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Catholic Press.

In these days when the Catholic Church is the only organization in the land which stands for old traditions and for the substantial in theology and morality as contrasted to the hazy and the speculative, it is a reward for the Catholic editor to find that the Catholic Bishops and Clergy are disposed to credit the Catholic press with the position of first assistant to the pulpit.

In his recent Lenten pastoral Bishop McFaul, of Trenton, N. J., has much to say about the Catholic press and because of the importance of the subject we have quoted liberally from this pastoral as follows:

In a former Pastoral Letter, we endeavored to show the influence of good literature on the family. We may be permitted to repeat here, what we then wrote: "In our day, everybody reads. Periodicals, pamphlets and newspapers are the literature of the millions. It is the daily newspaper, however, that enjoys the largest patronage. We must have the news warm, at our breakfast table, every morning. No doubt, a newspaper is a potent factor for good or evil; and America publishes some excellent secular newspapers, which may be safely introduced into the family. Our religious weeklies are performing a very beneficial work, and should receive a more generous support. Every Catholic family should subscribe for a Catholic newspaper and a Catholic magazine, possess a small library of religious books, and such other works as will instruct and interest."

"But what about those purveyors of uncleanness, the vulgar sheets reeking with nastiness, so largely read by all classes? Reprove them for their villainy, and the reply is: We print the news. Yes, they do, and such news; and such advertisements! Let us recall the words of St. Paul to the Gentiles: But all uncleanness, let it not so much as be named among you, as becometh saints; or obscenity, or foolish talking, or sourrility, which is to no purpose."

"Every one will admit that some of our newspapers are a disgrace. It is shocking to witness the harm which these disreputable journals do by pandering to the lower passions of the multitude. They educate in crime, destroy purity, in a word, sow immorality. They are so many foul demons entering the family for its defilement and ruin. Perhaps the most terrible indictment that can be brought against America is that the public demand for the fifth supplied by the 'Yellow Journals' is so great as to render rich and prosperous the unscrupulous editors, writers and publishers who cater to debased appetites."

"We desire to employ all the power of our holy office to stem this flood of corruption, and we, therefore, most earnestly beseech parents to banish all such newspapers and books from their firesides. O fathers and mothers, never permit them to contaminate your homes!"

"Frequently complaint is made that Catholics are not a reading people. There is some truth in this, if we limit our consideration to disreputable Catholic literature: our religious newspapers, books and periodicals. They are not found on our news-stands, nor in all our public libraries. We have made inquiry into the reason of this neglect, and have been informed that Catholics themselves are responsible; that they do not ask for Catholic newspapers, books and periodicals."

"Whatever may be said regarding the loss of certain libraries, it is certain that news companies, as a matter of business, would supply the demand if it existed."

"No better example of the power and influence of the press can be given than the results achieved in Germany which was due to public opinion, revealed by the Catholic press, that the Center Party remained in power."

over Kulturkampf, sent Bismarck to Canossa, and organized the Catholics of Germany so that they presented an unbroken front to their enemies. Listen to the eloquent words of Dr. Barth, spoken at the Catholic Congress of Ratisbon: 'The Catholic Germans had behind them a gift inspired by Heaven, which was granted to the Catholic people of Germany as an auspicious sign of better days, through their firm and faithful union among themselves, and their unwavering constancy in the conflict for the defence of the highest welfare of the people and of humanity. Such a gift was the vigorous, able, aggressive Catholic press. In quality and quantity it developed into a power that could not be ignored in public life. Among its enemies and among the Catholics of other countries, although enjoying far better circumstances, it excited admiration and envy.'

Separation. Whenever the State is able to insult or belittle the influence of the Church the secular press heralds it at great length. Whenever the Church leads in enforcing liberty of speech, in compelling equality before the law, the secular press is silent.

For instance, the secular press has failed to inform its readers that in the home of Calvinism, Geneva, the Catholics have joined hands with the Liberals and compelled the disestablishment of Calvin's "National Protestant Church" and the "National Catholic Church." The former was the simon-pure Calvinist sect, the latter was made up of "Old Catholic" schismatics, followers of Dr. Dallinger. Both these sects were supported at state expense, the Catholics, although comprising nearly a majority of the inhabitants, being taxed to support the established churches without any corresponding return of benefit.

