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**Youth to Front**

It is understood that Supreme President Hynes and the other officers of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association have recommended that the young men of the various branches be elected to the offices. The idea of this is twofold:—First, to encourage the young men to join the organization. It is the young men who add strength to the order, they are desirable risks for insurance and it is only by constant infusion of new blood that fraternal insurance organizations can hope to live. Second, in the due order of time the men who are now at the head of the branches and who have steered the order through troublous times will be called away. If young men are elevated to positions of trust while the older men are still with them their experience and advice will be available and helpful.

It is the order of things now to push young men to the front and to crowd the older men to the rear summarily. It seems to us that the C. M. B. A. plan is the better, put the young men in the front to force the fighting and but keep the older men in the ranks near to the front where their years of experience will enable the newly elected younger officers to avoid many a pitfall.

It is pleasing to note that the C. M. B. A. seems to have safely weathered the storm which threatened to wreck the order—the increase of rates which, of necessity, had to come.

At present the order has a membership of 57,000 and it is hoped to add to that number upwards of two thousand members during the next year. All success to this and the other Catholic orders in the United States. If there were a few as strong and vigorous Catholic societies in France to-day no infidel government ever would dream of proposing to confiscate Church property or to drive out Religion!

**Courts Agree**

Writing about the court decision against Aglipay holding possession of Catholic Church property seized in the Philippines, Rev. Dr. Phelan, of the "Western Watchman" says:

"Here, again, the United States has shown her respect for the Catholic Church and her laws. The case was decided according to canon law and not according to the rules of equity. The court took the view that the property in dispute was given to religion and was consecrated to divine use. Men could not without a sacrilege, seize what belonged to God. The religion to which the churches and lands in the Philippines were devoted was the Catholic religion and could not be any other.

"The Church organized by Aglipay was not the Catholic Church, therefore, his occupancy of church property in the archipelago was a usurpation. What the American Government declined to do for reasons of policy in the case of friar lands it has done in the case of churches and property actually used for religious purposes. In this, as in a thousand other cases, this country has placed itself on record as recognizing all the laws of the Catholic Church, whether the acts of councils, the decrees of the Pope or the statutes of individual dioceses.

"This government does not require any man to become a Catholic. If a Catholic, it does not require him to remain one. But being a Catholic, and electing to remain one, it will require him to observe the laws and usages of the voluntary association of which he is a member."

**Dogberry!**

If the "Catholic Universe" may be believed, and when was it not? they have a first-class descendant of Dogberry in Stark county, Ohio, in the person of the public prosecutor, an official corresponding to our district or county attorney.

T. P. O'Malley, of the county federation of Catholic societies, wrote to the Honorable Governor relative to the arrest of certain Jews, and in the course of these leading Jews to permit their

county institutions. Here is the precious reply he received:

"You have presented a request for my opinion as to whether you have a right to appoint a Catholic priest as a chaplain for the workhouse, infirmary and jail, and as to the advisability of such an appointment.

"In answer to this I will say that I find nothing in the statute, giving any authority to make such an appointment, and even if you had the authority I do not think it proper or advisable for you to do so.

"Rev. Highway is now the chaplain of those institutions and does his full duty as such, administering to the spiritual welfare of all inmates in an absolutely non-sectarian manner, and under no circumstances should you pay for any Catholic priest to hold sectarian services of any Catholic faith in those institutions.

"If the Catholics are so desirous of maintaining their dogma among the inmates confined in those institutions, they might be allowed to do so, but under no expense whatever to the county.

"Sectarianism should never be preached in the institutions. Morality and honesty is sufficient, and that is being properly attended to. I desire to emphasize this opinion with the statement that the county has no money to throw away on any such useless proposition."

"Services of any Catholic faith? How many does the man suppose there are? If Upham were not so infernally impudent, he would be excruciatingly funny.

A Protestant chaplain unsectarian! Even he would resent the imputation that he would not attempt to "convert" —pervin is the proper word—benighted Catholics to Protestantism. The only time a Protestant preacher claims to be unsectarian is when he wants a share of the public funds in payment of his salary. Then he is unsectarian! Ten minutes after the appropriation is made he is as sectarian as the Pope—only a little more so.

Would Upham try to tell an allopathic patient that a homeopathic physician covers all the bill? And would he get away with it if he did?

**Why Allowed?**

In another column we tell of a public prosecutor in Ohio who would deny to Catholic inmates of State and county institutions in Stark county the ministrations of a Catholic chaplain on the ground that the Protestant chaplain is all that is necessary.

We cannot understand why it is that the Catholics of that locality do not assert their rights and teach that official his place and rights.

We had not heard that this part of Article 1, section 7, of the Ohio constitution had been repealed:

"All men have a natural and inalienable right to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of their own conscience. No person shall be compelled to attend, erect, or support any place of worship, against his consent, and no preference shall be given, by law, to any religious society, nor shall any interference with the rights of conscience be permitted."

Do inmates of institutions worship God "according to the dictates of their own consciences" when they are forced to attend Protestant services?

