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Let Us So Live.

While we should ever be on the alert to expose insidious attacks upon the Church and our Faith, while we never should allow a lie about our Church to go unrebuked, while we should ever resist any vile insinuation aimed at our priests and nuns, there is even a better way to exemplify our Faith and prove to the world at large what Catholicity stands for.

Let us live our Faith. In our daily life, let us follow as closely as possible the example of our Divine Master. Let us be pure of thought and clean of speech. Let us refrain from profanity. Let us be temperate. Let us be charitable. Let us avoid criticisms of our neighbors behind their backs and let us not be bitter in any criticism of them or their acts to their faces.

Let us take our part in civic duties. Let our voices always be raised and our influence thrown against graft and corruption. When we come to cast our votes in the primary, let us insist that if a Catholic be named for office, that he be a practical one and one, too, for whom we can stand without a blush. As between an unworthy Catholic and a worthy non-Catholic, let our vote be cast for the latter.

If we live our Faith by our lives and our works, on week-days as well as by religious profession on Sundays, then, indeed, shall we demonstrate to our fellow-citizens that he who is the best Catholic is the very best American citizen.

One Fake Exposed

What a lot of fakirs Fred Warren, Eugene Debs and the other Socialists who run the "Appeal to Reason" are, to be sure!

The Appeal offered \$25,000 to Rev. Bernard Vaughan if he would prove, through the paper, the assertion that Socialism is opposed to Religion and Christianity. Father Vaughan ignored the challenge, knowing full well that it was intended to condense and otherwise emasculate his arguments, then fill the rest of the paper with assaults upon the Catholic Faith and thus, under the guise of a "special Catholic edition" obtain an entrance to Catholic homes for the Socialist filth which otherwise would be denied admittance.

Another Catholic priest sent proofs of the hostility felt and exerted by Socialism against the Church, but Editor Warren refused to print it on the ground that the priest was "not a personal representative of Cardinal Gibbons."

What a bald fake!

Why Is It?

Why is it that there are persons who malign the Catholic Faith and who sneer at what we hold so dear?

That question, no doubt, often comes to many of us.

Various answers may be given. Perhaps, the one who reviles does so through ignorance of what we believe and for what the

Catholic Church stands. Perhaps these persons know of the Church and fear her influence for good and against error. In some cases, the one who sneers may have been reared Catholic but has fallen away from the church in later life. In that case, a guilty conscience is always with them and in a vain effort to still its voice, they try to make themselves believe that the faith of their childhood is false. We all know that the effort is in vain but the fact may explain why those who have forsaken the faith are the bitterest persecutors of its followers.

However, what may the reason, there is one sovereign remedy to employ and that is:—prayer that the persecutors may be confounded in their attacks and also that their hearts may be penetrated with Divine love and their ways may be changed.

Commendable

Ordinance Officer McCarthy is to be commended highly upon his decisive action in forbidding the further exhibition of an objectionable moving picture film and Commissioner Owen is to be praised for his prompt confiscation of the film in question.

It is obvious that the people are infatuated with the moving picture exhibitions and that they flock to them by the scores. It is also obvious that there are so many in operation that unless close supervision is maintained objectionable pictures may easily creep in.

There is no doubt that the moving picture play has come to stay. Performances are short and the price demanded is so much less than that exacted for attendance upon the ordinary theater that even the poorer classes feel they can afford the pleasure.

For this very reason the utmost care should be exercised that nothing objectionable be shown.

What a lot of ignorance about matters of Catholic procedure is exhibited by our non-Catholic friends! Here is Editor Warren of the "Appeal to Reason" refusing to print a communication from a Catholic priest because the latter is not "the personal representative of Cardinal Gibbons." He should know that all priests are equal; that all bishops are equal; that Cardinal Gibbons' rank in the United States is "Archbishop of Baltimore" and that he holds no higher place in the ecclesiastical world than the Archbishop of New York, Chicago, San Francisco or New Orleans; that he occupies no higher ecclesiastical rank than Cardinal Farley or Cardinal O'Connell.

In Italy, that Utopia of Socialist and Methodist fancy, the Government owns and sells the salt. It costs the Italian consumer fourteen times as much per pound as it does in England. The Government owns and operates the Italian railways and the ordinary railway employees in Italy receive about three dollars per week! How would American workmen like to move to Italy?

