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What Else?

From far and near, the burden of the song of the critics of the Holy Father's encyclical against "Modernism" is that he is returning to the old order of things.

That expresses the difference between these critics and those who hold to any sort of definite belief in Religion, in a nutshell.

If we believe in Religion, in the Bible, in Divine revelation, in the Blessed Trinity, in Christ's sacrifice that men might be saved, and then we are, of necessity, ancients, conservatives, rather than liberals, modernists or iconoclasts.

There must be a place where we begin to believe and end our doubting. Where do we find any tangible plan of religion, any authoritative and immutable stand for the verities of Christian faith, save inside the Catholic Church?

Protestantism is as much a religious hodge-podge as Socialism is a political and economic hodge-podge. Both permit their followers to believe what they please, yes even to accept one theory to-day, reject it to-morrow and then re-accept it the day after, as suits their convenience or as befits the exigencies of the occasion.

Truth is and must be positive to-day, to-morrow and forever. Truth cannot compromise with error, no matter what the penalty may be in the desertion of adherents.

What else could the Holy Father as the guardian and conservator of Truth, do except to rebuke Error, even when found among Catholics? If he did not, how long would his authority last?

Pope Pius X ascended the Pontifical throne at the needed time to hold the Catholic Church and Catholics down to Apostolic traditions, that the Church is the exponent of God on earth and that all must submit to her authority.

The Remedy.

Bishop Colton, of Buffalo, puts the question of religious education plainly and bluntly in his column in the "Catholic Union and Times" when he says: "God made the world and He must not be shut out of it if it is to know peace. God made man and He must be respected by him if he is to have happiness. Religion, then, is the panacea for all ills, public and private, and the sooner the State recognizes this and the sooner men see it and grow God fearing, the better for society and for the individuals composing it. There are some in the world who do not believe in God but they necessarily are few for most men are sane and reasonable. The unbelievers are

welcome to their infidelity, but they should not expect that the State divorce education from religion and thus deprive the larger number who wish religion and education. Here is where they are unjust, and where the State, yielding to the minority, is unjust to the vast majority, for it is the boast, and the boast is true, that this is a Christian country.

"The remedy lies in denominational schools, such as the parochial school of the Catholic Church, and the sooner the State recognizes this and reconstructs its educational system accordingly, the better for itself and the citizens it governs. It is virtue that is to preserve society, which is another name for honesty in dealing with one's fellow men in business and purity in the relations of social life, and religion only can propagate it as a principle, and to put it into practice by observance of the teachings of religion. It is blind folly to ignore this, and they are wasting their efforts as well as millions of money, public and private, who expect good or lasting results from education which is divorced from religion.

"If a law-abiding, peace-loving, virtuous-practicing society is the desire of the larger number among us, then let that number see that religion has a part, and the chief part, in themselves and in the rising youth, for in no other way can those most desirable and most necessary things be secured.

City Beautiful

Those public-spirited citizens who are taking up the work of making Rochester a beautiful city have embarked upon an undertaking which should be encouraged and co-operated in by all citizens. We are all proud of our city and everyone wishes to see it more beautiful, if such a thing be possible.

There is no doubt that the sordid portion of our citizenship has been lax in their appreciation of Rochester's beauty spots. Mercenary citizens would have kept us out of our splendid park system, some because they hated to pay the increase in taxes it would entail, others because they would utilize where the parks now are for building purposes.

Then, take the way in which the trees have been rooted out in many parts of the city. In other cities these trees would have been retained at any cost.

Then there are the Pinnacle Hills, Cobb's Hill, the river banks and a dozen other beauty spots still uninvaded by the vandals who would utilize every nook and corner in the city for business and industrial purposes. Let us unite to preserve a few of these spots for breathing purposes when the population of our city doubles which is not at all impossible inside of a score of years.

