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The Reason.

Our esteemed contemporary, the Catholic Sun, commenting upon our article in recent issue upon the advent of a socialist weekly in Rochester, says:

"The editor of the Catholic Journal will hear from certain of his readers because he has dared to say this. The 'Catholic Socialists' will write him long screeds in reply. In some strange way they always deem it their duty to rebuke the Catholic weekly instead of sending a hot protest to offending socialist sheets. Self-analysis ought to show them that this fact proves that they are not Catholics but socialists.

"And the Rochester experiment attacked the Catholic Church in its first issue! Why? Had the venerable Bishop McQuaid recently been assailing Socialism? Has Bishop Hickey? Have the priests of Rochester? Has anybody who is authorized to speak?"

"No. The unexpected assault is merely an outcropping of the universal policy of the Marxian movement. No socialist can open his mouth fifteen minutes without undertaking a general reconstruction of the Church. In their subastral omniscience they simply cannot let her alone."

Earlier in its comment the "Sun" said: "The Catholic press of Rochester has been notably silent with regard to Socialism, saying not a word in attack or self defense." Probably the present busy editor of the "Sun" has not followed the "Journal" closely since he entered New York Journalism or consulted its files. Whenever this paper thought occasion demanded it has spoken out plainly and bluntly. Occasionally, it has aroused animosity, but not of late. In Syracuse it would appear that Socialism numbers among its adherents a good many of these "Catholic socialists."

Rochester, according to our information, is not in the same condition. A few years ago the socialists were strong in the trades councils of Rochester. In fact they dominated the Central Trades and Labor Council. Lion-hearted and sensible labor leaders decided that this would not do, that it meant the death knell of trades unionism. Gradually they secured the upper hand and the agitators and firebrands were sent to the rear where they have since been kept.

This accomplished, the Catholic Journal saw no reason for thrashing a man of straw. Now, however, that the socialists appear to be pushed to the front again by certain designing politicians, the Catholic Journal is on the alert. We will not permit the Church to be assailed with impunity, neither will we spare the politicians who are in the background.

Chance for Men.

A correspondent of the "Union and Times" writes this communication, which might well be posted, in large type, in a conspicuous place in every Catholic Church:

"I notice of late that in many churches there is a great need of regulation of the confessionals in order that busy men like myself will have little trouble to approach that sacrament. It is hard enough, we all know, to get men to go to confession regularly, and for that reason no obstacle should be placed in their way. In some of the churches where I have gone occasionally to my duty I find little girls, who should be in bed at the time, going to confession as late as 9 o'clock at night. If the priest would refuse to hear the small children in the evening, leaving the confession clear for the adults this practice would soon stop. Another great evil of the confessional is the habit of some women of waiting for those who have awaited their turn thus causing angry passions to rise and in some measure nullify the benefit of the confession. Women should stop and think that for themselves the occasion of sorrow for the wrong he had done and the bad example he had set, received the last sacraments and died at peace with God. May God in His mercy grant eternal repose to his soul."

Abominable.

Bishop Vincent, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, declares that John Lee, the emissary of that body in South America, is more completely acquainted with conditions in that country than any man living. Mark that well. If Lee falsifies he does so intentionally.

Now read the following: Here is what Mr. Lee says: "When he (President Cernaans) came to Washington in 1889 as a delegate to the American International Conference, he brought with him a written indulgence from the Archbishop of Quito for all the sins he might commit for twelve years. This extraordinary advantage was given him as a reward for his devotion to the Church, and was much envied by the delegates from other countries."

I need not say that this statement is a tissue of falsehoods from beginning to end. An indulgence of forty days, or a year, or many years, does not mean the remission of such a term of purgatorial pain, after the silly objection of Erasmus, that Purgatory does not count time by days and years. Erasmus, learned man as he was, could evidently have said of himself, what Luther owns of his famous theses, that he began to write about indulgences without really knowing what an indulgence was.

An indulgence, say of so many days, or so many years, means simply the remission, to a penitent man, of such a measure of purgatorial suffering as would be equivalent to a public penance of a certain length of time in the ancient Church. It is not time matched against time, but suffering against suffering. A year in Purgatory might conceivably equal a hundred years of the ancient penance, or much more.

Next, there can be no such thing as a forgiveness of future sins. A crime cannot be pardoned before it is perpetrated, nor a sin until it is committed and repented of. As Teizel sarcastically reminds Luther, the Church grants no indulgences except "to the contrite and absolved."

An indulgence, as all theologians state, is, and can be, only the remission of a temporal or temporary penalty, to be endured on earth or in Purgatory. The Church does not include Purgatory in eternality, as Erasmus foolishly assumes, but in time, for its punishments, at farthest, cease with the Day of Judgment, and all the souls then found in it are received into heaven. It is only such an ignoramus as Mrs. Julia McNair Wright—and the Presbyterian Church, which publishes her foolish and spiteful book—that is capable of making an educated Catholic express a fear that, through the neglect of her kindred, she may wander in Purgatory forever, and never reach heaven.

I have read a great many Catholic disquisitions on indulgences by Tanqueray, Lehmkuhl, Bellarmine, Bendel, Wetzler and Welte, the Catholic Dictionary, and I know not how many others, and the more widely I read the more monstrously does this pretended indulgence of the Archbishop of Quito stand out as utterly un-Catholic and anti-Catholic, a pure impossibility. It would not involve the excommunication of the prelate, for it would be plain proof that he was mad. He would not go farther beyond his limits of doctrine or competency if he should publish a canonization of Giordano Bruno.

