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Tributes.

One cannot fail to be struck by the tributes paid to the human side of the Catholic Church by outsiders who do not believe as we do yet are forced to admire and respect our wonderful organization and its influence upon the community at large.

In this autobiography, John D. Rockefeller says:

"I fully appreciate the splendid service done by others in the field, but I have seen the organization of the Roman Catholic Church secure better results with a given sum of money than any other church organizations are accustomed to secure from the same expenditure."

In a recent issue of the New York "Tribune", Edward H. Griegs, the noted author is quoted:

"We say that the church is one institution which welcomes rich and poor alike. Is that true? There is indeed one Church where all grades of men and women pray together, but it isn't the one most of you attend. Suppose a ragged, unshaven man—unkempt perhaps—came from staying out all night because he had no place to sleep—suppose such a man came to your church to pray, would he be admitted? I needn't answer that question. Oh, I know we throw soap to our consciences by establishing mission churches in other parts of the city, and it is all right for birds of a feather to flock together—if they want to. It is all right to make social clubs of our churches—only, let us not pretend that they are anything else."

An English clergyman (non-Catholic) who has been touring the United States, reads this lecture to his brother-clergymen in the United States:

"I have noticed during my stay in America that church influence among the masses is on the wane. It is rapidly decreasing. This is because it has got away from the people. It regards creed more than human life; orthodox more than living. It is too conventional, and, I must add, too respectable. Churches now are mostly gorgeous mausoleums built over the remains of Christianity."

"What the church must do to live is win back the workingmen it has lost. It must realize that in the Bible there are quite as many references to what Christ did for the bodies of men as to what He did for their souls. Take the churches here in New York. They are moving up-town. They are leaving down-town with its dense population of the poor and suffering. They are club houses with the word 'Christ' over the door. Only the rich go into them."

"I understand that there are a large number of clergymen in the city of New York here to-day and I want to say to them that it does not matter what you have in your church; if you have not a great passion for the common people your church cannot exist. Unless that is kept burning the whole Christian church is doomed. Begin at once. If you can reach the city of New York with righteousness and God our citizens to have one who was born in Ireland so honored."

em of the church to-day. It may interest you to know that of should do it. It must take its all the immigrants that have stand in the forefront of human come to America, statistics show welfare in the struggle against that the Irish emigrants have disease and for the bodies of men produced the largest percentage as well as their souls, or it is lost, in American civilization. For Commenting on the above that reason, I have always felt, Republican of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, like saying: "Hats off to the Irish!"

With my best wishes for a happy New Year, I am cordially yours,
M. G. Brumbaugh.

Rules for Lent

The Holy season of Lent began the 24th day of February. All the week days of Lent are days of fasting on one meal with a moderate collation in the evening. All the days of Lent are days of abstinence from flesh meat. By dispensation however, the use of flesh meat is allowed with out restriction on Sundays and out a day on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, except on the Saturday of Ember week, and the Saturday of Holy week. But the use of both meat and fish at the same meal is not allowed even on the Sundays of Lent.

By virtue of a special Indult in favor of the working people of this country who find it difficult to observe the general law of abstinence, the use of flesh meat is granted on fast days both to them and to the members of their family, except on all Fridays of the year, Ash Wednesday, Holy week, and the eve of Christmas but for such as are obliged to fast the privilege is restricted to one meal of the day. (This extraordinary dispensation is given solely to the working classes, and does not extend to the liberal professions.) Those who avail themselves of this indult are counseled to perform some penitential work, as for example, abstinence from spirituous drink.

The practice of taking a small piece of bread with a cup of tea, coffee, chocolate or the like, in the morning is permitted by indult. Likewise when the principal meal cannot be taken at mid-day, it is allowed to invert the order by taking the collation in the morning and the principal meal in the evening.

The use of eggs, milk, butter and cheese at the collation, provided the quantity prescribed by the fast be complied with, is by general custom tolerated in this country. Lard and drippings may be used in preparing fish, vegetables, etc.

The following persons are exempt from the obligation of fasting: Young persons under twenty-one years, the aged, the sick, nursing women, those who are obliged to do hard labor, and all who through weakness cannot fast, without prejudice to their health.

Persons dispensed from the obligation of fasting are not bound by the restrictions of using meat, only at one meal on days on which its use is granted by dispensation. Those who are in doubt about their exemption from the obligation of fasting should consult their pastor, who may dispense them.

In churches where there is a resident pastor, there will be a sermon and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on every Wednesday evening and the devotion of the stations of the Holy Cross on Fridays.

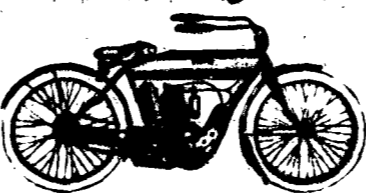
Pastors in charge of two or more churches, will give one sermon during the week, in at least two churches.

Prayer and the spirit of penance should accompany penitential works. Endeavor, therefore, to excite your parishioners to observe this holy season according to the intention of the church, and place every facility in their way for receiving the sacraments of Penance and Eucharist.

Very sincerely in Christ,
THOMAS,
 Bishop of Rochester.
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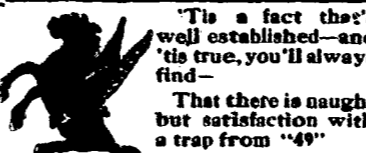
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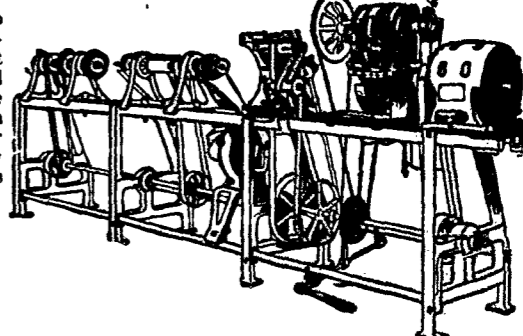


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