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Probably, Reliable News

Much has been written by the "able artists" about when the next Consistory will be held, also our contemporaries have reprinted as to who will receive red hats when it is held.

Probably, these artists will re-write their writings in the near future now that news is dull and haven't noticed it in the Outlook, the dog day season is on. How Mr. MacManus probably didn't ever, we feel safe in reproducing the following from "Rome" because that journal aims to be accurate and reliable.

"The dog-days have come in Rome, and with them the silly little season for newspapers but that not the reason that we return again to that elusive consistency which has been coming month or so for more than two years and which has never come yet. The correspondents have got so tired making mistakes about it that they rarely mention of their own it now, but this does not deter us from announcing that the event which will be expected next November almost with certainty—almost always those for even at the last moment circumstances may provoke a further delay. With regard to new Cardinals it may be said with safety that they will include Bissleti, Majordomo to His Holiness; Mgr. Lugari, Assessor of the Holy Office; Mgr. Delta, Archibishop of Bologna; Bourne, Archbishop of Westminster; there will be at least one French and one Spanish Cardinal, whether the New World is to obtain more than the vaguest surmises, which are hardly worth reproducing in full, as follows:

"May a little band of Protestant ladies who during the last four weeks have been working in the cause of charity alongside of both Roman and other missionaries in the slums of Edinburgh say a few words on this most unmerited attack? Our efforts have been directed to the feeding of starving children, and that alone. Religious instruction of even the simplest description we have left to others more capable. Our opinions are based on the personal observation of five pairs of eyes, two Free Church, the other Established. The way the Roman Church, both priests and Sisters, look after their own poor puts our Protestant missionaries to shame. Those courageous men and women, penetrate the worst slums and haunts in the city in search of their own people. I say "courageous" rightly, for only those who know something of the slums at night know whether or not nerve is needed. Ask the first soldier you meet whether the Roman padre attended best to the wounded and dying in South Africa; ask the first loafer you meet in the Cowgate who attends to his people there; ask the police. The one works in the day; the other when he is more needed and much less seen at night. A more unmerited attack has never appeared in your pages. Brought up as I have been to hate the name of Rome, I and the other four ladies associated with me in our little charity have been forced to respect the good practical work of the one, as we also do the work of the Salvation Army and the Church of England. Scottish Church work can, in our experience, hardly be accounted as seriously meant.

Miss Jane Carroll, of Buffalo, has been re-elected supreme medical examiner of the L. C. B. A.

The Catholic Young Women's Club, of Scranton, Pa., has purchased a \$40,000 club house.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians, at their recent convention voted \$46,000 toward the Catholic Extension Society's work.

We have not yet heard Elbert Hubbard's explanation of the Passion Play fake.

Good Advice, This

Says the Catholic Universe: "We observe that a number of our contemporaries have reprinted as to who will receive red hats when it is held." The dog-days have come in Rome, and with them the silly little season for newspapers but that not the reason that we return again to that elusive consistency which has been coming month or so for more than two years and which has never come yet.

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More Canards To Be Expected

About the time that Cardinal Vannutelli and other dignitaries are expected to attend the Eucharistic Congress in Montreal in September, Mgr. Le Roy, who accompanies Cardinal Vincenzo Vannutelli to the Eucharistic Congress of Montreal, will succeed Mgr. Bisleti as a sinister significance between their presence in America and some subtle scheme on the part of the Holy Father, Cardinal Rampolla, Cardinal del Val or the English Government or the Protestant portion of the community, to make a respectable showing of attendance upon sermons here in Washington. Glad the den deploring the lack of interest in Protestant services and works. He goes on saying that the need of the hour is the restoration to every town or city of the municipal church. It ought to include all the Christians of Pius X to make concessions to the municipality. every Christian organization should be difficult to believe in it. It could become the embodiment, the chief promoter of philanthropy in its community. It could take upon itself the task of stimulating, vitalizing and guiding the charitable work of the town of the city. It could stand as the friend and helper of the poor, the sick, the aged, the orphan, the friendless and the prisoners.

Makeshifts for Churches

It is somewhat amusing, if the English Government or the Protestant portion of the community, to make a respectable showing of attendance upon sermons here in Washington. Glad the den deploring the lack of interest in Protestant services and works. He goes on saying that the need of the hour is the restoration to every town or city of the municipal church. It ought to include all the Christians of Pius X to make concessions to the municipality. every Christian organization should be difficult to believe in it. It could become the embodiment, the chief promoter of philanthropy in its community. It could take upon itself the task of stimulating, vitalizing and guiding the charitable work of the town of the city. It could stand as the friend and helper of the poor, the sick, the aged, the orphan, the friendless and the prisoners.

Its claim to the philanthropic leadership of the community would not be disputed. In passing this over to the state the church has divested itself of its most vital function. The loss is lamentable, almost fatal: the weakness of the church in this latter day is largely due to it. The church must recover this function if it is not a mere matter of expediency, it is a question of life or death.

No matter what the other churches have done, the Catholic Church never has passed over the State all its charitable work. So far, however, as a "municipal church" is concerned, Rochester has several institutions which were formed with that idea but so far they have not fulfilled their promise. And neither they nor any other agency, will fulfill that mission until their promograndizement and profit.

