death of Rt. Rev. H. De Regge the diocese of Rochester loses a valiant churchman—Bishop McQuaid a tried friend and trusted counsellor—while the Catholic church at large loses a loyal and devoted son.

Monsignor DeRegge, while a Belgian by birth, was an intensely loyal American citizen by adoption. He was proud of his adopted country, and none born here was more intense in his love of the Stars and Stripes.

Father DeRegge was noted for his open-hearted generosity both to the church and to suffering humanity in general. St. Andrew's Seminary was largely built, endowed and maintained by him, and St. Bernard's Seminary also profited by his generosity. Needy individuals by the score were helped by the kind-hearted priest.

Let all readers of the JOURNAL pray for the repose of the soul of Father DeRegge.

Correction or Apology.

The usually accurate Post-Express owes its readers an apology or a correction of statement in its local columns on Tuesday that Patrick Ryan, who applied for aid to County Poor Superintendent Lodge was "the son of Patrick Ryan, Sr., a well-known Catholic priest of Boston."

Why Not, Indeed?

Concisely, persistently, does the Chicago "New World" state a well known fact when it says:

"Really, if it were not for the Catholic parochial system what would our great American cities do? The current Saturday Evening Post says editorially that 'the great cities seem unable to offer their children accommodations sufficient for their education.' Children grow faster than do the abilities for furnishing school houses for them. The Catholic school is educating more than a million of those unaccommodated ones, and yet it gets no pay for services the State cannot do itself. Why does it not?"

More Power to Them.

The public of Rochester will stand loyally by Mayor Cutler in any effort he may make to compel the Rochester Railway Company to give us the street car service we are entitled to.

This corporation has received from the citizens of Rochester valuable franchises, for which they have received little or no remuneration.

The least the corporation could do in return would be to give the public a decent service.

Make them do it, Mr. Mayor.

Truly a Catholic bishop's life is not all play. Last week, one day, Bishop Colton of Buffalo rode from that city, then officiated at the dedication ceremonies of St. Mary's church in Medina; he gave confirmation in the afternoon, and preached in the evening. And there was the Bishop of Rochester, at the age of 83, journeying all the way to St. Paul to serve in his capacity as spiritual adviser of the L. C. B. A.

Father John Fox, formerly vicar general and now administrator of the diocese, has been appointed by Pope Leo XIII as Archbishop Messmer's successor as Bishop of Green Bay, Wis. The appointment meets with universal approval.

Newspaper men figure in politics this year. The national republican committee's New York headquarters will be in charge of Luther Coolidge, a well known Washington correspondent. First Assistant Postmaster General Wynne, a relative of Father Wynne, the Jesuit writer—is a former Washington correspondent of the New York "Press"; while the democratic national committeeman of New York, Norman E. Mack, is editor and proprietor of the Buffalo "Times."

Father Kavanagh, the indefatigable rector of St. Bridget's, is not at all dismayed over the fact that the city has not yet recovered from the generosity it displayed on the occasion of the Home for the Aged fair. He has set out to raise funds for a new tower, and it is an even wager that he'll raise it too.

Bishop McQuaid's letter to Supreme President Hynes of the C. M. B. A. is an added proof of the prelate's shrewdness in financial matters.

Monsignor DeRegge's many friends were exceedingly gratified at the sincere tributes paid to his busy and useful life by Rochester's secular press.

The JOURNAL extends congratulations to Rev. Peter Berkery and the Catholics of Medina on the dedication of the new St. Mary's church edifice.

Farmers' Day, Lake Island Park.

Excursion Manager Randolph of the New York Central has made great preparations for a special excursion to Wilson via Lewiston Heights on the occasion of the Farmer's Club picnic to be held at Lake Island Park, Saturday July 30. It has been arranged to start a special train from Spencerport, leaving there at 6:31 a.m., returning from Wilson at 7 p.m. A special program has been arranged which includes band concerts and prominent speakers. The route of the special train is via Lewiston Mountain, giving the passengers a splendid view of Brock's monument, old Lewiston, Youngstown and the Niagara Fruit Valley.

One Thousand for \$2.

