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Non-Catholic Tribute

Even the non-Catholics are paying their meed of indorsement to the Catholic plan of education...

In a recent sermon at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church Rev. Wallace Radcliffe by a lady who was first a teacher...

The Godless school ordains an immoral citizenship. It is not enough to make edged tools; the hand should be trained to use them.

Our common schools cannot afford to ignore the functions of conscience. As the conscience is the individual, there is nothing beneficent in mere knowledge...

Not long ago R. P. Shepherd, of Indianapolis, one of the editors of the Christian Board of Education said in an address: "Protestants have defended the public school system against every criticism and suggestion which the Roman Catholics have been making."

This is our position justified. We cannot help expressing the opinion that Governor Sulzer must have been misquoted when it was stated that he had declared in favor of free text books.

A Great Tribute.

Rev. William Livingston, writing in a recent issue of the Columbiad, discusses forcefully and intelligently the nationwide circulation of the "bogus K. of C. oath." He compares it with the spurious versions of the Jesuit obligations that have been circulated and presents convincing, circumstantial evidence to prove that the two had a common origin.

The vile connection of filth and falsehood circulated as the K. of C. oath is the greatest tribute ever paid to the Knights of Columbus. It singles them out as a shining mark and places them in the forefront of the battle, to withstand the attacks made by the powers of darkness against that Church of which they are the dauntless champions and the fearless defenders.

ry on the great work for which they are banded together. That work, to be done in the clear light of day, is to keep a fervent living faith in our Lord Jesus, strong and active in the midst of a lukewarm and unbelieving world; to make Christian manhood a thing to be proud of; to cherish and revere the highest type of pure Christian womanhood; to hold up American citizenship as an ideal for all the nations of earth; to observe faithfully the laws of our country and preserve our constitution as it came to us from the founders of this republic, and to go forth when Columbia calls her valiant sons, as their fathers did before them, to stand forth as true patriots, instead of skulking around to purchase substitutes; to fight as brave men in an noble cause and to die as true American citizens for the starry banner which they love, for the beloved country which they have helped to build up and preserve, and the one true God whom they adore and serve.

Montessori

Certain would-be reformers are marking wild claims as to the advantages of the "Montessori method of education," exploited by a lady who was first a teacher in idiot schools.

An esteemed Catholic contemporary then describes the Montessori method:

But the method. This is the description; here is the "primrose path" to knowledge. No restrictions are to be put on the child. The fullest liberty of movement is to be allowed, for instance. There are no fixed desks. Light tables and chairs are provided; if the children do not care to sit at and on these they sit or lie on the floor. The teacher moves about observing and, to a limited extent, directing; but not correcting. She may ask the child a question in connection with the lesson it is teaching itself. If the child does not answer rightly she must not correct him but must suspend the lesson, to take it up again another day. "By revealing the error we may lead the child to make an undue effort to remember, or we may discourage him, and it is our duty to avoid as much as possible all unnatural effort and all depression."

Splendid, is it not? But what about the after effect? Will the students imbibe any respect for authority? Will they become better grown-up citizens under such instruction?

Mistake, Governor

We cannot help expressing the opinion that Governor Sulzer must have been misquoted when it was stated that he had declared in favor of free text books.

Everybody knows that Wm. Sulzer is enthusiastic and exuberant as to speech but even with that limitation in mind we hesitate to believe that he has committed himself to such an unscientific, un-justified, and unjustified economic principle as that of free text books.

It is a cardinal principle of Governor Sulzer's political party that opportunities should be equal to everybody and that the burden of taxation should be equitably distributed. To install a statewide system of free text books would not square with either of these principles as Governor Sulzer will readily agree if he "investigates" the subject with his usual care and acumen.

Aside from the Catholic interest in the matter, free text books constitutes an unscientific, unjust arbitrary and unsanitary public policy and one which will work no good to the public at large in the long run.

Even Governors may well pray to be delivered from their "friends."

It is now President Wilson.

March of Time

While we may deplore the manifestations of ignorant bigotry seen in certain quarters, we are consoled by the conviction that sensible, broad minded citizens in general are growing more and more intolerant of blatant bigotry as such.

Speaking before the members of the Methodist Social Union recently Justice Crane of the New York Supreme Court is quoted as saying:—

"I believe firmly that in time Roman Catholics and Protestants will live in much closer union than they do at present. There is in the world today a feeling of brotherhood, a conviction of combination which tends to make us all one."

Upon this the Westfield, New Jersey, Leader very sensibly comments as follows:—

Religious bigotry is not only un-Christian but un-American and has no place in a land where toleration and freedom of faith are principles rooted in the hearts of its liberty-loving people. What, then are we to think of such manifestations of un-Americanism and bigotry as The Menace, which, when received by us, we promptly destroy as something so rabid and unclean that we cannot suffer it to pollute our premises. We have no words to adequately describe the filth of its columns, and if steps have not been taken by the postal authorities to exclude it from the mails, as we think it should be, we hope our officials will soon investigate it with that end in view.

This indecent sheet attacks the religious faith of a large body of our American citizens, yet there is not a vestige of religion or knowledge of the most elementary Christian, or even pagan, virtues about it. It is made up of ignorance and dirt.

