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Greatest Educator.

Catholics in the United States should treasure the tribute paid to the Catholic Church in an address before the pupils of the Jesuit college of St. Ignatius, London, by Hon. John Redmond, leader of the Irish party in the English House of Commons.

"We Catholics," said Mr. Redmond, "ought to feel proud in the belief we entertain that the Catholic Church has been in the past and is to-day the greatest educational force in the world. The day has almost disappeared when an assertion such as that would make the average Englishman gasp with amazement. The Catholic Church to-day is no longer spoken of by intelligent Englishmen as the church merely of the Index and the Inquisition."

It is recalled by every intelligent and educated Englishman that it is the Church of Paul and Augustine, and Jerome, of Bede, and Alfred, of Patrick and Columba, of Dante and Angelo, of Fenelon and Newman. And it is recognized by all broad-minded men, that the Catholic Church is to-day ready to bless all that exalts or refines the nature of man. She prays that knowledge may grow from more to more; she holds up to-day as she has ever held up, the higher and the nobler ideals before the human race—the ideals of Justice and of Mercy, the ideals of the dignity of the human race and its high destiny, the purity of domestic life, which, after all, is an essential condition of national vigor and national happiness—the spread of chivalry and devotion, and the spirit of patriotism and of liberty.

And we, Catholics, who believe these things—we, Catholics, who believe that we owe to that Church the maintenance of those ideals both in the past and in the present—we don't hesitate to-day to seek her guidance in the education of our children and in the formation of their character."

After the Ball.

Unless we are greatly mistaken many a man who is out shouting for one or another of the candidates for office this year will relish, after all is over, the following story accredited to General Miles—

In the Confederate Army Longstreet's corps was making a night march. About 3 or 4 o'clock in the morning when every one was tired and worn out, a Georgian regiment stopped. A Georgian soldier put his rifle up against the tents on the other side of where Longstreet was. "Well," he said, "this is pretty hard to fight all day and march all night. But I suppose I can do it for my country—for the love of my country." He continued: "I can go hungry, I can fight; if need be I can die for my country, because I love my country. But when this war is over I'll be blown if I'll ever love another country."

An Episcopalian writer describes an order of Protestant Benedictines recently established in England and asserts that St. Benedict himself would find in the monastery nothing strange or new! No? Will the writer try to make us believe that St. Benedict did not believe in the real Presence?

Great Family

Two continents are talking about the trenchant sermons preached recently in London by Rev. Bernard Vaughan against the scandals modern English society. Father Vaughan has been praised by the papers and persons who love the truth and criticised by those whose misdeeds he denounced.

The Vaughan family is a large and noted one. Rt. Rev. Msgr. John S. Vaughan, another of the family, is at present visiting in this country. In his book, "Life After Death," he made this remarkable dedication:—

To my Seven Brothers: viz:—
To Herbert Vaughan, Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster.

To Roger Vaughan (late) Archbishop of Sydney, N. S. W.

To Kenelm Vaughan, Founder of the Arch-confraternity of Expiation.

To Jerome Vaughan, Founder of St. Benedict's Monastery, N. B.

To Col. Francis Vaughan, Commander of the Royal Monmouthshire Militia.

To Bernard Vaughan, S. J., Superior of the Jesuit Mission, Manchester.

To Reginald Vaughan, Esq., of Glen Troby, Abergavenny.

This little volume is dedicated (without leave) as a slight tribute of deep affection.

Choice of Books

In the current "Catholic World" Miss Agnes Repplier has a timely essay on "The Choice of Books" which should be in the hands of every Catholic girl in the country but we fear many never will hear of it much less read it.

Miss Repplier does not mention, in her essay, any of the books of Laura Jean Libbey, the "Duchess", Gertrude Atherton or of the thousand and one authors with whom so many young ladies of to-day are apt to be infatuated with. Instead, she talks lovingly and familiarly of characters in Thackeray, and other loved authors of the good old days, but sadly neglected by too many of the young women of this day. They incline either to the books which depict masculine, athletic women or heroines of the type which dare to do imprudent things but manage to emerge from the ordeal unscathed. They do not stop, they cannot realize as yet, that where one woman can play with fire without being burnt, there are a thousand who succumb to temptation.

