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Is Not So In Rochester.

Whatever may be the rule in Boston, if the writer of the following in the Pilot were to pass a few weeks in the Flower City he would admit that conditions are different in Rochester.

While it is true that nearly fifty per cent of our Catholic population is composed of men and boys, nevertheless we are confronted with the fact that outside the regular attendance at Mass on Sundays, an attendance which is rendered obligatory by the laws of the Church, the attendance of men at the meetings of religious societies, confraternities and sodalities falls far behind that ratio.

Men's societies, like the Holy Name, are well attended whether it be on the quarterly Sunday evening service or at the social sessions. The same is true of other sodalities. Moreover, one can hardly visit a church in the central part of the city that he does not find there men, old and young alike in silent adoration of our Divine Lord or making the Stations of the Cross.

However, we agree with our contemporary's contentions in this paragraph:—

"We have men enough who are intelligent and able. But it is not intelligence alone that will save a nation or preserve the social order. The Egyptians, the Greeks and the Romans were intelligent men, but their nationality is buried amid the ruins of their times. The sanity of a nation comes from the multitude of its sound consciences, the sources of true morality when directed by a living faith. How shall a sound popular conscience and a pure popular morality be developed if our Catholic men, almost the only exponents of conscience and morality today, come not together to profess their sentiments and, under the guidance of the living truth, to encourage influence and uplift each other?"

Business Vs. Gospel

Richard Barry—one would expect to find him a Catholic but he avows he always was a Protestant—makes a scathing indictment in a recent number of Pearson's magazine of the "commercialism" of the Protestant missionaries to foreign lands and makes the bold charge that out of every \$12 contributed to foreign missions not to exceed \$1 ever reaches the heathen for whose supposed conversion the money was contributed—the rest goes to the home agents and officials of the mission societies and to the missionaries themselves. Mr. Barry makes this significant comparison between the methods and personnel of the Protestant and Catholic missionaries:—

Although I am not a Catholic and was raised in a Protestant church, I must confess that when I traveled down the Yang Tze looking my allegiance went out exclusively to three Jesuits who were traveling in the provinces of the Southern part, and

ing themselves as inconspicuous as possible and acting, to all outward semblance, like Chinamen—holding faith with their triple vow of Silence, Poverty and Obedience." Evidently the author intended "Poverty, Chastity and Obedience." But he goes on: "At the same time there were at the table with me, in the first saloon three Protestant missionaries of different denominations, each with his own Chinese servant, and each explaining to me, at different times, how he really ought to have more money to get along properly in that heathen country. Had it come to a spiritual showdown I fear I should have cast my lot with the Jesuits. Their conduct accorded more closely with my interpretation of the New Testament."

Five New Bishops

Five new bishops have been consecrated for old established sees within the last few weeks—Bishop O'Donoghue in Louisville, Bishop Shaw, of San Antonio, Bishop Nilan in Hartford, Bishop Rice of Burlington, and Bishop Fallon of London, Ont.

In each case there was a notable gathering of ecclesiastics and the impressive services performed with all the solemn pomp and ceremony due to such occasions. This is as it should be for such services do not occur very often and their memory should linger long with those who witness them.

Rochester has interest in the London bishop. Father Fallon is known to many of our people especially the Knights of Columbus of which order he has been a staunch friend and a worthy member for years past. His friends here and in Buffalo, where he was stationed so long will wish him God speed in his new office.

"When Rogues Fall Out"

The Catholic Universe scores neatly in this paragraph:—

An interesting question as to the motives of the new business philanthropy is suggested by a comment of Mr. Carnegie on the proposed Rockefeller foundation. The Steel King seems to object to the Oil King's invasion of a field of benevolence which he had pre-empted. The acquired habit of monopoly doesn't take kindly to competition even in giving, or to credit-sharing more than to profit-sharing. Meantime there seems no likelihood that Rockefeller or Mr. Carnegie will pre-empt that old field of charity which has been so magnificently endowed by the service, the sacrifice and the love of those who gave more than millions in giving themselves, and who have sought no credit, save the distinction of being the nameless and life-long servants of the poor.

Compensations.

Aside from the spiritual side of the Holy Father's life confinement in the Vatican, which appealors are realized by devout Catholics it would appear there are material compensations which are not overlooked by every non-Catholic.

In a recent cable from Rome we notice this item:—

Having expressed a desire to visit the Borgias apartment in the Vatican at a time when tourists were not admitted, Msgr. Mischiattelli, prefect of the Apostolic palaces, today sent Mr. Morgan a special card of admission, and later in the day Mr. Morgan viewed the art-masterpieces there.

In expressing his admiration of the paintings, Mr. Morgan said that he would not mind being a life prisoner in the Vatican if he were permitted at all times to look upon such artistic perfection.

Now it is Illinois that is threatened with a hebbory scandal.

We Want Only Our Rights.

A Lutheran weekly in a recent issue made this comment:

"The members of all other Christian denominations unite with political parties as individuals and they look for political rewards not on account of church connection, but as citizens who have served well their party. In marked contrast with this is the Roman Catholic method.

In view of recent happenings in Rochester the following editorial reply by the Boston Pilot furnishes food for reflection.

"We fail to see the contrast. What is the Roman Catholic method? Is the Catholic pulpit ever used in advance for opposing any political man or measure? On the other hand is it not as clear as daylight before and during elections the non-Catholic pulpits of the land forget Christ and the Gospel together, and become the rendezvous of political oratory of the most flagrant and aggressive kind? Moreover it is significant that in our public institutions—prisons, asylums, hospitals—the favors are almost universally for ministers of non-Catholic denominations. Catholics who have served well their party are discriminated against in nearly every important appointment in the political and judicial field, while the mere fact that an applicant for position is not a Catholic, or belongs to a Protestant sect makes his application successful independent of his political affiliations. It is an old method with such as the Lutheran editor to treat Catholics with an air of superiority and tolerance and to tell us to be satisfied we are let live. But the day for such a foolish assumption is past, though the Lutheran witness is unaware of that.

Really, Mr. Havens is attracting considerable attention. Mayor Gaynor is not afraid of William Randolph Hearst or his papers it would seem. Now doth the small boy yearn for the day when school adjourns sine die.

The Indiana Catholic states that Mr. Fairbanks has written confidently to several prominent Catholics in Indiana informing them that had he known the methods of the Methodists in the Rome he would not have made that address.

Says an exchange: "The largest parochial school in the United States belongs to the great St. Stanislaus Katska parish of Chicago. Think of it! Three thousand eight hundred twenty children with sixty-five Sisters, all working in unison at the great work of education!"

Cardinal Merry del Val is still Papal Secretary of State, notwithstanding the assertions of the bigoted secular press that he has incurred the displeasure of the Holy Father.

Are we to see Home Rule for Ireland?

Prince Frederick Henry of Prussia and cousin to the Emperor of Germany has entered an Italian Monastery as Brother Henry.

Theodore Roosevelt sneers at "the cloistered person." There are some things Mr. Roosevelt cannot appreciate.

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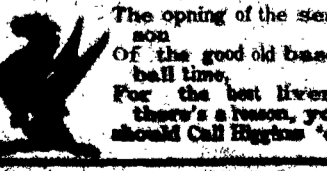
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