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## Catholic Press.

It is, indeed, refreshing to note the interest taken by the leaders of Catholicity in the Catholic press. Gradually, we are coming to realize that the opponents of our Faith and Church have been winning many of their temporary triumphs through the medium of their press, newspaper, periodical and weeklies. If we would maintain and hold our supremacy we must also build up a powerful press, a Catholic press. We must support our Catholic papers. Are they less pretentious than we would have them? Whose fault is it? Does anybody suppose that a Catholic paper can exist without patronage, without a subscription list or advertising columns any more than the secular papers?

At the recent convention of the Catholic Federation in Troy, Rev. Max Mueller, of Lancaster, voiced the crying need of strong support for the American Catholic press in a stirring address which we quote as follows:—

"In vain you will build churches," says Pius X; "give missions, found schools—all your efforts will be destroyed if you are not able to wield the defensive and offensive weapon of a loyal and sincere Catholic press." The well-known Cardinal Mercier of Mechlin said: "I would delay the building of a church in order to help the founding of a newspaper."

As Catholics we have relied too much on the immediate influence exercised within the walls of our churches and the priestly ministrations in the home. The time has come when natural prudence calls for a wider apostolate.

We must establish an enlightened, militant, progressive press and widely circulated Catholic press, the best antidote against socialism. We must circulate tons of leaflets and pamphlets among the workmen, who especially are the poor victims of dishonest socialist tactics.

I hope that you have realized the effective power of the Catholic and respectable secular press and the harmful influence of the "yellow" press upon young and old. I hope you have seen that there is manifestly a crying need of stemming the tide of insidious and poisonous socialistic literature. In consequence of this realization, I ask the American Federation of Catholic Societies to make itself openly felt as an untiring factor in establishing an enlightened militant, progressive and widely-circulated press against the press of the liberal, radical and socialistic parties.

## One Lie Nailed.

Robert Speer, well-known Presbyterian mission circles and other non-Catholic writers and pulpits have for several years pointed their appeals for funds to send their missionaries into South American countries, by an alleged encyclical of Pope Leo XIII to the South American hierarchy and an alleged reply therefrom to the Archbishop of Chile, in which the South American Cath-

olic clergy were characterized as dissolute drunkards and worse.

Rev. Charles A. Martin of Cleveland, started out to run down this vile forgery and after two years correspondence with Mr. Speer, has succeeded. Mr. Speer admits that research has developed the fact that both letters were written by a radical South American at the request and with the approval of his political associates. They wanted to break down the influence of the Catholic Church in South America and tried to attain their ends by forgery and perjury.

Let us hope that non-Catholics will do us the honor of revision of their opinions and of apology for slandering us. One point more:—Whenever Catholics run across attacks upon our Faith and Church, no matter how authentic they may appear on the surface, take them at once to your pastor or bishop and let them run them down. Simply because some one says a thing is so, does not make it so. Either a thing is true and susceptible of proof or it is a lie or forgery.

## Sacred Heart.

June is the month of the ecclesiastical year dedicated to the Sacred Heart and special devotions have been arranged to that end by the authorities of Holy Mother Church. It constitutes a pleasing succession of devotions, this arrangement of special seasons throughout the year.

While one should always practise devotion, yet a special object incites one, often, to greater spiritual activity, if the term may be permitted. We cannot practise too much devotion and surely no devotion can be more fitting or productive of greater benefit than the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

## "Clean Up Day"

While it should not be necessary to have a special "clean-up day" in Rochester, it cannot be denied that such is the case. And the Chamber of Commerce and its fire prevention committee are entitled to credit in taking hold of the subject and in arousing residents of Rochester to the great good that will result to the entire community if rubbish heaps are destroyed.

Possibly, the action of the city authorities in forbidding bonfires is responsible for the accumulation of rubbish around the city. The ash collectors refused to take away rubbish and the citizen had no way to dispose of it. However the new municipal incinerating plant and the installation of a separate rubbish collection service has changed this order.

So now let us all co-operate, for sanitary purposes and to prevent fires, to rid the city of unsightly and unsanitary rubbish heaps.

Never permit your Church to be attacked without ascertaining the facts and then present them to the detractor.

A strong Catholic press is needed to counteract the effect of the virile and wide-awake Socialist propaganda.

Bishop Hickey is to celebrate the pontifical mass and preach the baccalaureate sermon at the annual commencement exercises of D'Youville College for women near Buffalo on June 8th and 9th.

