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The Secular Press

While it is to be regretted—by the few reliable Catholic correspondents in Rome—that Cardinal Merry del Val has been so persistently misquoted that he refuses to discuss matters of moment with "the Gentlemen of the Press", nevertheless it may lead to a better and fairer recognition of Catholic newspaper men and women. In Washington and the state capitals newspaper writers who persistently misquote the President and other officials are ostracised. Not only are they not received officially but their colleagues of the press send them to Coventry. It would appear that a different code of journalistic is in vogue in Rome because the most versatile liars seem to have the entire—not to the Vatican but to the cable offices.

But the fault is not confined to the European correspondents. Witness this paragraph in a Roman letter to one of our Catholic exchanges:

"Mgr. Kennedy of the American College, whom I saw a few days after his return to Rome from the United States, is also feeling none too kindly towards the American secular press. There is about as much foundation for most of the Rome dispatches in the American papers," he said, with some warmth, as there was for the ridiculous card that I was to be Secretary of State. I am a priest, and there is just exactly that much more possibility of my receiving that office than of your receiving it. I might forgive the newspapers for making me a cardinal," the Monsignor added, with a return of his habitual geniality, "but it's hard to forgive them for making me a fool."

It should not be necessary to point out that this is a day of specializing. If you really want reliable Catholic news and comment you must subscribe for and read a Catholic paper.

The secular daily will not do.

The Difference

Not so long ago, a Protestant woman remarked to a man acquaintance, who was a convert to the Catholic faith:

"I cannot conceive how an intelligent, refined man like you could have turned Catholic."

"And why not, pray?" was the courteous reply of the man.

"There is so much superstition, so much mummery to Catholicism. I can understand how an ignorant Irish woman, who only knows enough to tell her beads, might be satisfied with it but for the life of me, I fail to see why an educated person should turn Catholic."

"My dear madam," replied the man, "I wish both you and I were as truly Christians as the old Irish woman who tells her beads. She knows truly what prayer and faith signify."

"And do you mean that I am not a Christian?" protested the woman in an indignant tone.

"By no means, dear lady, but you are not a Christian as the Irish woman. I do not believe you would sneer at telling beads, the

saying the Rosary some call it. The old woman's faith is child-like in its simplicity. She is praying from her heart and were she to see you on your knees she would not sneer at your devotion. I doubt if she would wonder whether you were Protestant or Catholic."

The woman looked her doubt whereupon the man went on: "Before I became a Catholic, since I never heard a Catholic layman belittle any form of Christian religion. I have heard non-Catholic errors pointed out. I have heard it stated wherein the Catholic possesses more than the non-Catholic and that, therefore, more is expected of him by Almighty God, but that is all. I doubt if one Catholic child out of ten knows there is a difference in faith between him and his non-Catholic playmate. Could the same be said of the non-Catholic child?"

The lady admitted the correctness of the last statement but failed to see its bearing. "I think it proves my argument," said the man, "that dogmatic differences aside the average Catholic possesses more Christian charity than his non-Catholic neighbor and this is one of the fruits of his faith. Before we drop the subject let me impress upon you that, as a rule, it is only the more intelligent non-Catholics who embrace the Catholic faith. Catholicity appeals to the intelligent non-Catholic who studies it to the ignorant one it remains a bugaboo, a relic of his Protestant dread, born of real, unadulterated superstition."

Who will gainsay the truth of this? Just look up the record of the prominent converts to Catholicity during the last ten years and see if they be educated or uneducated persons!

No Catholics?

Perhaps the "Catholic Union and Times" is justified in writing the following, in connection with the appointments made by Governor Hughes to the ten Public Utilities commissioners:

"It has been semi-officially announced that there were some four hundred applications for the ten commissionerships. In this number undoubtedly there was a goodly sprinkling of able Catholic men. One, in particular, is said to have had the endorsement and support of Archbishop Farley, Bishop McDonnell, Monsignor Lavelle, and a considerable number of prominent priests and distinguished Catholic laymen of New York and Brooklyn. Gentlemen in these walks of life do not readily lend their influence to an applicant for political preferment when they see fit to invade this field, it is beyond cavil that the man they favor is qualified for the post he aspires to. Extraordinary pressure must have prevented the governor from heeding such a call, more's the pity."