"No person shall be compelled to attend any form of worship against his consent." Why is not that section violated when inmates of institutions are compelled to attend Protestant services? It is the custom in most institutions to compel inmates to attend upon some form of worship and how can a Catholic "worship according to the dictates of his own conscience" when he is not permitted to attend upon the services of his own church?

It may be argued that it is not incumbent upon the State to bear the expense of a Catholic chaplain. Possibly there is force in that contention. But if it be urged in seriousness, then it is equally certain that a Protestant chaplain cannot be paid out of the public fund. A Presbyterian preacher is as much a sectarian as is a Catholic priest. So is a Methodist dominie or a Baptist clergyman, a Universalist or a Unitarian.

It strikes us that it is up to the Catholic societies of Ohio to test whether the State constitution really means what it says.

**Both Alike**

On more than one occasion we have found it necessary to call attention to the bigoted policy pursued by the New York "Times" and its Tory contemporary, the London "Times."

It is hard to understand why the New York paper and the Paris correspondent of the London one should assume an air of bigotry. The Paris correspondent is a Jew while the New York "Times" is owned and controlled by a syndicate, headed by the banking firm of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., the head of which is Jacob H. Schiff, another Jew.

There have been no firmer friends of the Jews than the Popes, the Vatican authorities and the Catholic Church in general. It is but a poor return for these leading Jews to permit their

editors to traduce and vilify Catholic individuals, Catholic policy and lie about events in which Catholics are interested.

Lavino, the Paris correspondent referred to, goes so far as to threaten directly those Catholics of other lands who presume to criticise the dastardly work in which the French Government is at present engaged. Here is what he wrote in a recent letter to his paper:

"The conflict, which tends daily to assume a more political aspect, should make Englishmen pause before they approve of manifestations which are not indulged in by any Catholic Continental State nor yet by Russia, where the Church is all-powerful. The Russian, too, may be influenced by their alliance with France, and be loth to take sides in a quarrel which the bulk of the French people consider as a domestic one. Nor in the interests of the Anglo-French entente is it desirable that matters should be regarded differently in England. . . . The danger of such demonstrations can scarcely be realized by some people on the other side of the Channel. Everybody is entitled to have his own opinion on the pending politico-religious trouble in France, but it should be well understood that influential expressions of feeling in the existing struggle of the French authorities against the Papacy are bound to be regarded by the former as unfriendly."

Lavino hints that he writes under authorization of the French Cabinet. Well, what of that? Does he or his backers imagine any one is to be bluffed or scared by his bluster?

American Catholics do not like the French situation and do not hesitate to say so. English Catholics are in similar mood.

How can Lavino, or Clemenceau call them off?

Justice Peter A. Hendrick, apparently, is not entirely opposed to the strenuous life!

Perhaps, those Catholics who cannot see that the French government is doing anything very wrong would be better informed did they but subscribe to a Catholic paper. All the information in the secular press is distorted in favor of the foes of religion.

Says the Syracuse "Catholic Sun":

"What a melancholy spectacle Dr. Algernon Sydney Crapsey presents going forth attempting to shake the faith of Christians in his gray old age. How can he believe the world may be made better by the delivery of his message of death?"

Admirers of dead and living statesmen, soldiers, authors and sailors erect statues in their honor and the materialistic world cries out, "Bravo!" Catholics erect statues of the Saints, the Savior and others renowned in Religion and this same materialistic world shrieks, "Idolatry!" Queer is it not?

Authorities in Scranton have struck at the root of the social evil. They have proceeded against the owners of property rented for disorderly purposes. That is the right way. If a few owners are fined or imprisoned they will soon cease to permit their property to be used as a refuge and rendezvous for wrongdoers.

The Holy Father has spoken in the tone he was expected to use. Pius X never could counsel submission to a condition which meant the uprooting of all religion. Man's right to worship his God is above any human law. It existed before law or ruler's will heard of and persecution and torture will never root it out of the hearts of men. Indeed, faith is intensified under persecution. If the French government wished to quicken the faith of the French Catholics they have set about it the right way.

Why did the Associated Press ignore the undenominational demonstration against the French government recently held in Rochester?

The Philadelphia "Record," a non-Catholic daily has this to say: "If Cardinal Gibbons' quotations from the speeches of M. Briand about 'hunting Jesus Christ out of the Government of France' needed any corroboration they would find it in Finance Minister Galloux's directions to the mint to omit from the coins the words 'God Protect France' and substitute 'Liberty, Equality, Fraternity.' This is frankly going back to the Revolution, with its enthroned Goddess of Reason. It had been supposed that French secularism was on a higher level than in 1793."

**Willard.**

The annual installation of officers of Branch 877, L. C. B. A., took place on January 8th. Following the ceremonies a lunch was served and a pleasant evening enjoyed by all.

The Misses Anna Reilly and Alice Fenon of Seneca Falls visited friends here last week.

Mrs. Mary Donnelly has returned from a visit to friends in Syracuse.

Miss Rose Callan, who was employed as nurse at the hospital for several years, has resigned her position here and gone to Rochester.

Miss Tessie Flynn has returned from New York City, where she spent a month with friends.

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