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"Modernism"

"Modernism" and the oath against it is well summed up as follows by the Catholic Universe":—

It may be easily seen from what we wrote last week that modernism makes Church and Creed impossible, as it gives no place to certainty and no place to authority. Hence those who hold to Modernism cannot be Catholics no matter how pious they apparently are, no matter how learned or how much they proclaim themselves to be Catholics. Yet Modernists assert that they hold to Catholic truth but in a new way. Like Alladin they want us to swap old lamps for new lamps, or ancient and infallible doctrines for modern and changeable doctrines.

Modernists say that the modern has a strong objection to dogmatic definitions or proposition, because of the authority claimed by the proposer. Historic testimony they will accept, but only as long as historians allege facts and occurances similar to every day experiences. The modern mind, will not, they say, tamely accept authority. Religious dogmas, they say, are quite apart from the course of ordinary experience, and so cannot get or command our acceptance.

There is much ado about the oath against Modernism. No Catholic could hesitate to take the oath. We may state concisely that the oath that the priests take binds them to belief in four points. These points are

First The supernatural element in religion.

Second—The divinity of Christ

Third—The establishment of the Church by the Apostles.

Fourth—The sacredness of traditions of the Church.

Ignorance

While most of the papers that come to our attention praise President Taft for his appointment of Edward D. White as Chief Justice of the United States Supreme court, there are exceptions. For instance the "United Presbyterian" of Pittsburg, a sectarian paper finds fault with Chief Justice White's Catholicity in this ill-tempered fling:—

"It is probable that the religious affiliations of the distinguished chief justice will in no way influence his conduct in his high office, but it must be confessed that, with a full knowledge of the teaching of his Church as to its paramouncy over civil allegiance, there cannot be that unreserved approval of the appointment which is to be desired."

Where did the "United Presbyterian" gain its "full knowledge?" Certainly, not from perusal of any Catholic text book or work on common law. Every Catholic is taught that he must revere the authority of the Government under which he lives and whether our contemporary knows it or not the better Catholic a man is, the better American citizen he must be necessarily. A practical Catholic cannot be an Anarchist or a traitor to his country. No more than a Presbyterian who believes in God would blaspheme were it made a law, would a Catholic put his Church above the civil allegiance.

Happily, such spirit as is displayed by the "United Presbyterian" is fast dying out. And it will be our own fault if ever bigotry gets the upper hand again.

Sad State of Affairs

A shocking condition of civic morals is revealed from Adams County, Ohio, where whole electorates have been disfranchised for vote selling and vote-buying. The entire male population of family after family has been denied the right of suffrage for from one to five years because they either sold their votes or had purchased the votes of their fellows. The shocking part of the affair is that these men seem not to have realized to what depths of degradation they had descended when they battered their American birthright for from fifty cents to ten dollars.

Whole townships debauched! What a spectacle! It appears that a judge became indignant at wholesale vote buying and had a few offenders indicted The grand jury sessions gave an inkling that the evil was undespread and the judge shrewdly conceived the idea of letting it be known that offenders were known and would save themselves trouble by coming forward at once To the surprise even of the judge, every man of voting age came forward with confession either to vote-selling or vote-buying

We wonder if this practice is confined to Adams County, Ohio. We have heard that there are rural counties in this state where vote-buying is so common that alleged city election frauds are cast into the shade. We trust this is inaccurate It is a condition too awful even to contemplate.

Slang Has The Floor

While one may concede the benefits of a college education it is a pity that the lads who go there do not make manifest such benefit in their daily speech Slang in moderation may be tolerated, if not commended but we fear Mrs O'Malley does not exaggerate a general tendency in the following anecdote she tells in "Under the Library Lamp" :-

On board a Chicago street-car an evening or two ago two young gentlemen, whose conversation indicated that they were preparing for college, stood near the front entrance, owing to the fact that it was impossible for them to force their way more than a foot or two into the aisle, and outlined their plans.

"When I get down to Yale," said one of them, "I am goin' to cut out the booze—that's right! Nix on any kind of dope for me."

"I heard you talking," replied the other.

"Say. I heard Pinkey's going to Harvard. Is that right?"