This offer is made by the New York Central on Sunday July 31, when they give one an opportunity to see One Thousand Islands at the nominal rate of \$2, including a 50 mile steamer trip. Fast train will leave State street station at 8:30 a.m., stopping at Briar Place.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS.

A Protestant Tribute to Their Influence For Morality.

There is one church which makes religion an essential in education, and that is the Catholic Church, in which the mothers teach their faith to the infants at the breast in their lullaby songs and whose brotherhoods and priests, sisterhoods and nuns imprint their religion on souls as indelibly as the diamond marks the hardened class. They instill in their faith in human hearts when most plastic to the touch.

Are they wrong, are they stupid, are they ignorant, that they found parochial schools, convents, colleges, in which religion is taught? Not if a man be worth more than a dog or the human soul, with eternity for duration, is of more value than the span of animal existence for a day. If they are right, then we are wrong if our Puritan fathers were wise, then we are foolish.

Looking upon it as a mere speculative question with their policy they will increase with ours we will decrease. Manually predicted the endurance of the Catholic Church till the civilized Australian should sketch the ruins of London from a broken arch of London bridge. We are no prophet, but it does seem to us that Catholics, retaining their religious teaching and we our heathen schools, will gaze upon cathedral crosses all over New England when the meeting houses will be turned into barns.

Let them go on teaching their religion to the children and we go on educating our children in schools without a recognition of God and without the reading of the Bible, and they will plant corn and train grapes on the unknown graves of Plymouth pilgrims and of the Puritans of Massachusetts bay, and none will dispute their right of possession. We say this without expressing our own hopes or fears, but as inevitable from the fact that whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap.—New England Journal

The Pallium.

What is the pallium? In the Latin Church, writes Voltaire, J. Rochfort in the Messenger, the pallium at present is an archiepiscopal ornament, consisting of a circular band, three fingers wide, of white lambs' wool. Woven to this effect one-half of which is double thickness, are two short pendants of the same width and material. At the ends of these pendants are attached thin sheets of metal usually lead covered with black silk.

When worn the pallium rests on the shoulders over the doublet with the pendants hanging one on the breast, the other on the back, of the prelate. Moreover, it must be worn according to the ceremonial Episcoporum, that the half which is of double thickness may rest on the left shoulder. Six black silk crosses adorn the vestment, four on the dexter, one on the back and one on the front pendant. This is the custom at present, although during past centuries the form, number and color of the crosses have changed several times. Finally the left shoulder and the pendants are ornamented with jeweled pins, which replace those formerly used to fasten the pallium to the chasuble.

A Story With a Moral.

It is said that once Mendelssohn came to see the great Freiburg organ. The old custodian refused him permission to play upon the instrument, not knowing who he was. At length, however, he reluctantly granted him leave to play a few notes. Mendelssohn took his seat, and soon the most wonderful music was beaming forth from the organ. The custodian was spellbound. He came up beside the great musician and asked his name. Learning it, he stood humiliated, self-condemned, saying, "And I refused you permission to play upon my organ!" There comes one to us and desires to take our lives and play upon them. But we withhold ourselves from Him and refuse Him permission, when if we would yield ourselves to Him, He would bring from our souls the most heavenly music.

Wrought by the Vans.

One of the most notable contributions to a branch of ecclesiastical art comparatively neglected nowadays—that is, the art of book illumination—was furnished by the missal prepared for the Pope's use during the Gregorian celebrations. It was the work of the nuns of St. Cecilia of Solesmes, daughters of St. Benedict. They have been banished from France through the act of M. Combes and have taken refuge in the Isle of Wight, in the south of England. Here they decorated the beautiful missal which the Pope used in the Mass which he celebrated on April 11 before 50,000 people from many lands.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The Catholics of St. Louis, Mo., are taking steps to erect a new cathedral at a cost of \$1,000,000.

Archbishop Farley of New York has appointed a diocesan commission with the view of carrying out the instructions of the Holy Father on the reform of Church music.

The pontifical vestments of Pius V. have been discovered in the Church of Santa Maria Maggiore, in Rome, and have been presented to the Pope by Cardinal Vincenzo Vanutelli.

The Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul have opened a new house in Eisener, Denmark. Success is assured, and that almost Protestant city has received most graciously these newcomers.