The Bible Students' Association has solemnly voted that there is no hell. Well, how are they to prove what they have resolved upon?

Bishop Gunn, of Natchez, says that when we vote according to our conscience on all matters, issues—municipal, state and national—politics will be cleaner.

The Catholic Universe believes that there are now living persons who will see a Catholic inaugurated as President of the United States. Perhaps.

Republicans have honored a splendid representative of Rochester citizenship in nominating Thomas B. Dunn as an elector at large for 1912.

MORTGAGES ON LAND.

Why It Is Essential That They Should Be Recorded.

As the value of land to the owner increases so does the security of mortgage investments given on that land increase. A mortgage may be considered as a deed of the land which vests the title in the original owner or his successor on the paying off of the mortgage or the bond or note which the mortgage secures.

Mortgages are recorded in public offices, called registers, recorders or county clerks' offices, in much the same way that deeds are, so that any one buying the land is bound to take notice of them, and the land is bound by them, no matter to whom the land is conveyed, and no one has a right to say that a mortgage was on it, for he is presumed by law to know such facts, as a search of the title in these public offices would reveal.

If, however, the holder of the mortgage does not cause the mortgage to be recorded then any innocent purchaser of the land can take it clear of the lien of the mortgage.

In no particular has the law of this country gone further than in the effort to secure the title of the landowner and the security of the mortgage holder, and no investments are more highly regarded by the conservative business man than those founded on the imperishable surface of the earth.—Christian Herald.

UMBRELLA HANDLES.

In Frames They Shape Them as They Grow in Nurseries.

Most of the handles of canes, alpenstocks, parasols and umbrellas used in France are grown in nurseries. Ash, maple, oak, chestnut and other woods are used. In the early part of the first year after planting the young trees are cut near the ground to bring about the formation of numerous sprouts. The lower branches are removed, and only a plume of leaves is left.

Early in the spring the sprouts are subjected to a surgical operation. Their bark is cut, and the wood is carved in different designs, which are swollen by the sap and grow in high relief as the tree develops. Special instruments are used for the cutting and designing. Thus carved, the sprouts grow for three years.

At the end of the third year the forest of umbrella handles is cut, and the cuts are dried in the sun and then given a vapor bath, after which they are put into the hands of skilled workmen, who peel them with one quick movement.

When skinned the peelers cut them to the required lengths and send them to the umbrella maker, who varnishes them. If the shape desired is a ring or other open form a ring or oval square is grafted to the natural stalk, bound closely, and left to grow into place.—Harper's.

Extra Buttons.

"It takes stout people to break all rules regulating the number of buttons on a coat or waistcoat," said the tailor. "They can't follow the fashion; their size won't let them."

"Three buttons on a coat this year," tailors' conventions may decree, or two or four or five, or whatever number they think proper, but the man with a figure that is constantly trying to escape its environment does not care about conventions. What he wants is buttons enough to keep his clothes in shape.

"Put 'em closer together," he says, "so the strain won't all come on two or three buttons."

"So we put them closer together, and the result is that stout people frequently have twice as many buttons on their clothes as fashion calls for."—New York Times.

An Able Manager.

A western senator was telling a story about an able campaign manager.

"He is a remarkably economical chap," said the senator. "He can make a dollar go further in a campaign than any man I know. They tell a story about him—a story that shows what a manager he is. It seems he went into a cigar store one day to get a light. Well, as he was lighting up a man entered and bought three five-cent cigars. As soon as the man left, his friend said quickly:

"Those cigars are six for a quarter, ain't they?"

"Yes, sir," said the salesman. "Our friend laid down a dime."

"Gimme," he said, "the other three then."—New York Tribune.

A Ghost Story.

A London daily tells a short modern ghost story. A man was traveling on a northbound train out of London. Opposite him was a silent stranger, his only companion. Between London and Derby no word passed. Then, as the train drew out of Derby, he said pleasantly, "Good line, this, sir, eh?" The stranger replied, "I think it's a beastly bad line. I was killed on it two years ago."

He Shouldn't.

A man with a donkey for sale, hearing that a friend wanted to buy one, sent him the following, written on a postal card:

"Dear Jack, if you are looking for a really good donkey, please don't forget me."—Exchange.

A Revised Edition.

I should have no objection to a repetition of life from the beginning, only asking the advantages authors have in a revised edition to correct some faults in the first.—Franklin.

We should be as careful of our words as of our actions.—Cicero.

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