"Yes; pa says Yale's no place for him. He has one weak lung. How're you comin' on? Do you expect to pull through?"

"Sure thing. It's a cinch. Only thing I'm havin' any trouble about is my trigonometry."

"I heard your English was bum."

"Gee, it's fierce, but I guess I'll buck through all right. I done a good deal better so far this year than I done on it last year."

Francis J. Heney says the politicians are controlled by men behind the scenes. Evidently, the people like it else they would rise in rebellion.

Direct primaries seems to have given place to the commission form of government as the latest fad of theoretical politicians.

Another New York heiress has joined the British aristocracy—that is temporarily.

Are we to have a postal savings bank in Rochester?

Sheehan, Kernan, Glynn, O'Brien, all these names appeared in the list of candidates voted for in the New York State United States senatorial race.

Bigotry should not be countenanced in such an enlightened commonwealth as New York State.

If you have not affiliated with your parish branch of the Holy Name society do so at once.

In his inaugural message the New Governor of Michigan calls saloonkeepers "saprophytes". Perhaps he was born in Boston or used to work on the New York "Sun."

The experiment of a "Committee on committees" to be launched by the new Democratic Congress will be watched with interest.

It is worthy of note that many European papers, not all Catholic, are suggesting a petition to the Hague Peace Tribunal for the enactment of an international law which will prevent the unjust persecution of defenceless priests and nuns

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From the census bulletin published by the Argentine Republic last year, it is learned that the Catholic Church maintains an excellent educational system of its own throughout the republic, and has done much for the cause of learning.

Some busybody out in Dakota telegraphed Governor Dix that the election of Sheehan as United States senator would cost the Democracy one million votes in the West. We had no idea the A. P. A, was so strong out there.

The New York World affects to hate bosses and bossism but it is doing its best to drive Governor John A. Dix into being a boss and perpetrating bossism.

Help the Children

"There is nothing in all the world so important as children nothing so interesting If you ever wish to go in for some philanthropy if you ever wish to be of any real use in the world do something for children If you ever yearn to be truly wise study children We can dress the sore bandage the wounded imprison the criminal heal the sick and bury the dead but there is always a chance that we can save a child If the great army of philanthropists ever exterminate sin and pestilence ever work out our race's salvation it will be because a little child has led them David Starr Jordan

Strange Storehouses

In the old birds nests that are placed near the ground in shrubs and small trees close to hazelnut bushes and bittersweet vines one will often find a handful of hazelnuts or bittersweet berries. They were put there by the white footed mice and the meadow mice, which visit these storehouses regularly. Very often a white footed mouse will cover a bird's nest with fine dried grass and inner bark and make a nest for itself —New York Tribune.

Three Inscriptions.

On the doorways of Milan cathedral are three inscriptions The first, placed under a carved rose wreath, runs, "All that which pleases is only for a moment." The second, under a cross reads, "All that which troubles is but for a moment," and under the central arch is the inscription "That only is which is eternal."

A Popular Game.

"Many games originated from ancient forms of worship, human sacrifice, marriage, burial and other ceremonies," Dr. A. O. Haddon remarked in an address at the Royal Sanitary institute. "Leapfrog is a game common to almost every country, including New Guinea and Japan."—London Standard

Dying of Love.

"Och!" said a love sick Hibernian "What a recreation it is to be dying of love! It sets the heart aching so delicately there's no taking a wink of sleep for the pleasure of the pain.—London Telegraph.

Not Jealous.

Mrs. Jawback—John, I do believe you are jealous of my first husband Mr. Jawback—Well, no; I don't believe I'd call it jealousy. Envy is the word —Cleveland Leader.

Yet.

He—Is Maud thirty yet? She—Yes yet.—Boston Transcript.

Making Insurance Maps.

In making insurance maps certain features are considered essential, and the growth of the system has proved their wisdom and changed them only as regards the amount of detail that has been incorporated. Of first importance were the colors to show the different materials used in the construction of a building. Naturally red seemed a proper color to signify brick and yellow to signify wood. These colors have always been employed for these materials. Other colors have been added from time to time, thus blue for stone, gray for iron, etc.

