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## BIBLICAL ANALYSIS.

A Catholic Defense of the Higher Criticism.

Disarming higher criticism by entering its fold in the interests of sacred criticism is the method which Dr. Francis E. Glogot advocates in the Catholic monthly, the New York Review. Dr. Glogot's defense of the higher critics is "It is doubtless true that in recent times especially 'higher criticism' has often been employed in the interests of doubt and infidelity and that rationalistic scholars have been foremost in claiming its verdict in favor of their irreligious notions and of their negative conclusions. But it is none the less true that all through the nineteenth century, and more particularly during its last part, numerous Catholics and Protestants, sincere believers in the inspired character of holy writ, have been students of 'higher criticism.'"

"They knew that they could only meet these negative critics on their own grounds and that they had no right to fear for the faith that was in them from a strictly scientific investigation of the contents of Holy Scripture, whence it appears that the 'higher criticism' of the Bible should not necessarily be identified with the views and purposes of incredulity.

"Higher criticism," like history, like biology, like geology, like any other branch of human knowledge, if rightly cultivated must finally make for the cause of truth, so that its name should not share in the opprobrium which unbelving scholars of Germany, Holland, France or any other country justly deserve by their frivolous use of its methods.

"The 'higher criticism,' when the name is applied to the scientific study of the genuineness, integrity, reliability and literary form of the Holy Scriptures, is but a part of sacred criticism. It is thereby distinguished from another branch of Biblical criticism which deals with the ways and means of restoring the sacred text as far as possible to its genuine form and which on that account is usually called 'textual criticism.'"

"Had students of this higher branch of Biblical criticism confined themselves, like the textual critics, to a strict scientific treatment of the questions within their province, they would not have aroused against the 'higher criticism' anything like the suspicion and opposition which exist. But, be this as it may, the questions referring to the literary form, the authenticity, the reliability and integrity of ancient books, whether secular or sacred, are the special object of the 'higher criticism' and their study may and should be pursued without anti-scientific and anti-religious bias."

Charles Carroll of Carrollton.

None of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were Irishmen. Among the nine there are included the richest signer, the wittiest, the one who was longest member of the Continental congress, who signed the Declaration of Independence, the only Catholic, the one who lived the longest and the man who gave his fortune to his country; and died in the poorhouse. Charles Carroll of Carrollton is, of course, the most celebrated in the list. His name will always stand prominent among those of the fifty-six who did the most for their country. He was the richest man in the United States at the time and risked more than many of the others put together. His action was consequently a great spur to some, who when they saw Carroll, with his thousands at stake, quite willing to support the movement were encouraged. Carroll's family was one of the first Catholic families of the country and may be said to be the most prominent. It gave to America her Irish archbishop—John Carroll.

Tree Manhood.

That we may achieve it in all its fullness let us seek chastisement of the passions, discipline of the intellect, subjection of the will, the fear of offending and the shame of committing a wrong, respect for all who are in authority and consideration for all who are in dependence, veneration for the good, mercy to the evil, sympathy with the weak, watchfulness over all thoughts, temperance in all pleasures and perseverance in all toils.

Cincinnati Parochial Schools.

The Catholic parochial school system of the archdiocese of Cincinnati is to be thoroughly reorganized and systematized, and it will also be extended by the addition of a regular high school course. To provide for the extension at least two, and probably three, high schools will be erected in Cincinnati, and high schools will also be built in the larger cities and towns of the archdiocese.

Rest For the Soul.

God's plan and providence for the world, God's will for each man in it, is the sphere to which a man must be fitted, and only by fitting the self to this can rest be found. It is thus that Christ's prescription for rest reads, "Take My yoke upon you, and ye shall find rest unto your souls."

SHORT SERMONS.

Never make tears flow; God counts them. Remember to pray earnestly for those who have been unkind to you or wronged you.

On earth we obtain nothing without effort. How, without virtue, shall we attain glory in heaven?

Charity alone can raise us to perfection, but obedience, chastity and poverty are the three principal means to attain it.

In order that you may view the sunshine in life, link your soul to God. You can never be permeated with real joy unless He is your companion and guide.

## EGGS ARE CUPID'S MESSENGERS.

Western Girls Write Names on 'Em and Invite Correspondence.

Perhaps the queerest way of advertising for matrimonial purposes is that of placing names and addresses on eggs. During each year there are upwards of 500,000 cases of eggs received in Denver from Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas and Colorado points, and it is safe to say that 25,000 names and addresses of women and men with matrimonial intentions are found in the cases. Kansas holds the record for having the most eligibles. Hardly a case of eggs received from Kansas but has from one to a dozen names of young women desirous of corresponding with men with matrimonial intentions.

Those who are out for fun can get all they want and many of the commission men make considerable sport of it. One fellow answered a young woman at Berthoud, Col. The man who did the writing is about 6 feet 2 inches tall and weighs about 120 pounds. He is 40 years old, but this is the way he described himself: "I am 28 years old, weigh 140 pounds, 5 feet 10 inches in height, dark brown hair, black eyes. I am single and never wore a moustache. I have two suits of clothing and a trunk large enough to hold a dozen."

The answer came by return mail. This is the way the girl described herself: "I am 17 years old, weigh 165 pounds, 5 feet tall, light hair and blue eyes." She expressed herself as glad to have made his acquaintance.

Several letters passed between them, when the commission man got curious to know who it was that wrote the address for her. He asked her in one of his letters, and she frankly told him that it was her father.

Fearing entanglements or a breach of promise suit, he closed the correspondence.

Treated the Hospital.

The London Hospital has distributed automatic collecting boxes, with a hand indicating the collection made, and the statement that a donation of one penny keeps the hospital for one second in the bar of an East End public house, one of these London Hospital collecting boxes attracted the attention of a crowd of sailors who had just been paid off. With great delight they started putting pennies in the slot. An elderly man, who looked like a bosun, was one of the crowd, and he watched the proceedings with drunken solemnity. Having obtained five shillings in coppers, he approached the collecting box. "Boys," said he, "don't be too speedy. Take it easy. Change yer money an' crowd her up to £10, if she'll hold it. See, it's like this. There's 240 pennies in a quid. At a penny a second that keeps the show goin' for four minutes. Now, mates," continued the old man, "forty minutes is time enough for a square feed, an' we'll make our forty minutes the dinner time for the hospital, to-morrow, so as to get full vally. I've been in hospitals, an' I knows the ways on 'em. We'll treat the hospital to to-morrow's dinner." And they did.

M. Fallieres's Umbrella.

The new French President is deeply attached to his umbrella, which accompanies him on every occasion, and is likely from now on to become a favorite subject for French political caricaturists, much like the collar of Gladstone, or the monocle of Mr. Chamberlain. The only other chief of State who has ever been given to umbrellas was King Louis Philippe, who rarely was seen without one and in whose hands it took the place of both scepter and sword. Yet in spite of this analogy of tastes, it was M. Fallieres who, as Premier, was responsible for the expulsion from France of King Louis Philippe's grandson, the late Comte de Paris, and of the Duc d'Orleans.

What Elephants Cost.

African elephants cost from £1,200 to £1,400; an Indian elephant about £1,000. Giraffes are worth about the same price as African elephants on account of their scarcity. A fine hippopotamus may be purchased for £600, an African lion for £200 to £300, and a lioness for £160 or £180. Bengal tigers are worth from £160 to £180, and camels from £80 to £100 apiece.

Rainfall and Tree Growth.

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