Jesuit priests were the pioneers of agriculture in Alaska. A fine garden is to be found at every mission station along the Yukon, and the farm at Holy Cross mission, above 64 degrees north latitude, near Nulato, on the lower Yukon, is famous.

A CATHOLIC CENSUS.

The Gigantic Scheme It Is Said His Holiness Has Under Way.

Previous to the arrival of Cardinal Satolli it was called that one of his missions in this country would be the appointing in every diocese, of inspectors who are to investigate conditions, make their inquiries independently of the bishops and report directly to Rome. The cardinal, who insists that he has come only with social purposes, has declined to speak of this reported aspect of his visit.

However, a Catholic priest of New York who has recently been in Rome makes the statement that His Holiness is to conduct the most marvelous and extensive census of the Church ever attempted. He says:

"Through his cardinals, who have the power to commission their deputies and assistants, a complete census of every parish, mission and community is to be taken throughout the world.

"The record, when completed, will include the spiritual, temporal, numerical, physical and social conditions prevailing in every diocese, including every communicant from the highest in rank to the humblest. Even the names, ages and property of every member of church and mission will be included.

"When the Pope proposed this mighty collection of statistics his cardinals exclaimed 'Impossible!' but Pope Pius X was undeviating from his purpose.

"His Holiness has instructed his deputies not to accept, while employed in collecting the data, any hospitality from the dignitaries of the Church, but to go ahead with their gigantic task, carrying it through in business-like fashion to the end.

"The data will be placed in the archives of the Vatican. It is several hundred years since a census of the Church was taken on anything approaching this scale."—New York World

Vatican and Quirinal.

Cardinal Sampa, archbishop of Bologna, recently drove in state to visit the king of Italy and at dinner was seated at his majesty's right hand. An explanation of the cardinal's official recognition of the king has been given, semi-officially it is said, on behalf of the Holy See, its purport being that the permission granted to the cardinal shows that the Holy Father limits his claim to Rome. The co-existence of two sovereigns in the Eternal City is, His Holiness is convinced, impossible, and this is the reason why a strong protest was made against President Loubet's visit, but the pontiff is anxious that a policy of mutual conciliation should be adopted by the spiritual and the temporal powers so far as the other parts of Italy are concerned. In other words, while Pius X maintains the rightful claim of the Holy See to absolute independence he desires to make it clear that he is not influenced by any mere love of temporal sway. The course which the Holy See has pursued has produced an excellent impression not only in Italy, but throughout Europe, and it will undoubtedly tend to bring nearer a satisfactory modus vivendi between the Italian king and the Holy See. London Catholic Opinion

Passing the Church.

Do we Catholics firmly believe in the real presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament? No doubt we do, and we must, would we be the true followers of Christ? Yet do we not oftentimes act as if the Lord had no abode in the tabernacle? Ofttimes we pass by the church and never stop to enter just for one short moment, just to greet our Master, who waits for use, who calls to us, who here rests day and night alone, and it would seem forgotten. Would you pass by the home of some great benefactor without even as much as replying to his call should he invite you in? Then why not at least stop one moment to greet your greatest benefactor, your Lord, your God, your all, who constantly invites you to come to Him?

Preserving the Bible.

Protestants are forming a league for the preservation of the Bible. This is indeed very commendable; but, as Father Lambert well remarks, the Catholic Church is the best league for the preservation of the Bible. She has preserved it for nineteen hundred years and will preserve it until the end of time.—Church Calendar of West Virginia.

Be Firm.

When discouraged by the sin and indifference of men, then is the time to stand firm to Christ, to remain faithful to one's spiritual duties and to be resolute in every detail of duty. There is the time to offer one's body and one's intelligence, one's time and one's fatigue, to Him Who shed His Blood for us and for all men.

Passion.

A passion is a demon—not unconquerable, but nevertheless of stupendous strength. The purified soul shines with the resplendent beauty of God's own image. This beauty is such that the mind cannot conceive its magnificence. It is our privilege to possess it, but who values it sufficiently to make the endeavor?

SHORT SERMONS.

In every creature, however small, we may see a striking image of the Divine Wisdom, Power and Goodness.

Duty has the virtue of making us feel the reality of a positive world, while at the same time detaching us from it.

