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Modern Chivalry

The Catholic Journal frequently has expressed the opinion that the age of chivalry has not passed and that it still survives even in this prosaic work-a-day age and country.

We are pleased to quote these paragraphs from a contemporary's editorial addressed to the Knights of Columbus:

In common with all other men, the Knight of Columbus loves the ideals of courage and high emprise, of tenderness and weak and unfortunate, of association with like-minded men, of councils, degrees and ceremonies.

This he gets, with the approval of the Church, in the knight-hood of Columbus and without any conditions which might embarrass the exercise of his individual freedom. The work-a-day world is a dreary and prosaic place. Men seem to grow away from all the ideals which made adolescence so delightful. But it is only seeming. Down their hearts, awaiting only the touch of less than a fingertip, is the spirit which nerved Godfrey de Bouillon and St. Louis in their crusades, and Columbus on his voyages. The world is shut out of his sanctuary. Only to congenial souls is it revealed. But these apparent everyday men whom we pass in the street, or ride with on the electric - distinguished, it is true, to initiated eyes, by the lifted hat at every Temple of the Divine Christ, see at all times more or less vividly Him Who is the cornerstone of every righteous home, the inspiration of all real liberty, the Protector of womanhood and helpless childhood, the Father of the poor, whose Name and for whose sake the greatest things in even our material progress had their inception. They follow no "pale Syrian ghoeit," but the Divine Man, who walked as firmly on the waters of the uncharted seas before Columbus as ever He walked on the Lakes of Gennesareth.

All Saints - All Souls

This is the month that Holy Church dedicates to the suffering souls in Purgatory - they who have passed on before and are awaiting the remembrances of those on earth to assist in shortening their stay in the place of probation where we all must be purified and made fit for admission to God's presence.

If we have loved ones who have gone before - and who has not? - we should not forget them in our prayers at any and all times and especially in this month set apart and dedicated to "the poor souls." If we have no immediate relatives in the world, then let us in Charity say a prayer for the poor souls in general who may have no one on earth to pray for them or whose loved ones may have forgotten their duty.

We do not know how soon we ourselves may be glad of the charity of the great body of the Catholic Church.

World-Wide

While "Columbus Day" of 1910 has passed, nevertheless, there are echoes of it which are well to keep in mind. Our old friend the Boston Republic points out that while Christopher Columbus was an Italian, men of all nationalities were included in his associates on his voyage to discover the "New World" - even to an Irishman.

We quote as follows from the "Republic":
Columbus was an Italian, but he was also a world-man, like many of his great compatriots and contemporaries. By his first marriage, he was allied with Portugal; by his second, with Spain. The Spanish queen and a humble Spanish Franciscan gave him his material and moral support on his first voyage, on which he discovered America. His Catholic Faith allied him spiritually to every nation of the then undivided Christendom.

We know not all the nationalities represented in his first crew but translating the name from its foreign form, we find a Maiguire, of whom it is further said, not uncharacteristically, that he got his foot on land in advance of the Admiral!

Columbus was of modest origin. He knew most of Europe, and a good deal of Africa. There was a time when any nation which would outdo him, might have had the glory of his discovery. He was not nationally narrow. Above all things he was free from the greed of gain.

Evidently he brought with him in heart and brain, most of the elements which, in their proper environment, must make such a country as the United States, at its best.

As his fame is the heritage of the world, so is the anniversary of his great discovery a cosmopolitan holiday. If he now could look with the eyes which in mortal life, had seen so many sorrows upon the great celebrations of the day, he would find more Italian, more Spanish, more Portuguese, more English and vastly more Irish blood, to say nothing of these strains less familiar to him: the Western Continent than ever were in Italy, Spain, Portugal, England and Ireland in the day of his brief mortal career.

Partly Right.

We find the following in the Catholic Columbian, of Columbus, Ohio:

A newspaper reporter who attended the recent New York State Democratic convention in Rochester before the slate was made up telegraphed to his journal:

"Herman Ridder, editor of the New York States Zeitung, was highly regarded by many of the leaders. Some of the weak-kneed brethren feared that religious prejudice might hurt his candidacy; he is a Catholic. The same argument was raised against Martin Glynn."

"Are there any Protestants still disloyal to the principle of civil and religious liberty? When will they become fit for American citizenship? When will they quit trampling on the Constitution which provides that there shall be no religious test for public office?"

While we feel sure that the religious issue militated against Mr. Glynn and Mr. Ridder, nevertheless we feel justified in stating that, in our judgment, neither Mr. Glynn nor Mr. Ridder ever were seriously considered as a gubernatorial possibility in the Rochester convention. Neither has the subserviency nor the "practical politician" personal equation considered so necessary by political bosses before they place their "O. K." on a given candidacy. It will also be noted that men who profess the Catholic faith have been named upon the State tickets of both parties. In the near future, we feel sure,

Catholic will sit in Dongan's chair in Albany.

Parting Challenge.

Before leaving this country for his home in England, Father Vaughan, the great English Jesuit flung this challenge to Rev. Dr. Aked and his other non-Catholic critics:

Just before leaving New York for home Father Vaughan gave his critics the following parting shot: "The Protestant ministers fling down a challenge to me and ask 'Where is the nation that Catholicity has built up commerce. Let me show you a nation that Protestantism has built up spiritually. Where has Protestantism developed reverence for authority: kept down or denounced divorce or hurled its anathemas against race suicide? Show me a Protestant nation that is ready to die to give a Christian education to its children. When the Presbyterian ministers show me that Protestantism in the United States is a vital and vitalizing power in combating the evils I have referred to I'll take back all I said'"

How Is It With You?

If one wants to be informed upon Catholic matters he must subscribe to a Catholic paper or magazine. Daily and secular press cannot be depended upon to give Catholic news except in condensed or garbled form as suits their own purpose. As a comment upon things Catholic, non-Catholic editors cannot be expected to be informed so as to discuss intelligently. Only a well-informed Catholic can write intelligently upon Catholic matters.

Is it not then self-evident that if one wants to be informed correctly and intelligently upon Catholic matters and what Catholicism does not? - he must read a Catholic publication. None of these are expensive. You can have the "Catholic Journal" and one of the leading magazines in your home for what you pay out for the "Sunday yellows". Besides, you will escape the contaminating influence of these "yellows" upon your family.

Just think it over and see if you are not remiss in failing to subscribe for and read a Catholic paper. The Catholic Journal will be sent delivered to your home, One Dollar a year, Two Cents per week. Can you afford to be without it?

While we cannot understand political conditions in Rome, or why the Catholics refrain from voting - undoubtedly, there is a good reason therefor - we may be pardoned the wish that they did. In that event the Masonic infidel Mayor of Rome, Signor Nathan, would not be in office by the vote of not over 5 per cent of the population of the Eternal City.

Well, election is all over even the "post mortems."

If you do not like the way election went you may kick at the count. It will not change the situation but it may relieve your mind.

The Montreal Tribune is to print the story of the Eucharistic Congress in book form.

Try to keep your temper even on trying occasions. You will be glad that you exercised self-control.

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