But these plans should be tinged with common sense, not worked out solely with an aesthetic eye. No plan should be forced upon an unwilling community, or upon the community before it is in financial condition to stand it. Take the present time. With 25,000 men out of work, our first duty is to the relief of suffering. The man with an empty stomach is not apt to appreciate a beautiful city.

There should also be a spirit of give and take, too. "Beautiful Rochester" should mean a beautiful city in every part, in the section occupied by the poor as well as the wealthy. The Eighth ward should be beautified as well as the Twelfth ward where wealth inhabits. The Central Trades and Labor Council should be taken into the conference as well as the Art Society, the Architects' League, the Historical Society, and other like organizations. It is the workingmen who will pay more, according to their means, of the cost of any comprehensive scheme of making our city prettier.

If we "do it for Rochester" we should all pull together.

This is It.

Neatly, the "Catholic Union and Times" hits off the theory of Socialism in the following paragraph:

"Notorious Emma Goldman, lady anarchist and all around hater of law and order, has captured a convert in the person of Mrs. J. C. Phelps-Stokes, once a cigar-maker, now wife of a millionaire and lover of the red. This tender limb of femininity is said to have declared in New York last Sunday: 'I love the Stars and Stripes. I love the American flag, but as much as I love it, I love the red flag better. Indeed, I could not love the Stars and Stripes as much as I do, did I not love the grand red flag better.'

"Of course, Mrs. Phelps-Stokes was but joking. Were she in earnest in her crusade against property-rights, she long since would have divided up her liege lord's millions and even now would be back at the bench. There is but one place in the world suited as a harbor for Goldman and her gang. The crater of Vesuvius would make an excellent home for the disturbers."

Be Careful.

Sane, clear-headed labor-leaders, especially those of Catholic faith, do well to combat Socialism in the United States, else they may hear a similar note sounded to this which comes from England:

"A few weeks ago Robert Blatchford, a noted Socialist writer of England, declared that the Catholic church was making a mistake by opposing Socialism and predicted a day 'will come when a Socialist government shall be found doing for the Bishops and priests, particularly the Jesuits, what Henry VIII, did in the old days."

Now Ramsey MacDonald, a Labor party member of Parliament, has uttered a similar threat. Last autumn the English Labor party officially declared itself in favor of secular education. It did this under the palpable guidance of Socialist leaders who took possession of the labor convention. Catholic protests went up as a matter of course, and now in an interview MacDonald declares himself opposed to the attacks made by Catholic preachers against Socialists, and thinks that "seem to indicate that the church is deliberately setting itself against the Labor party," and he believes that "the effect will be that British Socialists, will be forced into the same conflict with the Roman Catholic church as the Socialists on the Continent."

Writing to the "Catholic Columbian," Rev. E. J. Spelman, of New Castle, Ind., says: "The undersigned wishes to give warning that others be not taken in as he was by one Mr. F. L. Gaffey, who promised to pay to St. Ann's Church, New Castle, Ind., twenty-five per cent. of the proceeds of advertising written by him with my written permission from the business men of this town. There is now no hope that he will make good his contract."

Rev. John LaFarge, S. J., son of John LaFarge, the great landscape and figure painter, has been appointed professor of the freshman class and Spanish and German in Loyola College, Baltimore. Father LaFarge is probably one of the youngest priests in the Jesuit order, being only twenty-seven years old. About two years ago he was ordained a secular priest, but later entered the Jesuit order. He is tall and slender and is said to bear a striking resemblance to his father.

Says the "Monitor": Cardinal Newman somewhere says, we quote him substantially: "Either the Catholic church is the voice of God in this world proclaiming eternal, unchangeable truth, or

we are groping in darkness as hopelessly as did the pagans of old." That is the attitude of the Frenchman. He is not a captivated by transient religious fads or "sims." He is Catholic or nothing. We think he is going to be Catholic. We cannot believe that the great French people are going to choose the alternative paganism.