Take care to stir up in yourselves deep veneration for the Most Kind Heart of Jesus, that Heart so overflowing with love and mercy.

The Justice of God is as worthy of admiration as His mercy, for rest assured that sin of itself is a much greater evil than the penalty you incur through it.

No matter how many years we may have been practicing the spiritual life, the day on which we begin to hate our pride, the day we realize its loathsomeness, that day we begin a new life.

THE PHILIPPINES.

His Holiness May Appoint No Successor to Archbishop Guidi.

In Catholic circles in Washington it is believed that no successor will be appointed to Archbishop Guidi, who died in the Philippines on June 26.

The dead prelate was the direct representative of the Pope and was sent to the Philippines on a special mission to conduct the negotiations looking to the transfer to the United States government of the lands belonging to the friars. Bishop Guidi had finished the work which he went to the Philippines to perform and intended to sail from Manila to Rome June 30.

Several weeks before his death he wrote Colonel Clarence Edwards, chief of the bureau of insular affairs of the war department, a letter in which he thanked him and other government officials for the valuable assistance they had rendered in the settlement of this important question. In view of the fact that his mission was ended there is little likelihood of a successor being appointed, but if one is sent he will go from Rome, and nothing will be known of the Pope's action in this respect by Catholic officials in this country until the appointment has been made.

Archbishop Harty, formerly of St. Louis, but now of the diocese of Manila, is in charge of the affairs of the Catholic Church in the Philippines, and it is the opinion among Catholics that he is sufficiently familiar with the negotiations in connection with the transfer of the friar lands to be in a position to advise the Pope if any question regarding the transfer should arise.

It had been decided that Archbishop Guidi would come to the United States to succeed Archbishop Falconio, the papal delegate who left for Rome recently. It will now be necessary for the Pope to select a new successor to Archbishop Falconio, but no action will be taken for some time.

It has been the policy of the Church to gradually remove the Spanish bishops in the Philippines and send successors from the United States. Bishop Rooker, who was secretary to the papal legation here, is now the bishop of Cebu, and Bishop Hendricks of Rochester is now in the Philippines. The affairs of the Church in the islands are now practically in the hands of American archbishops, bishops and priests. In a short time all the Spaniards will have returned to their native land and priests from this country will be sent over to succeed them.—Washington Philadelphia Press.

The Power of Silence.

What a strange power there is in silence! How many resolutions are formed, how many sublime conquests effected, during that pause when the lips are closed and the soul secretly feels the eye of her Master upon her! When some of those cutting, sharp, blighting words have been spoken which send the hot, indignant blood to the face and head, if those to whom they are addressed keep silent, look on with awe, for a mighty work is going on within them then. During that pause they have made a step toward heaven or toward hell, and an item has been scored which the day of judgment shall see opened. They are the strong ones of the earth—those who know how to keep silence when it is a pain or a grief to them.

Music in the Newark Diocese.

Bishop O'Connor of the diocese of Newark has notified the priests in his charge that, in accordance with the wishes of the Pope in regard to church music, he desires to do away with solos and operatic features. He requests that Gregorian chants be more extensively used. Palestrina's music and that recommended by the Cecilian society will also be permissible. The bishop states, however, that the women members of sanctuary choirs will no longer be allowed to sing. The choirs must be made up of men and boys. The Newark prelate will not prohibit women taking part in congregational singing unless an official decree to that effect is received from Pius X.

Do Your Best.

Do not fail to keep uppermost in your efforts to please God the idea that you are to attempt to go beyond the strength He gives you. Thus you have well defined limit to all your efforts to work, and if you accept the assurance God gives you of how far you can use His strength you are sure of victory when accepting His word and doing His will.

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SHORT SERMONS.

Think twice before you speak or act once and you will speak or act more wisely for it.

Speak not of other men's faults. Think of your own, for you are going to ask forgiveness.

Idleness of the mind is much worse than that of the body. Wit without employment is a disease—the rust of the soul, a plague, a hell itself.

We cannot be too humble, and we cannot be too hopeful, and when humility and hope are joined together hope sustains humility and humility chastens hope.

What does God require of you? Just what? Can it be put into words so plain and explicit that you cannot err? Yes, and here they are: "To do justly, to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God."