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Warring On The Church

If one reads only the prejudiced secular press, it is not surprising if he absorbs the notion that the Catholic Church in Spain and France is unprogressive, reactionary and opposed to the spirit of the times. To be sure, she might be and still not open to serious criticism because some of the wonder-latter-day "progression" is but a revival of the ancient faith, revolutionary and utterly subversive of anything savoring of the Religion or sound morals. But, as a matter of fact, the scabbed despatches are garbled, distorted and falsified in order to make it appear that the Catholic Church is responsible for the anarchy and chaos that prevails in these countries. Such is not the fact. The infidels, Methodists and Free Masons who are determined to root out Catholicity, trunk and branches, are the anarchists and revolutionists. They find out that people in France and Spain are not disposed to relinquish the faith of their fathers and accept the new doctrine that the State must be supreme in all things and that God and the rights of parents and families are of no account to them as they try to give to the rest of the world the notion that the Catholic Church wants to keep down the people in every way they can.

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New Officers In L. C. B. A.

Judging from the published reports, the convention of the Ladies Catholic Benevolent Association just closed at Cleveland was a pleasant and profitable one, and the reports also showed that this splendid fraternal organization of Catholic women is in flourishing condition. This is especially gratifying as it shows that women can manage big business propositions as well as their brothers of the sterner sex. "The grand old woman"—we are sure she will know we mean no unkind allusion to the subject so tender to the average woman's sensibilities, Mrs. McGowan, of Buffalo, who has given the best years of her life to the L. C. B. A., declined to stand for re-nomination and Miss Kate Mahoney, of Troy, principal of a school in her home city, and for the last fifteen years prominent in L. C. B. A. affairs, was elected as her successor. Her friends predict for her a splendid administration. Associated with her are a number of well-known Catholic fraternal women. It is fortunate that each year there is a vigorous contest for the contract to publish the official organ and equally unfortunate that the association acted in such manner as to warrant any charge that the constitution was violated in order that a favored one might be awarded the printing.

"A Summer Danger."

This is good and timely advice from the Providence Visitor:—"There is no time of the year which lends itself so readily to the formation of new acquaintances as the summer season. It

goes without saying that one should be extremely careful in choosing friends or associates; for many there are who have experienced perhaps a little too late that a hastily formed friendship is not always conducive to spiritual and moral advancement. Not every well-mannered or attractive looking person is a suitable companion. "If prudence and watchfulness are necessary in the ordinary course of life, they should also be exercised during vacation, which is a time of danger and temptation. Catholics should upon entering their vacation be thoroughly imbued with the spirit of religion, which will act as an antidote against the moral poison with which they are likely to come in contact. They should be determined not to be influenced by any amiable stranger, but to follow strictly the principles which rule their conduct at home."

Ancient Faith Revived

Consecration of the great Catholic Cathedral in Westminster by Archbishop Bourne has drawn attention to the wonder-latter-day "progression" is but a revival of the ancient faith, revolutionary and utterly subversive of anything savoring of the Religion or sound morals. But, as a matter of fact, the scabbed despatches are garbled, distorted and falsified in order to make it appear that the Catholic Church is responsible for the anarchy and chaos that prevails in these countries. Such is not the fact. The infidels, Methodists and Free Masons who are determined to root out Catholicity, trunk and branches, are the anarchists and revolutionists. They find out that people in France and Spain are not disposed to relinquish the faith of their fathers and accept the new doctrine that the State must be supreme in all things and that God and the rights of parents and families are of no account to them as they try to give to the rest of the world the notion that the Catholic Church wants to keep down the people in every way they can.

Why Not A Business Man?