Five Minute Sermon

The Laborers in the Vineyard

The Jews were first called to enter the church of Christ, but on account of their obstinacy they were excluded and are the last. The Gentiles, on the other hand, were the last called to the faith, but were the first to embrace it and enter the Church of Jesus Christ. We who are called to serve God from our infancy should be careful not to be the last in our old age.

Many are called, but few are chosen, because there are many who by virtue of baptism enter 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 the truly penitent who have persevered to the last will 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 February 16 - Gospel, St. Matt xx 1-16 - St. Juliana, virgin and martyr. Monday 17 - St. Fintan, abbot. Tuesday 18 - St. Simeon, bishop and martyr. Wednesday 19 - St. Conrad, confessor. Thursday 20 - St. Mildred, virgin and abbess. Friday 21 - St. Severian, bishop and martyr. Saturday 22 - St. Peter's chair at Antioch.

Foot and Door Trick. In his book, "Work in Great Cities," the Bishop of London writes "You have often not only to practice what may be described as the 'foot and door trick' it is ruinous to the foot and sometimes hurts the toe; but it consists in rapidly out quickly passing the foot in the moment the door is opened in order to secure, at any rate, a few minutes' parley."

More aluminum in manufacture in Niagara Falls than in any other place in the world. It was on August 28, 1895, that the works at Niagara Falls started operation, and in the ten years that have passed the development has been wonderful, greatly benefiting the steel interests, for in the modern method of making steel aluminum is used in small quantities. Usually from two to five ounces of aluminum are put in each ton of open hearth steel made, and from six to eight ounces into a ton of Bessemer steel. In fact, had every ton of steel made in the United States in 1904 been subjected to this treatment something like 5,000,000 pounds of aluminum would have been consumed by the steel industry alone.

In 1904 8,600,000 pounds of aluminum were made in the United States, an increase of 1,100,000 pounds over 1903. In 1902 the output in the United States was 7,300,000 pounds. The output in 1903 is of peculiar interest, because of the fact that 20 years before that the output was only eighty-three pounds, and at the end of the first decade of manufacture, in 1893, only 339,629 pounds were made. Every day aluminum is applied to new uses, increasing the consumption to a wonderful degree. Aluminum paper is one of the latest products, and its said to be far superior to tin foil and similar articles. Aluminum is used for household utensils as well as those for military purposes. In textile mill work aluminum spools and bobbins are very popular, and as a setting for lenses aluminum is much lighter than brass. It is used on railway locomotives, lithographic plates, letter boxes, in patented explosives, for making acid carbonyls and many other chemical vessels.

An African Monarch. The King of Uganda, in British East Africa, rejoices or grieves in the somewhat picklish and chow-chow name of Daudi Chua. This august sovereign may his tribe increase!—is now "going on" eight. To befit a colored spectre bearer he has a highly colored court. He sits on a throne of scarlet, and probably the court carpenters have made it a world too long for his chubby little legs. Under the British protectorate folks have to be economical in Uganda, and a king must grow up to his throne, and can't have a custom made one every time he has growing pains. We can remember when a king of Uganda was every inch a king, no matter how few his inches. So sacred, so supra purple was he that the remains of his food had to be buried lest its sacredness strike dead some unhappy subject. The British have changed all that. Daudi sits on his scarlet throne, a leopard skin under his bare feet, a toy gun in his little hands. Probably not a bit more absurd and many times more "sympathetic" in the eyes of the heavenly powers than many a wide ruling czar or Kaiser that has been, is, or shall be.—Everybody's Magazine.

Thackeray's Posts. Thackeray's favorite poets were Goldsmith and the "sweet lyric singers." Prior, whom he thought the easiest, the richest, the most charmingly humorous of English lyrical poets; and Gay, the force of whose simple melody and artless ringing laughter he appreciated. He admired Pope, too; but while admitting Milton's greatness thought him "such a bore that no one could read him." It is not surprising, therefore, that Thackeray never essayed the "big howwow kind" of poetry.

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