In Switzerland the "referendum" prevails and although the Catholics had been able on several occasions to pass a bill though the Legislature for the separation of Church and State, the Protestants were able to secure an adverse vote when the question was submitted to popular vote of the people. Last year, however, another effort was made and the Catholics joined hands with the Liberals to pass a separation law through the Legislature. Again the Protestants were sure of victory at the popular election but they were disappointed. By a vote of 7,656 to 6,822 it was decreed that hereafter all churches must be supported by their followers and state support is a thing of the past. All church property is to revert to the present holders, the state relinquishing any title it may be held to possess. This is a marked contrast to the confiscation of Catholic Church property enforced by the Bland anti-Christians in France.

It is predicted that without state support it will not be long ere Calvin's church disintegrates entirely in Geneva. A French writer, treating on this phase of the question says: "The regulations of the National Protestant Church, apart from their method of popular election, are of a most remarkable nature. It would appear that the liberty of the teaching and preaching cannot be restrained, either by the Confession of Faith or by liturgical formularies. How can an individual, so absolute, not fall at no distant date to grind into dust all the old dogmas of Calvin? So much for the National Protestant Church. The Evangelical Protestant Church, a branch of the seceding sect, is on the wane. The Old Catholic party, the rebels of 1878, with no State help, and with rapidly diminishing numbers, is in a more than parlous state. As to the Catholic Church, it can be said of it that in the future, as in the past, it will continue to grow and prosper, founded, as it is, on the Rock of Peter."

He Was Fair. In the death of William A. Sutherland, Rochester loses a man who, although a staunch Protestant, was eminently fair to the Catholic Church and to individual Catholics. His mind was so constituted that he could respect truth and integrity even in an opponent and he was not one to withhold such tribute when occasion demanded.

The writer often heard Mr. Sutherland in private conversation, pay tribute to the vital force exerted by the Catholic Church in the cause of education, in the upbuilding of humanity and as a bulwark against the onslaughts of infidelity. Those who perused Mr. Sutherland's brief, when Corporation Counsel, in support of St. Mary's Boy's Orphan Asylum when James Sargent sought to hamper education of the State's wards confined therein, were struck with the breadth of view and absence of bigotry displayed by one who had held the position of Grand Master of the Masons of New York State. But those who recalled that same Grand Master abruptly severed fraternal relations between New York State Masons and those of Peru, on receipt of the news that the Grand Orient of France had obtained control of the Peru grand lodge and had thrown the Bible out of the lodge rooms, were not surprised. They knew that William A. Sutherland was a brave man as well as a conscientious and fair-minded one. He hated shams and never hesitated to denounce one whenever and wherever he saw it. This trait undoubtedly lost him promotion in politics but it enhanced the respect in which he was held by those of his fellows who were broad enough to know and respect a real man.

In this day and age when demagoguery and charlatany are the rage, such men as William A. Sutherland are needed in the community and it is with regret that the Journal is called upon to chronicle his death.

Stop It. We wonder if "Bishop Eastman" were a Catholic priest and his "Gospel Worker," a publication baptizing abuse upon the Protestant clergymen and Protestant men and women, how long would the Free Masons stand for it?

With all due respect for the New York State Court of Appeals we fancy that that tribunal would not take long to decide that it was obscene. But the mayor and police of the city find no reason to suppress the impudent men and low-minded women who go from house to house pestering citizens to purchase a paper filled with vile insinuations against Catholic priests and nuns. When one refuses to admit the filthy publication to his home then these peddlers revile them and consign them to hotter climates than the United States.

We know that Catholics have advised that no notice be taken of this vile fellow but this will not do, in our opinion. Copies of these publications are thrown into the hands of our Catholic children whose minds are poisoned thereby. Moreover, why should we sit idly by and permit non-Catholics to infer by our silence, that there is truth in Eastman's lying statements? It's up to you Mayor Edgerton and Commissioner Owen. Newsboys and circular distributors are compelled to have licenses. Make Eastman's vendors do likewise or lock them up.