In fixing signs and characters for such details as stairways, fire escapes, dumb waiter shafts, etc., a principal object was to make them plain and distinct. They must be easily understood by an underwriter without reference to my key or marginal foot notes

This object has been carried out, with the result that when these insurance maps are examined by an insurance man today each sign or character has such an individuality of its own that it can be easily distinguished and is not confused with another.—Cassier's Magazine.

The Word "Fudge.".

"Fudge" is a word with a history There are prosaic etymologists, as there always are, who derive it from a Gaelic word meaning deception, but Isaac Disraeli's view is much more interesting He derives it from a certain Captain Fudge, who seems to have been a marine Munchausen "You fudge it" is said to have been his crew's equivalent to the modern "Rats!" In a collection of some papers of William Crouch, the Quaker, published in 1712 it is recorded that one Gregory Marshall informed Crouch that in the year 1664 we were sentenced for banishment to Jamaica by Judges Hyde and Twisden and our number was fifty five We were put on board the ship Black Eagle The master's name was Fudge by some called Lying Fudge —London Standard

The Leipzig Book Fair

Leipzig is the largest publication center in the world. More books and periodicals are printed there than anywhere else and more people are engaged in making and using printers' supplies than in London New York Berlin or Paris Many of the orders for these publications come from England, France Austria and other countries because the mechanical work can be done in Leipzig much cheaper than elsewhere More than half of the transactions in books take place at the Leipzig book fair which occurs every year at the jubilate the first week in Easter when booksellers and publishers from all parts of Germany assemble to complete and balance accounts and to make contracts for the next year

A Bawbee From Carlyle.

I used to see Carlyle when I lived as a child in Chelsea I regarded him with extraordinary aversion and fear One day I was sent to post a letter I suppose I was older though unconscious, as always of anything ahead I cannoned into Carlyle The impact laid me flat on the pavement, where I yelled for some minutes, though soothed eventually by England's great thinker And then this is the point of the story Carlyle dived into his pockets produced a halfpenny and said kindly "Here is a bawbee for Bobby" I have the halfpenny to this day When Mr Carlyle died I was put into deep mourning He was the first and perhaps the most interesting of all my street acquaintances Robert Ross in London Bystander

Self Reliance.

The spirit of self help is the root of all genuine growth in the individual, and, exhibited in the lives of many, it constitutes the true source of national vigor and strength. Help from without is often enfeebling in its effects, but help from within invariably invigorates. Whatever is done for men or classes to a certain extent takes away the stimulus and necessity of doing for themselves, and where men are subjected to overguidance and overgovernment the inevitable tendency is to render them comparatively helpless.—Samuel Smiles

A Field at Home.

A Boston gentleman was showing a West African who is interested in missionary work a number of photographs.

"What is this?" asked the visitor, gazing in wonder at one of them.

"Oh, that's a snapshot taken during a football scrimmage at the stadium."

"But has your church no missionaries to send among these people?" was the quick rejoinder.—Boston Transcript.

Cruikshank's Long Artistic Life.

In 1863 Cruikshank was asked by the committee who exhibited his "Worship of Bacchus" to associate with that work some of his early drawings in order to prove that he was not his own grandfather!—Chesson's "Cruikshank."

Getting In Debt.

Poverty is hard, but debt is horrible; a man might as well have a smoky house and a scolding wife, which are said to be the two worst evils of our life.—Spurgeon

Pretty Poor.

Hicks—Bluffer is talking of purchasing an automobile Wicks—Bluffer! Why, he couldn't buy a charge of ammunition for an air gun!—Boston Transcript.

A wise man should have money in his head, but not in his heart.—Dean Swift.

The Bird Table.

In the old countries of Europe the bird table may still be seen in the rural districts. A bird table is made by driving a short stake into the ground and firmly nailing a shallow wooden box on top of it. The box generally measures two by three feet and has a number of holes in the bottom to drain it of rain or snow water. It is always high enough to be beyond reach of any cat that might try to leap to it from the ground. Care also is taken to select a spot far enough from fences, trees or buildings to prevent cats from pouncing down on it when the birds are feeding. Into the bird table go scraps from the house table and kitchen, pieces of stale bread and cake, strips of fat meat, potato parings, carrot ends, bits of any kind of table greens, apple skins and cores and cabbage leaves. All kinds of nonmigratory birds come to feed at the bird table, and many a song bird has been saved by it from starvation when a deep snow has covered the ground and seed grasses. An English naturalist counted twenty-seven species of birds at the bird table in his garden in a single morning after a heavy fall of snow

Cellini's Quick Cure.

