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Thirteen Millions

According to the advance sheets of the "Catholic Directory," the Catholic population of the United States is 13,089,353, an increase of 437,309 over the previous year.

The total number of Catholic clergymen is 15,093, an increase of 609. In the year 1906, 334 new Catholic churches were established, making a grand total of 12,748.

There are 86 ecclesiastical seminaries, with 5,697 students; 4,364 parochial schools, with an aggregate attendance of 1,096,842, and 255 orphan asylums, with 10,588 inmates. There are 1,266,175 children being educated in Catholic institutions.

The Archdiocese of New York and Chicago are each rated at 1,200,000. Boston is third, with 850,000. Brooklyn has 600,000. Philadelphia is fifth, with 485,000; New Orleans sixth, with 450,000; Pittsburg seventh, with 375,000.

The largest diocese in the United States in point of area is the Diocese of Salt Lake City, Utah, with 153,768 square miles.

Greater New York, including the boroughs of Manhattan, The Bronx, Richmond, Brooklyn and Queens, has 266 Catholic churches. Chicago has 175; Philadelphia, 91; St. Louis, 76, and Boston, 52.

The hierarchy of the United States consists at present of one Papal Delegate, one Cardinal, fourteen Archbishops and ninety Bishops.

Stealing

Former Justice Morgan J. O'Brien has long been noted as a vigorous speaker and a clear, concise thinker. But it is doubtful if he ever said anything more sharp and to the point than the following, about the situation in France to-day:

Casting aside bias and bitterness; re-arranging in our minds all thought of the scene of one of the prettiest parties, spiritual things; basing a simple ethical proposition upon the belief in right and wrong common to all classes of American citizens, I ask if this is not a fair condensation of the question at issue in France to-day?

I take possession of your property during a period of public disorder and sell it. Later on I sign a contract agreeing to pay you a fixed annual sum, provided that you do not contest my title to your property. After some years I say to you: "I cancel that contract. You have kept your agreement, but I am tired of paying. I shall retain the property I took originally and confiscate all you have since acquired, and in addition I shall take every penny you have earned; every legacy you will bequeath; every gift that you have received since we entered into our original agreement."

Stripped of the fine phrases of Clemenceau and his associates; stripped of diplomatic and theological complexities; stripped to the bare basic question of honesty, I have endeavored to formulate briefly the question which is agitating France to-day.

Difference

In another column we have shown that the situation in France could not prevail in the United States. Our readers may ask wherein does the law here differ from that now in force in France? We have stated this before, but it will do no harm to state it again.

Catholic property in France was held, heretofore by Catholic trustees under the control of the Bishop. By the new law all these trustees are suppressed and all the Church property is confiscated by the State unless new Catholic associations are formed to take it. But these new Catholic associations may be formed by any persons calling themselves Catholics in each parish, and in case of dispute the question as to who are really Catholics entitled to the Church property is to be decided, not by the Bishop, the real Catholic authority, but by the Council of State, a political body under control of the government.

The Pope claims that the Catholicity of these associations should be determined by the Bishop; the State claims that they must decide this question themselves. So that the net effect is that the Catholic property is confiscated to the State unless the Church gives up the right of the Bishop to decide who are Catholics; in other words, unless the Church changes its ecclesiastical organization at the behest of an infidel government it must lose all its property!

If the new law were in vogue here, and a handful of men who might be Free Masons were to organize an association and install in St. Patrick's parish a so-called "priest," who happened to be a renegade, and the Catholics protested, Bishop McQuaid would not pass upon the priest's Catholicity or upon that of the organizers, but the Aldermen of the Common Council, who might not be Christians at all!

Would that not savor of State control over Church, rather than separation of two?

Well, that is the sort of "separation" which the Clemenceau government offers to the French Catholics!

Foolish

Possibly, the newspaper correspondents at Albany occasionally make mistakes in their estimates of the importance or demerit of measures introduced in the State Legislature. Perhaps, they go too far, once in a while, in their criticism of individual legislators.

But, in the main, they are conscientious in their work, they are the picked men in their profession and they mean to be fair to their papers, the public and to the men they are writing about.

For these reasons, we think the state senators were very foolish to take any action which might be construed as intended to restrict the liberty of the press. It will not avail to say that there is no intention of restricting the newspapermen in the exercise of their work. It will not do to protest that the senators are not averse to honest criticism and only wish to have a check over correspondent who abuse their privilege.