The Sisters of Charity, who are so active in the religious life everywhere, will soon celebrate the centenary of the Order's organization in the United States. It was established by Mrs. Elizabeth A. Seton, at Emmitsburg, Md., in 1809, and since then has grown in a remarkable manner. At the present time the number of the society's establishments in the United States is over 350, with a membership of over 5,000. In their hospitals and asylums the Sisters care for 10,000 orphans, 2,000 insane and 5,000 sick; 25,000 infants have been given homes in their foundling asylums.

The Pittsburg "Observer" says: "In making appointments to the judicial bench and to other lucrative public offices the governor of this state continues to ignore Catholic citizens of known capacity and worth. Is not this consistent display of bigotry a powerful incentive for us to unite our forces?"

Says the "Michigan Catholic": "While thousands are out of work in this country, and some in want, a society girl of Philadelphia was introduced to the Smart Set of that city by her father squandering \$150,000 on a dance festivity. No wonder we have anarchy and socialism. A hundred and fifty thousand dollars spent for a few hours' entertainment by a parent, for his daughter's sake! What fools we mortals be!" Suppose the father had left that \$150,000 in the bank? Would any one have benefited?—Did not the florists, the caterers, the waiters, the cabbies, the dressmakers all get benefit? Did not this father do more real good to the community than Russell Sage who hoarded up his money and haggled over the price of an apple?

Pertinently the "Pilot" observes: "With all due deference to the experience of Prof. Dudley A. Sargent, of Harvard, we think there is far less need of compulsory physical training among our present day youth than of compulsory mental training."

Good advice is given by the following paragraph in "Church Progress": "Piety is expected and purity demanded of a woman. But that don't mean that they are to monopolize both or either. Men have souls to save just as well. And nothing is so conducive to salvation as these two qualities."

Even if times are hard hundreds of persons seem able to dig up sufficient change to purchase tickets for the matinee!

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Charles J. O'Malley is soon to resign as editor of the Syracuse "Catholic Sun" and return to his old post of editor of the "New World" of Chicago, in succession to the late Rev. Dr. Judge. Congratulations.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will celebrate its diamond jubilee on May 3d next.

Church Progress does not think the Government gets the worth of its money from the weather bureau. Well, perhaps it is not as good as it should be but it's better than none at all.

Deport the anarchists who are not citizens, confine in strongly barred cells those who are.

Father Phelan in the "Western Watchman" has this to say: "The horrible murder of Father Leo Heinrichs, of Denver, surpasses in cool atrocity and diabolical sacrilege anything recorded in history. They say the man is mad; but they are assiduously training and developing such mad men in Italy and France. He is not one whit more crazy than Clemeceau or Briand; but he has the courage of his convictions, which they have not. But priests are not afraid of such mad men; they are prepared to die, and give up their lives with a smile. We only hope that 'those higher up' in the social scale are as well prepared."

The Catholic position on education is neatly put by the "New World" when it says: "Our public schools have abundantly demonstrated their inadequacy to meet the needs which education is primarily intended to fill. Our system of undenominational public schools has been tried and found wanting in the forum of public opinion. The fathers of the Council of Baltimore wisely foresaw the ultimate failure of, as well as the evil fruits of all educational system, which was to take no cognizance of the religious, the moral factor in the child nature, and instead of aiming at a harmonious development of all its faculties was to ignore the very essentials of genuine education, the very element that made education imperative for the national as well as for the individual well being. They realized the menace of Godless schools to the State and to the Church alike, and accordingly laid the foundation of a system of Catholic school education which to-day is the strongest asset of the nation. Public opinion has unmistakably swung in the direction of religion in the school. * * * Time will further vindicate the position of the Catholic Church in its insistence upon the necessity of an education that will be not merely supplemented by instruction in Christian doctrine, but permeated through and through with the principles, the ideals of the Master's Gospel."

Republican State Convention Special rates to New York and return April 9th and 10th. \$10.25 via New York Central, \$9.35 via West Shore R. R. Tickets good returning until April 13th. City Ticket Office, 20 State Street.

Advertisement for L. B. Kirkpatrick, Agent, 233 Alexander Street. Features an illustration of a man in a suit and the text: 'The Man Who Pays wants the best his money will buy. That's the reason so many Holman Automobiles, the car of proven value, are in use to-day. It has gained its good name on the road—in the "hard places"—in severe actual service. Price \$650 to \$800. Write, 'phone or call. We will exhibit at the Rochester Auto Show March 18-21'

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