It is reported from Rome that past Supreme Knight Edward L. Hearn, of the Knights of Columbus has been made a Knight of St. Gregory by Pope Pius X.

Carping Catholic critics often do almost as much damage as real non-Catholic bigots.

No monument is needed to commemorate the victims of the Titanic disaster.

## The Copper in a Coat.

A penny is made from almost chemically pure copper, which is obtained by the new electric method. Formerly the refining of copper was an expensive process, but with the utilization of electricity the expense has been materially decreased. The copper is placed at one end of a tank which is filled with water. This is called the anode or positive pole. The action of a powerful electric current releases the copper, carries it through the water and deposits it on the negative or cathode pole. The result is what is known as "electrolytic" or "cathode" copper. It is what pennies are made of. While the "electrolytic" is the purest known copper, the "lake" copper brings a slightly higher price in the market. This is because there is a small amount of silver in all the copper from the Lake Superior regions. It is so small that it cannot be separated at a profit. Silver, however, is a better conductor of electricity than copper, and therefore for commercial purposes the lake copper is in such demand that it brings a better price.—New York Press.

## Glory of the Mountains.

No lowlander can appreciate the mountain appetite and the facility with which heavy food called "grub" is disposed of. Eating, walking, resting, seem alike delightful, and one feels inclined to shout lustily on rising in the morning like a crowing cock—sleep and digestion as clear as the air. These spicy plump bougbs for bedding we shall have tonight, and a glorious lullaby we shall have from this cascading creek. Never was stream more fittingly named, for as far as I have traced it above and below our camp it is one continuous bouncing, dancing white bloom of cascades. And at the very last, unwearied, it finishes its wild course in a grand leap of 300 feet or more to the bottom of the main Yosemite canyon near the fall of Tamara creek a few miles below the foot of the valley. From John Muir's "My First Summer in the Sierras"

## The Looking Glass in Fiction.

All nations have shown by their stories how the looking glass is regarded as ministering to vanity. The ancient Greeks depicted Venus with a mirror and even described her chamber as lined all over with mirrors, so that whenever she turned her eyes she could behold her beautiful self. But Minerva never used a mirror. Pass to West Africa and we find a native story which begins with a magic mirror that possessed the power of speech and always said, "Mistress, there is none," when its owner, a woman called Marie, asked it, "My mirror, is there any other beautiful woman like myself?" But one day Marie's daughter entered the forbidden room where it was kept, asked a similar question and got a similar answer. A tale of maternal jealousy and vengeance follows.—London Spectator

## The Lamprey's Nest.

The nest building efforts of the common lamprey eel show a degree of cleverness that is very wonderful. When the nesting time comes the fish leave the coast water and make their way up river. There at a likely spot upon the bottom the two eels proceed to build a nest with stones for spawning, the stones being brought in by the creatures' mouths and deposited in the form of a heap. When a large stone is wanted the fish combine and, gripping it with their mouths by suction, carry it together and deposit it upon the heap, which may attain a height of two or three feet.—London Tit Bits

## A Peal in Eggs.

A company of barnstorming actors rushed into a railroad eating house. The tragedian grabbed a dish containing six hard boiled eggs and swept all the eggs on to a plate in front of him. "Hey, girl!" shouted the leading man. "Set up them eggs again. This guy's run past Philadelphia Saturday Evening Post."

## Told Him.

"See here, kind red," said an angry tenant after he had signed the contract. "This house is full of sewer gas." "Yes, that's what I told you," said the landlord.

## Wise Rate.

Talkative Passenger.—When the rate doesn't suit a ship before it sails it's a sure sign that the ship is unseaworthy. Isn't it?

Sailor.—Not always. They might have discovered that a Chinese cook has shipped.

## Her Worst Fear Realized.

"No, mother," said the beautiful heiress, "I shall not marry the count. I do not love him."

"Alas!" the good old lady sobbed, "I've always feared you had inherited your father's piebald ideas."—Judge's Library

## A Man With a History.

"There goes a man with a very interesting history," said one assistant librarian to another. "You don't say so?" said the other. "How do you know?" "I've just given it to him" was the reply.

## Widow's Weeds.

Jack.—There's one good thing about widow's weeds. Tom.—What's that? Jack.—They rarely interfere with the growth of orange blossoms.

## Same Old Story.

Gabe.—Johnson is always broke. What's the matter with him? Steve.—He's always trying to get rich quick.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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