Just at this particular juncture, the public has anything but a high opinion of the Legislature, as a whole. It thinks that the leaders of the lawmakers intend to interfere with the general wish for retrenchment and reform. Hence, the public is apt to construe any attempt to restrain the press in Albany as proof of the accuracy of that opinion.

If individual correspondents have offended against decency or violated the rules laid down for their admission to the floor of the legislature the latter has power to discipline them. But to attempt to punish or to club all the correspondents is not only a silly piece of business, it is positively stupid.

AUBURN, N. Y.

The different committees having the arrangements in charge for the coming charity ball, to be given by the Ladies Aid Society, are working hard. The large drill hall of the Army will be moving from our minds all thought of the scene of one of the prettiest parties, spiritual things; basing a simple ethical proposition upon the belief in right and wrong common to all classes of American citizens, I ask if this is not a fair condensation of the question at issue in France to-day?

The augmented orchestra of 18 pieces will be stationed in the south side of the hall and will discourse the latest dance music. The tickets for the ball are on sale at all of the leading stores of the city and also by the members of the Ladies Aid and the different committees. The ball will be held on Monday evening, February 11th, instead of the date as formerly agreed upon. It is the wish of the committees that all societies and citizens of the city give their assistance to them in carrying out the success that is desired to be made this year.

The coming retreat for the members of the Holy Family congregation will be held one week for the women and one week for the men. The retreat will be in charge of one of the missionary societies of the Jesuit order. The many friends of Daniel Sullivan of St. Bernard's Seminary will be pleased to learn that he is recovering from his late illness. Mr. Sullivan has been sick for the past two months and is in one of the hospitals of Rochester.

CANANDAIGUA.

Prayers were offered Sunday for Cecilia Dougherty, John Kane, Henry Graham, Mrs. Margaret McBride and Miss Ann Bellew. The monthly envelopes for the Sunday collection will be distributed this week in time for the January collection which will be taken up next Sunday.

Copies of the church annual for 1906 were placed in the pews last Sunday. Father Dougherty commented favorably on the large number of baptisms and the present good standing of the church's finances, the present indebtedness standing at \$31,000.

The Requiem High Masses this week are for Patrick Dwyer, Tuesday; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gilles, Wednesday; Father Clark, Thursday, and Mrs. Thomas Hogan, Friday.

Many of our children are trying the regents this week. Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McLaughlin leave this week for a Mediterranean trip to include the Eternal City.

Baptized, Edward Thomas O'Brien last Sunday. Father Dougherty preached last Sunday afternoon at the county house, where at present there are ninety-two inmates, a large percentage of whom are Catholics. Misses Gertrude and Katherine Tuohy sang appropriate hymns; the Rosary and Litany of the Holy name were recited.

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What is being done in the way of house-cleaning throughout all departments is illustrated by the "Pre-Inventory" Offerings of Notions, Small Wares and Dressmakers' Findings. Of course, not everything in the stock is reduced in price, but everything that we do not want to inventory is. And the inducements are of a kind that make powerful appeal to the purse. A few examples:

- Stockinette Dress Shields, 5c
Light weight Dress Shields, 7c
"Petit" Waist Shields, 7c
Silk and Nainsook Shields, 15c
"OMO" Seconds, 7c
Taffeta Seam Binding, 6c pc
5 1/4 ligne Seam Binding, 10c pc
9 yd. pc. Prussian Binding, 15c
10 yd. pc. Dress Belting, 10c
10 yds. Serge Silk Beltings 50c
12 yd. pc. Shaped Bandings, 25c
5 yd. pc. Dress Braids, 5c
3 yd. pc. Stay Bindings, 1c
12 yds. Twilled Stay Binding, 5c
12 yds. Silk Cov'd Featherbone, 65c
10 yd. spool Buttonhole Twist, 1c
40 yd. spool Buttonhole Twist, 2c
3-4 oz. spool Machine Twist, 32c
500 yd. spool Basting Cotton, 2c
200 yd. Clark's Thread, 2c