Business men of Cleveland did not decorate their places for the recent L. C. B. A., convention. Not very chivalrous?

The Mother superior of St. Louis Convent, Killmogh, County Mayo, Ireland, has just sued and recovered damages from the "Nineteenth Century and After" for a libellous article published in that magazine. Good for the mother superior.

William J. Bryan has been defeated in his county option plan in Nebraska. We should think he would. Local option for villages is as far as that prohibition mask should go.

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Always Answered

Children often are highly logical, though not quite so in an adult manner. They attain conclusions, by those processes of "pure reason" which bias quite unbiased by the opinions of others sometimes result in startling truths. Almost everybody, for instance, has heard of the little lad who, listening to the questions of an irreligious friend of the family as to what would happen supposing that one god Christian should pray for an east and another for a west wind at sea, innocently answered that of course there'd be an awful tempest, but not every one has heard of the equally pertinent and naive solution recently offered by a thoughtful youngster for the ever perplexing problem of "Are prayers answered?"

"The child was talking with another who asked the veiled and puzzling question, explaining at the same time that he didn't believe that prayers were answered, because he never got anything he asked for."

"You don't pray for the right things," answered little Mr. Wiseman. "Of course all prayers are answered but sometimes the answer is 'Yes and sometimes it's 'No'."—Chicago Record Herald.

Leaving a Man Helpless

"That statement made me think" said a veteran newspaper man to the Cincinnati Times Star, "of the celebrated row between President Cleveland's colored man and Secretary Hoke Smith's colored man. The two were exercising their masters' horses out on a country road and got into a dispute as to what is the best thing in the world. Plainly they made a bet of a dollar on it."

"Well, what is the best thing in the world," asked Cleveland's man.

"Roast pease and sweet potatoes," said Hoke Smith's man.

"Whoo!" says Cleveland's man, dragging at the bridle. He jumped to the ground, seized Hoke Smith's man by the leg and dragged him to the dust.

"Take that," says he, "aiming him on the neck, 'you miserable black rascal! You ain't leave me outta no guess at all!"

Brain of the Bee

In a German scientific periodical C. Jonescu gives the results of his studies of the brain of the bee. As might be expected from its wonderful instincts this is found to be very complex. The various divisions of the brain are described in detail, but perhaps the most interesting part is the comparison of the brains of queens, workers and drones. The worker has a larger brain than the queen, and as the difference between queen and worker is the result of diet during the grub stage it appears that the food which develops size of body and fertility is not best for the growth of brain. The "royalty" as a mental stimulus is a fallacy. In the drone the brain is not larger than in the worker, but the optic lobes are large corresponding to the large eyes.

Didn't Wait the Attack

At Roulogne during a recent reception some years ago a number of English ladies in their anxiety to see everything pressed with such force against the soldiers who were keeping the line that the soldiers were forced to give way and generally were as policemen say hindered in the execution of their duty. The officer in command, observing the state of affairs, called out the roll of the drum: "If they don't stand back like this, then all! After the first sound of the drum the ladies took to flight."

"If they had been French," said a Parisian journal, "they would have remained to a woman."

A Tale of Heroism

"I went for a bath yesterday," said an avowed "It had been in the water some time when I suddenly perceived an enormous shark advancing toward me with his jaws open. What was I to do? When I was a yard off I dived, took out my pocket-knife and ripped up the monster."

"What! Then you are in the habit of bathing with your clothes on," said one of the listeners.—From the French

Paraplaying

Territorial (his first experience as sentry, going over his instructions: "If any one comes along I say 'Halt! Who goes there?'" Then he says "Friend, and I say, 'Pass, friend, all's well.'" But some silly ass'll say, "Enemy," and then I shan't know what to do. Rotten job, I call it.—Funch.

Indignant

The mayor of a small town had come to Leipzig to see the fair. A stranger who had lost his way asked him, "Pray, good honest man, what is the name of this street?"

"I am not a good honest man," said the former; "I am the mayor of Marburg."

Distinction, if No Difference

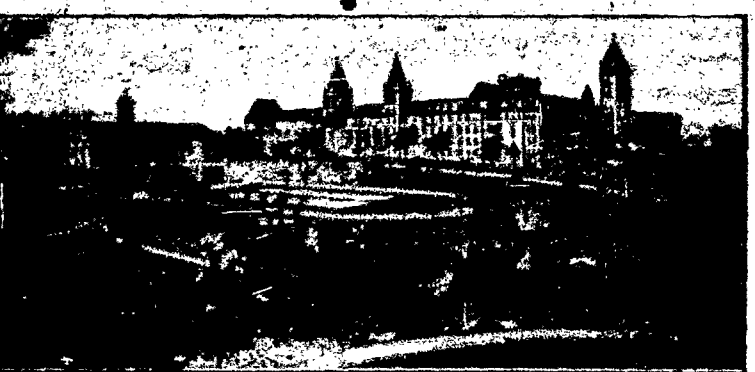
"Why do you want to marry my daughter?"

"I'm no object of charity; I wouldn't accept your money in any other way."—New York Press.

Superfluities

Hollingsome Nomoss—Wot does "superfluities" mean? Tatterden Tord—"A bath robe an' a cake of soap.—Philadelphia Record.

Queer, but the man who doesn't need credit is the one who can most easily get it.—Portland Express.



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