While the politicians are stewing and fretting about the claims of this or that political hack, or this or that lawyer, why do they not look around for a clear-headed man of affairs, a business man who has not saturated himself so deeply in politics that all he can see in public life is "will it help me and the organization. Rochester has enjoyed the best city administrations it ever had under business men—Hiram H. Edgerton and James G. Cutler. What is good for Rochester may well be good for the State at large. Everybody knows that not every lawyer is a good man of affairs. While they were men of high integrity and possessed of a desire to do the very best things possible for their city, the mayors of Rochester who accomplished the least for the progress and prosperity of Rochester were lawyers. We see that some papers and political leaders are booming State Treasurer, Thomas B. Dunn of Rochester, for a republican gubernatorial candidate. He is a representative of the type of man we have in mind.

Under direction of the Knights of Columbus 40,000 members of Catholic societies in Boston will parade on Columbus Day, October 12th. Before the parade Archbishop O'Connell will pontificate at High Mass and in the evening there will be a "Gathering of Nations." Why should not Rochester Council do likewise?

Read And Ponder Well

Do you take a daily paper in your home? Of course you do. What does it cost you? One cent a day or \$1 a year. Do you take a Sunday paper? To be sure you do. What does it cost you? Five cents a Sunday or \$2.60 a year. Do you take a Catholic paper? No. Why not? Costs too much, you say. Pah! The Catholic Journal costs one dollar a year or two cents a week. Would two cents a week break you?

Bishop Dunne of Peoria, Ill., is credited with an unusual talent in acquiring languages. He is proficient in at least twelve, it is said, and can get a working knowledge of a new one in three weeks.

Three Cardinals and eighty-six bishops and Archbishops will attend the International Eucharistic Congress in Montreal, September 6th to 11th.

In Switzerland, which is looked upon by certain persons as an essentially Protestant country, Catholics number 1,279,664 as against 1,916,157 Protestants. This is not a bad showing for the land of Calvin.

The Rev. Father Cortie, S. J., the distinguished astronomer of Stonyhurst College, is leaving England shortly for America, where he is to attend a meeting of astronomers. At the request of the British government Father Cortie is to visit the South Sea Islands later on.

Brother Philip Widstedt, of the Society of Jesus, died recently in St. Louis University, where he had been a member of the community ever since the Civil War. The Brother was in his 90th year and had been over 60 years in the order when he entered at Florissant, Mo.

Father Phelan of St. Louis thinks some converts ought to become sincere Catholics before they presume to find fault with their fellow-religionists. The point is well taken.

The Rev. George A. Pettit, S. J., rector of the novitiate of St. Andrew on Hudson, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., was formerly an Anglican. So was Father Gasson, S. J., of Boston.

A Scandal Spilled. "Of course he and his wife seem devoted to each other now," said the jealous Miss Gounsp. "but do you think she will always be so true and all that?" "Well," replied Miss Kidder, "I have reason to know that only last night he had occasion to set a trap for her." "Ah! Do you know, I suspected something!" "They more than suspected. They knew there were mice in the house." Philadelphia Press

The Lamp of a Man's Life. Dr. Holmes said the lamp of a man's life has three wicks—brain, blood and breath—and to turn down any one of them makes the other two go out. The wounds a man will survive and even disregard so long as his head, heart and lungs are unharmed have long been one of the wonders of war history.

The Burden of Golf. Goller (with a full bag, looking for a caddy)—I say, my friend, do you happen to know of any one who?—Near-sighted Villager (testily)—No, I don't. All the folks round here does their own umbrella repairing!—Puck.

Cutting. Young Wife—How fortunate I am in possessing a husband who always stays at home in the evening! Bosom Friend—Yes, your husband never was much addicted to pleasure.

Not Impressed. Bobbie—Pa says you're a self made man. Visitor (proudly)—Yes, my boy, I am. Bobbie—Ain't you sorry now you didn't let somebody else help you?—Boston Transcript.

Suggestive. Mary (aged six)—Uncle Charlie, I wish you many happy returns of your birthday, and mamma said that if you gave me a dollar not to lose it.—Lippincott's.