Benvenuto Cellini when about to cast his famous statue of Perseus, now in the Loggia dei Lanzi at Florence, was taken with a sudden fever. In the midst of his suffering one of his workmen rushed into his sick chamber and exclaimed "Oh, Benvenuto! Your statue is spoiled, and there is no hope whatever of saving it!" Cellini said that when he heard this he gave a howl and leaped from his bed Dressing hastily, he rushed to his furnace and found his metal "caked" He ordered dry oak wood and fired the furnace fiercely working in a rain that was falling stirred the channels and saved his metal He continues the story thus After all was over I turned to a plate of salad on a bench there and ate with a hearty appetite and drank together with the whole crew Afterward I retired to my bed healthy and happy for it was two hours before morning and slept as sweetly as if I had never felt a touch of illness"

Fantastic Headgear

The fantastic headgear of Korea is not only picturesque it marks the social position of the wearer The national popular hat is high in form, has a tube of half the caliber of ours and is slightly conical, black in color, supported by wide brims The material is of horsehair very finely woven When the Korean gentleman's hat is of straw color it denotes that he is a happy fiance Le chapeau de riz, elegant in its conical form with angular brim, denotes a bonza Another hat of enormous size is that of the Ping Yang sect, who must hide their faces. It descends at the back almost to the shoulders, the brim being festooned, and if the proprietor is of superstitious turn he adds some black figures to ward off evil spirits Married men after a certain age add stories to their hats

An Apology to Amanda

This is to apologize to a colored lady whom we admire and respect We printed a little anecdote about her not long ago, and in it we tried the impossible attempted to imitate her inimitable Mississippi accent Then we showed her the story She wasn't as tickled to find herself in print as we expected her to be We're a knowing the truth of the story there was still a cloud on her ebony brow

"What's the matter Amanda?" we asked Didn't you want to get into the paper?"

"Gittin' inter de papeh's ah right," she hesitated "But, mist', y'll didn't ought to put it down dat Ah talked dat away. Ah don' never use none o' dat African talk!" Cleveland Plain Dealer

Hogarth Used to Forget.

William Hogarth, the famous English artist, was so absentminded he caused his friends much entertainment. When he was prosperous enough to have his own carriage he first used it to make a call upon the lord mayor. When he came out of the Mansion House it was raining hard, and the artist tramped the entire way home, wet to the skin. When asked why he had not come in the carriage he said he forgot all about it, and a messenger had to be dispatched to the coachman to tell him to return.

Why He Stopped.

They had been engaged only a week. He had kissed her fully forty times that evening. When he stopped the tears came into her eyes, and she said: "Dearest, you have ceased to love me."

"No, I haven't," he replied, "but I must breathe."—Ladies' Home Journal.

Cunning.

Cunning signifies especially a habit or gift of overreaching, accompanied with enjoyment and a sense of superiority. It is associated with small and dull conceit and with an absolute want of sympathy or affection. It is the intensest rendering of vulgarity, absolute and utter.—Ruskin.

Equal to the Cat.

Semple—Johnson has trained his cat to climb a brick wall. Nistor—Oh, that's no stunt! I've trained my ivy to do that.—Detroit News.

Dreary Waiting.

The chap who lives on the strength of what he used to be has to wait a long time for the second table.—Chicago Journal.

All skill ought to be exerted for universal good.—Johnson.

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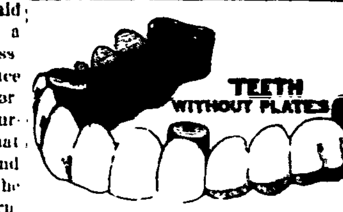

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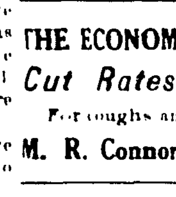
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