Observe, Bishop Vincent plainly has no conception that Lee is either an abominable liar or an outrageous ignoramus. Vincent evidently imagines that Lee represents the Archbishop as acting entirely within the limits of his episcopal authority, and in perfect consonance with the doctrine of the Church. This is about the usual amount of intelligence possessed by such would-be crusaders against "the Scarlet Woman."

What is the usual, almost universal mental attitude of Protestant agents in Latin America? I have read largely in "El Abogado," "Cristiano Ilustrado" and "El Evangelista Mexicano," the northern and southern Methodist organs of Mexico, somewhat in "El Mensajero," the Seventh Day Adventist organ, and somewhat in "O Estandarte," the Presbyterian organ of Brazil, besides not a few communications in "El Abogado" concerning Uruguay and Argentina.

The Adventists are often greatly in error, but they evidently wish to state the truth, and are by no means of a calumnious mind. "El Abogado" seems to have had a great reverence for Leo XIII. I doubt whether I ever saw a statement from it disparaging to him.

Otherwise I can unhesitatingly say that Protestant missionaries, from Mexico to Argentina, almost universally display a greedy desire to turn every fact and feature of Catholic doctrine, discipline and history to a malignant account, and entire indifference, no matter how long may be their stay in these countries, to gain-

ing even an elementary knowledge of the Roman Catholic system.

Of this unchristian and dishonest temper this John Lee is evidently a peculiarly aggravated specimen, and Bishop Vincent, by unqualified approbation of him, makes himself in the fullest measure a partaker of his guilt.

No, the above was not written by a Catholic. It was written by Rev. Dr. Charles C. Starbuck, the Protestant theologian, who contributes to the "Sacred Heart Review."

Editorial Notes.

The Bombay "Examiner" performs an unpleasant task gracefully as follows: On reading in a recent telegram that "At the request of the government of Java the Salvation Army Deavenport, 30 quarts of cranberry sauce; Mrs. Malachy Garvey, 1 ham; Mrs. J. D. McNaught and Miss Anna Spellman, a large fruit cake; the world was about to see a new, and Mailey Bakery, a box of crackers; Miss Cornelia Evans, tops, balls, games and storybooks; Mrs. J. Drinkwater, 70 bags of popcorn; Miss Rose Callaghan, Mrs. George W. Aldridge, John Stokes, Rev. P. Neville, East Bloomfield, W. E. Woodbury and George Kramer, 1 box oranges; Miss Sarah Garvey, Livonia, candy and oranges; George E. Noeth, 10 pounds nuts; Miss Barbara Kramer, candy; Smith & Perkins, candy and nuts; The Blum Co., Dansville, N. Y., \$5 and 2 dozen pairs of slippers; a friend, storybooks; T. W. Galvin, 3 cases lemon sour; a friend, toys and storybooks.

America, 150 pieces of clothing, including stockings, mittens, caps and underwear; Joseph Schaeffer, candy; J. Frank Fork, 3 dozen combination pens and pencils; M. Peters, 12 pairs of shoes; Mrs. John C. O'Brien, Auburn, a table linen; Bryan's Drug Store, port wine; Thomas J. Neville, a barrel of apples; August Wegman, 54 quarts of milk; Thomas Garvey, a ham; Mauley & Fien, 1 barrel of flour; The Children of Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church, 16 suits, 12 pairs of stockings, handkerchiefs, mittens, Mrs. Frank Nugent, 1 framed picture; Mrs. Helbron, 1 decorated olive dish; Little Elizabeth and Gladys Jones, potted plant; Miss Lohmiller, potted plant; Geo. Murphy, potted plant; Frank York, 4 atomizers; a friend, flowers for chapel; a friend, evergreen decorations; Howe & Rogers Co., 3 rugs; Smith, Bier & Gormly, 1 piece sateen; Sacred Heart Academy, generous donation of clothing and 5 blankets; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Baldwin, 1 basket choice fruit; Miss E. Herring, 1 doz. drinking glasses; Wells & Fisher Co., 1 large rug; John C. King, 1 rocker; C. W. Trotter & Sons, cooking utensils; R. C. Connolly of Phelps, N. Y., 6 patent dustpans; Misses Quilvin, 1 box candy; a friend, 1 box candy; Mrs. Kramer, 1 doz. oranges.

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FOR ST. ANN'S HOME. Aged People Well Looked After During Holiday Season.

It is reported by the sisters in charge of St. Ann's Home for the Aged in the Boulevard that their charges fared exceptionally well during the holidays, having been remembered by their friends and well wished with all kinds of presents. These donations were received:

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CHRISTMAS DONATIONS. St. Mary's Hospital Generously Remembered by Friends.

During the Christmastide many friends showered gifts of money, clothing, comforts and toys upon the patients at St. Mary's Hospital. Following is a list of the donations:

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The merry days of Christmas are numbered with the past, but their pleasant memories still linger in the hearts of St. Mary's boys, made glad by the many remembrances of devoted friends and kind benefactors. The Sisters in charge of St. Mary's Boys' Orphan Asylum, West Avenue, extend sincere thanks, with best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year to the following donors:

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