The Pardon Paperweight

Under the heading "Queer Municipal Gift" a Vienna paper tells the story "In the year 1864 a private soldier stationed at Sas killed an officer of his regiment and was condemned to be shot. Comrades who were in the tempting circumstances, however, priests, relatives—all pleaded in vain for mercy, the colonel in whose honor the matter rested insisting on the death penalty. The day came and the man was taken to the place of execution. Six members of his regiment, armed with rifles, one of which contained a blank cartridge, took their places as executioners. The man's eyes were bandaged and with arms securely pinioned he stood ready for the volley, shouting Comrades aim well! when a mounted courier dashed into the crowd waving a white flag, crying 'Pardon!' He was Lieutenant Baron du Mont, with the colonel's pardon, which would have been useless had it arrived one minute later. The municipality secured the five bullets from the firing squad and had them silvered and mounted in the form of a tiny pyramid on a silver plate and this, suitably inscribed, is known as the pardon paperweight (the only one of its kind).

The Useful Crocodile Fish

In the rivers and lakes of the Mexican state of Tabasco there swims a fish known as the crocodile fish which is most useful to man. The skin of the crocodile fish, if properly cured may be utilized for any of the purposes for which the highest weights of leather are employed. The oil of the crocodile fish is a perfect cure and also used for softening leather. In addition to its qualities as a cure and softener, the oil possesses medicinal qualities for such a superfluity to the blood of Norwegian cod liver is claimed. The flesh of the crocodile fish is extremely used by the natives as food and highly valued by them as one of the delicacies of the country. Crocodile fish range in weight from ten to ten to four feet and when dried assume an ashen hue, with lighter shades of a bluish tint. New York Times Democrat

Poor Human Nature

The woman who had succeeded in that rather difficult task making a boarding house pay was counting to a friend some of the tricks of the trade. "While you must never allow your boarders to get too far behind in their payments it is also true that you will profit considerably by allowing them a little leeway. So long as you are sure of your money it pays a landlady to have her boarders a week or two behind in their board." "I don't see that," interrupted her friend. "Well, I'll tell you," continued the landlady. "When a man owes back board you have him at a certain disadvantage. Not one in a hundred under such circumstances has the nerve at mealtimes to ask for a second helping."—New York Times

The Human Lobster

The lobster has always appealed to the Englishman as affording a nickname for "his fellow Englishman." "Lobster" was a favorite term of abuse among the Elizabethans though it is only conjectured that an allusion to red faces was conveyed. As signifying a soldier, "lobster" originated in the civil war being applied to the Round head outcasts as "lobster" explains "because of the bright iron shells with which they were covered." Afterward the allusion was transferred to the soldier's red uniform. But that was the "lobster" of the old days. The new lobster was naturally the man in blue the policeman. In earlier days we find Grose explaining that "to bolt one's lobster" meant for a clergyman to become a soldier.—London Chronicle

The Man With the Iron Mask

The Man With the Iron Mask was a mysterious French prisoner of state, whose identity has never been satisfactorily established. He was closely confined under the charge of M. de St. Mars at Pignerol in 1670; at Exiles in 1681; at Sainte Marguerite in 1687 and finally was transferred to the Bastille in 1688, where he died on Nov. 19, 1703, and was buried the following day in the cemetery of St. Paul under the name of Marchais. Burns made him a twin brother of Louis XIV.

A Volcano

"What is a volcano?" asked the teacher. "A mountain with a fire inside," said one.

A Pungent Player

The comedian had his benefit and thankful for the patronage of "kind friends in front" let off this bit promptly, which was applauded. "Like a grate full of coals glow, A great full house to see, And were I not grateful, too, A great fool I should be."

More Important

"See here, waiter! I found a collar button in this pie!" "Didn't see nothing of an umbrella, did you, boss? Dah was one los' head las' night."—Scribner's Magazine.

Lead Pipe

Lead may be melted and when cooled to the solidifying point may be squirted. In this manner lead pipe is made.—Mining World.

Apologies

Apologies only account for the evil which they cannot alter.—Cuyler.



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