The real attitude of the Spanish regime is indicated by its decision to enforce an obsolete law requiring all students belonging to religious orders to perform military service.

Bishop Hickey takes high and tenable ground when he declares that no clergyman, of whatever denomination, should be chosen for administrative position in a state institution.

David Goldstein is doing splendid work in creating sentiment against Socialism and in exposing the real objects of the cult, for such is all it is.

Let all Catholic's unite in an effort to suppress the sensational press and the suggestive drama.

A stained glass window to the memory of Isaac Walton, the "complete angler," is to be placed in Winchester cathedral, where he was buried. It has been decided to make a special appeal to fishermen for funds.

A pleasure recently flew from Niagara Falls to New York city in six hours and thirty three minutes, or at the rate of nearly seventy miles an hour. While the aeroplane can beat this rate it will probably be some time before an aviator equals this record for a flight between the two places.

Sugar cane fiber, now largely waste material, promises to become one of the most valuable by-products. It has been practically demonstrated that the fiber produces a stronger paper than any heretofore manufactured. It can also be worked up into artificial wood, celluloid, nitrocellulose and wax.

The great bulk of American exports to Germany, just about three-fourths, are classified as foodstuffs in crude condition and food animals, foodstuffs partly or wholly manufactured, and crude materials for use in manufacturing. Demand is large for American cotton, copper, madder, wheat and other raw materials which Germany needs.

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ROUND THE WORLD

Ozarks now furnish most of cedar used in lead pencils.

There are 52,488 women employed in gainful occupations in Washington. Forest fires in 1912 caused losses in Pennsylvania aggregating over \$50,000. There were 6,000 robberies in 1912 in Philadelphia, 96,428 arrests and 72 murders.

Coffee valued at \$130,644,722 was entered into this country free of duty last year. American detective stories are finding high favor among the youths of Turkey.

A Boston scientist, Professor A. J. Honej, claims to have discovered a cure for leprosy.

St. Louis has opened a municipal lodging house to shelter tramps and homeless persons.

Despite the Chinese revolution, Shanghai's commerce set new marks, immediately afterward.

New York authorities have stopped an unlawful Sunday sales of meat to tenement dwellers.

One hundred thousand persons could find work in New York if they would go into domestic service.

The opening and closing of some of the gates of the Panama canal are being by a massive arm weighing five tons.

New York's new Hotel McAlpin represents an investment of \$13,500,000. It has twenty five stories above ground. A fund has been started in London for a national memorial statue to the late Sir George White of Ladiesmith fame.

Kansas City's new union passenger station is to have a motion picture show to entertain persons waiting for trains.

Postponed once because of Italy's war with Turkey, an International Gene Exposition will be held in Genoa, in July.

Nearly fifty tons of water had to be raised out of the mines of south Staffordshire, England, last year to every ton of mineral.

The recent ethical singleness of Sir John of North America held in New York set a new record for operations the number being 3,000.

Electricity will be the only power used at a lock high enough for vessels 1,000 feet long that will be built at the Pacific end of the Panama canal.

To meet tidal variations a new German car ferry has been equipped with a deck that can be raised, with six loaded freight cars, more than sixteen feet.

In 1912 over 2,000 miles of railroad were built in the southern states, of which 348 miles were in Texas. In 1913 some 947 miles are to be built in Texas.

For the first time a mummy has been found which was preserved by a mere coating of carbonate of sodium. It was discovered in Egypt and is supposed to be 6,000 years old.

London's pollen now have forty-four rest days in the year, and it is expected that after April 1 next they will have the full enjoyment of one rest day each week.

French people are learning to eat bananas in great quantities, although prior to 1908 they hardly knew what the fruit was. The Canary banana, which is small, is especially desired.

Vessels will not be allowed to go through the locks on the new Panama canal under their own steam, but will be taken in tow by electric locomotives running on the edge of the lock walls.

Chinamen will be permitted to enter Panama in future only after depositing \$1,000 to guarantee their return to China on completion of their contracts with the firm in whose service they come out.

In Russia there are whole villages busy with the making of wooden toys. In other villages every peasant's home is a busy workshop for the production of furniture, some of which is exported to America.

The library of congress is growing at the rate of 88,000 volumes a year. During the last twelve years its acquisitions have exceeded the total number of volumes accumulated during the entire preceding century.

Kind treatment has made the bears in Yellowstone park so numerous and familiar with visitors that their presence is now a nuisance. Some of the animals have been sent to zoos over the country, but many will have to be shot.

The large increase in the importation of hides and skins into our country while due in part to the increased activity among manufacturers, is also, in some degree the result of a reduction in the number of cattle slaughtered in the United States.

At the Ghent world's exposition this year there will be a number of international congresses, including one of teachers of domestic science and one of women engaged in farming, the latter in connection with a general congress of agriculturists.

Dr. Alvan H. Thompson, who will pay out \$180,000,000 annually as disbursing clerk of the pension service was formerly chief of the finance division, pension department. The sum which he will handle was until recently passed out through eighteen pension agencies, which were abolished the first of the year.

The new state penitentiary which has been designed for Illinois will have the best features known in modern architecture for buildings of this kind, such as sunshine in every cell, circular cell houses and outside cell for each prisoner. The circular arrangement of cells is the European plan and is considered much more healthy.

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