- 45 yd. spool linen finish Thread, 1c
75 yd. spool Basting Cotton, 1c
2 doz. Hump Hooks and Eyes, 1c
Atlantic Hooks & Eyes, 10c gross
Smart Set Hooks & Eyes, 20c gross
Princess Invisible Eyes, 10c gross
Ball & Socket Fasteners, 2c doz.
Shawl Pins in all sizes, 1c doz.
Box with 40 glass head Pins, 1c
60 assorted Shawl Pins, 2c
Box with 120 black Pins, 2c
25 best wire Hair Pins for 1c
Cabinet with 100 Hair Pins 5c
Cabinet with 60 Hair Pins, 2c
Safety Pins in all sizes, 5c doz.
Nickel Finish Safety Pins, 1c doz.
8 Craven Dress Shield Pins, 5c
100 Pins with colored heads, 5c
Pin-on Hose Supporters, 5c
Mercerized Hose Supporters, 7c

- Kleinert's Hose Supporters, 7c
Gotham Hose Supporters, 15c
Pin-on Hose Supporters, 15c
Silk Pin-on Supporters, 15c
2 Princess Ribbon Beaders, 5c
Hair Nets, all colors, 2 for 5c
Curling Irons, 3c pair
Marcel Waving Irons, 19c pair
30 in. Silk Shoe Laces, 5c pair
2 pairs Diamond Tip Laces, 5c
Linen Corset Laces, 2 for 5c
German Silver Thimbles, 2c
Steel Thimbles, 2c
Aluminum Thimbles, 1c
Ironing Wax with handle, 1c
Sleeve Protectors, 5c
Girdle Foundations, 5c
Darning Balls, 1c

1c Table

- 60-in Sateen Tape Measures, 1c
3-yd. pc. cotton Tape, 1c
45-yd. Linen finish Thread, 1c
1 doz. Nickel finish Safety Pins, 1c
2 doz. Hooks and Eyes, 1c
Bx. containing 40 Mourning pins, 1c
Box with 25 Wire Hair Pins, 1c

2c Table

- 500 yd. spool basting cotton, 2c
200 yd. spool Clark's Machine Thread, 2c
40 yd. spool black Twist, 2c
Book containing 60 Belt Pins, 2c
Sheet containing 360 best Brass Pins, 2c
Card of assorted glass head pins 2c
Box containing 120 black Pins, 2c

5c Table

- Tubular Shoe Laces, all sizes, 5c
4 and 5 inch Kid Curlers, 5c
Cabinet containing 100 best Hair Pins, 5c
6 yd. Pc. Featherstitch Braid, 5c
12 yd. pc. English twilled Tape, 5c
6 pieces Ever-ready Collar Supporters for 5c
1 doz. Lox Safety Pins, 5c

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Five Minute Sermon

The Laborers in the Vineyard

This parable is explained in two ways. It may be applied to men in general or to each Christian in particular.

From the beginning of the world, that is, the morning, the third, sixth, and ninth hours, God, by the voice and example of the patriarchs, by the written law, and by the words of the prophets, called men, particularly the Hebrews, to believe in Christ and hope for His coming, and to unite themselves to Him by holiness of life. At the eleventh hour, by the preaching of Christ and of His apostles and their successors, God has called, called, and will continue to call men to enter into the Catholic Church and become living members of the mystical body of Jesus Christ, and to serve him faithfully by observing His holy laws. In the evening, that is, on the day of judgment, all those who will have belonged to the Church of Christ, who will have entered the Church--the vineyard--in the early morning, at the third, sixth, ninth, or eleventh hour, will receive without distinction, in reward of their labors, eternal life and the glory of paradise.

Many are called but few are chosen because there are many who by virtue of baptism enter into the vineyard to labor and gain eternal reward, but there are few who observe faithfully the holy law and who serve God with perseverance until death. Only the innocent and truly penitent who have persevered to the last shall be chosen. We must remember that without the grace of God we can do nothing toward our own salvation. Let us live in fear and humility; trust ourselves to the divine mercy; pray in the name of Jesus, and the terrible sentence will have no reference to us.

Weekly Church Calendar

- Sunday January 27--Gospel, St. Matt. xx, 1-16--St. John Chrysostom, bishop and doctor.
Monday 28--Bl. Margaret of Hungary.
Tuesday 29--St. Francis de Sales, bishop and doctor.
Wednesday 30--St. Martina, virgin and martyr.
Thursday 31--St. Peter Nolasco, confessor.
Friday February 1--St. Bridget, virgin and abbot.
Saturday 2--Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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