What was the nature of this pressure? Was it prejudice? This is inconceivable, if we are to retain for Mr. Hughes the respect so generally accorded him by the people of all parties. Was it corporation influence, determined that no representative of the plain people should be put in a place where he might become a thorn in their flesh? Was it because of secret society opposition? There are two millions of Catholics in New York and Brooklyn; discrimination against such a multitude is a grave undertaking whether at the behest of corporate power or dark-lantern societies. President Roosevelt finds Catholics worthy of place in his official family, the highest courts of the nation and the various states are graced by jurists conceded to be the leaders in their profession; the United States senate and house of representatives count among their number Catholic men conspicuous for the possession of every attribute of statesmanship. It remained for the governor of New York State

to fail to discover among millions, Catholic worthy of recognition. We prefer, however, to wait a while before passing judgment on Governor Hughes. If he gives us a high-class, honest administration and his new commission-ers serve the public and the public only, that were better than if "one of our kind" were named and the commission turned out a fizzle. Nothing we could imagine or would do more to ruin Governor Hughes' administration and to diminish the luster of his personal prestige than to have it proven that he is possessed of bigoted tendencies.

Keen Perception

Leslie M. Shaw, former secretary of the treasury, may not be our kind of a partisan politician. He may not be our ideal secretary of the treasury. But that he is a keen student of sociological matters cannot be denied. Speaking recently at a banquet in the Auditorium Hotel in Chicago, attended by Methodist, Presbyterian, Congregationalist, Baptist and other Protestant ministers, Mr. Shaw courteously but firmly plied the dissecting knife on the diseased parts of the Protestant body politic. He said the Protestant ministers appeared to be unable to reach the poor as successfully as did the Catholic church, whose priests never assumed superiority.

"The question is frequently asked," he said, "whether the church is losing its hold on the people. No one assumes that man is any the less needy, or that the gospel is any less efficacious. The times are not friendly, however, to thoughtfulness. The spirit of the age is that of action rather than reflection. Neither statecraft, nor philosophy, nor art, nor literature, nor theology engross us. We are too busy with what we are pleased to term the practical things of life, but which in some instances are most impractical. My own idea of the church is a great religious democracy, where the rich and poor, the educated and the ignorant, the cultured and all others gather to worship. To me there is nothing more inspiring than a promiscuous crowd going to and from a common sanctuary. I do not know that such conditions are practicable everywhere, but our Catholic friends certainly are successful in their maintenance."

"The pastor of a great church once asked me why it was that Catholics were able to reach the poor, while his church and mine were losing their hold upon them. I had heard this man preach most eloquently against the rich until every man who owned his home must have felt like a sheep thief, and every man who did not probably thought the society of church members not an appropriate place for him, and I replied: 'I think the solution is easy. If I am rightly advised priests never mention the subject. Equality is assumed and not discussed. It is taken for granted and every indication of its absence is passed by unnoticed. Few self-respecting people care for pity. Their hunger is for companionship, clean and ennobling, and the church ought to supply this unpatronizingly.'

"Compared with the Protestant religious press our own dwindles into insignificance," writes a priest in the "Catholic Fortnightly Review." "The Methodist Book Concern, which has three houses in this country, issues from one of them weekly about 400,000 copies of religious papers, with thirty-two pages of reading matter at one dollar per annum, has at least eight times as many subscribers as most of our Catholic papers." Will you please tell us why?—The Monitor, San Francisco.

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One Hundred and Fourteenth Statement of the

Monroe County Savings Bank

33 and 35 State St., Rochester, N. Y., July 1, 1907

Resources

Bonds and mortgages	\$10,069,913.00
Land contracts	12,250.00
U. S. and bonds of states	815,000.00
Bonds of cities	3,222,590.00
County bonds	264,000.00
Village bonds	40,700.00
Railroad mortgage bonds	2,695,100.00
Interest accrued	299,982.15
Real estate	186,500.00
Cash in banks and trust companies	885,251.41
Cash on hand	249,682.30
Total	\$18,740,968.86

Liabilities

Due depositors	\$17,334,990.89
Other liabilities	103,098.60
Surplus	1,302,879.37

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MAURICE MOLL'S 3rd REGIMENT BAND
Mlle. DE LORA—The Physical Culture Girl

Around the Globe.

Miss Itala Blair, prominent in high social circles of Chicago, has, it is stated, become a Catholic. Miss Blair, who is in Paris, is to be married next month to Don Ricardo Soriano de Ivaney, son of the Marquis de Ivaney of Spain.

As one result of the separation of church and state in France the archbishop of the sees last month created thirty-eight new parishes. In the course of the coming year

it is thought that over one hundred million francs, has been sold for three hundred thousand francs.

The annual report of the Universities Catholic Education Board states that the number of lay Catholic undergraduates in residence during the year was between forty-four and fifty-six at Oxford, and between thirty-five and forty-one at Cambridge.

The establishment of Carthusians near Boulogne, which had been sacrilegiously seized by the French government and valued at three

million francs, has been sold for three hundred thousand francs.

The school of St. John's Church, Altoona, Pa., of which the Rev. Morgan M. Sheedy, a priest who is also a well known orator and author is rector, has just scored a great victory over the local public schools. Every one of its seventeen graduates sent up to take the examinations for the high school passed with high marks, while sixty per cent of the public school applicants failed.