As might be expected from a woman of Miss Repplier's taste and reading, Henry Harland's stories appeal with telling and lingering force. Father Sheehan, too, comes in for praise. Hall Caine's "Eternal City" shocks her Catholic sensibilities. Cardinal Newman, Yeats, Mrs. Meynell, Aubrey de Vere, these are some of the authors Miss Repplier would have educated Catholic women read.

Miss Repplier's essay hints at a way Catholic writers may help along Catholicism in their writings for the secular press. It is advised that they do not inject theology or controversy into their articles but that they write with the Catholic viewpoint in mind and, in so doing, avoid suggestiveness, double meaning, and a tendency to sneer or belittle Religion, even if the Catholic be not the object of attack.

Rev. Frederick H. Wright, at present residing in Buffalo after six years' residence in Italy may be classed as an honest Protestant missionary. "I would not raise my little finger to convert one Catholic as I do not believe it would be right."

Archbishop Keane agrees with the Journal in opinion as to what the new law in France really means. "Its whole bent," says his Grace, "is to drive the Catholic religion out of the country and substitute for it a civil religion. A civil religion; that is the ultimate goal."

With usual Rooseveltian luck, the Cuban furrer came along just in time to obscure the storm which appeared to be gathering around our devoted President because of his imperial order on simplified spelling.

On Sound Footing

Accounts of the session of the supreme council of the C. M. B. A held in Detroit indicate that whatever friction there was over the increase of rates is subsiding, members having come to the conclusion that the increase was necessary to prevent the association from insolvency.

The proposition that old members be allowed to pay a percentage of their assessments at advanced rate, the balance to be deducted from the face value of their certificates at death was favorably received.

The council also voted to increase the number of delegates from grand councils so that the supreme officers will no longer be able to control deliberations of the supreme council. This reform will allay much criticism which has been leveled at the supreme officers. Another resolution which will commend itself to the membership at large is to the effect that future past chancellors shall not be entitled to a vote in supreme councils.

It would seem that with the increased rates, large reserve fund and general approbation of the American hierarchy the order is now on a sound footing and that its permanence as one of the strong fraternal Catholic associations is assured.

Not One-Sided.

The Post Express assumes that the Catholic Journal meant to administer a severe rebuke to Mr. Hearst when it deplored the introduction of personalities and billingsgate in the present state campaign.

The Catholic Journal had in mind one political party its press and its speakers as much as the other.

The Journal is not particularly concerned with the purely political aspect of the campaign. So far as it is able to observe, both candidates are striving mightily toward the same end—the occupancy of the gubernatorial chair for the next two years.

Mr. Hearst frankly avows that he wants the place and will exert every effort to reach the goal.

There is a great deal of pretense on the part of Mr. Hughes and his partisans that he is making a heroic sacrifice for the good of the People. Is there any reason why he should not be as frank as his opponent?

This phase of the subject aside, the Journal would like to see the merits of the issues of the campaign as laid down in the party platforms, discussed temperately and frankly.

Men are of precious little account in a campaign.

Hearst as Hearst is a mere bagatelle. Hughes as Hughes is as a ship passing by night.

But what they stand for, as expressed in party platforms, is of importance to the electorate of the Empire State. Up to date, we have read very little discussion of the respective party platforms either in the party papers or in the speeches of the candidates.

Apparently, the disposition is to ignore platforms and discuss personalities of party candidates.

Mr. Hearst calls Mr. Hughes names. Mr. Hughes retorts "You are another." And the party organs echo "Amen."

Probably, the most important plank in one of the platforms Mr. Hearst is running on declares in favor of municipal ownership. That subject is attracting discussion all over the country. The republican party is opposed to it. Why not defend that position? If the impracticability of municipal ownership can be demonstrated, that would weaken Hearst's campaign far more than calling him names.

Brutal frankness is to be preferred to hypocritical cant.

When an outbreak of atheism and freemasonry in Brazil caused the removal of the crucifix from the courts of justice, where in Catholic countries it always holds the place of honor, there was profound indignation among the people. This strong popular sentiment has finally brought about the restoration of the symbol to its time-honored place.

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The Journal agrees with the following views from an unidentified exchange: "Secular educators philosophize on the question of religion in education as if the soul were a hypothesis and the existence of God and moral responsibility interesting speculations. Catholic parents who underestimate the importance of religion in education tacitly assume the same view. Unfortunately for the complacency of the former and the indifference of the latter, these subjects are not questions of inquiry. They are the most implacable of realities—very grim and terrible realities when they are realized too late."

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