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Of Their Free Will

In marked contrast to the lurid
language employed in description
of Catholic conventional life, is
the reality. It is too bad that
these bigots could not have been
in the chapel of the Convent of
Mercy last Saturday when four
novices of their own free will
made their profession and were
received into full sisterhood. Un-
less they are wilful in misrep-
resentation of things Catholic, the
bigots must needs cease slanders
after listening to these words to
the new sisters by Bishop Hickey:

"We have listened to you pledg-
ing yourselves to keep the vows
of obedience, chastity and pov-
erty. Obedience is the first law of
all creation. It is found every-
where, even in inanimate things.
They yield it unknowingly, but
man, when he obeys because he
knows that God rules in author-
ity, practices a virtue. You have
made it more than a virtue; you
have made it a vow, that by
serving him here, you may de-
serve the reward which He will
give you hereafter.

"Chastity, which you have
sworn to preserve, has been the
crowning light of the church all
through the ages. For hundreds
of years men and women of the
church have taken the vows you
have taken. In taking the veil you
have not left human nature be-
hind; you must take it with you,
but remember that your spouse
is always with you to help and
preserve you.

"Poverty has been dignified
and sanctified at the cave of
Bethlehem and at the tomb. He,
who created all things and pos-
sesses all things, would show the
nothingness of all created things
by coming into the world with-
out any of these things.

"This is, in brief, the story of
what you have done today, but
you have given little with the
hope of gaining much. True, you
have given your lives, but not
even they are your own; they are
merely lent to you. You are giv-
ing back to God what He has lent
to you, for your salvation. In be-
coming the brides of Christ you
must have pure intention. God's
bride must think, speak and act
as befits the bride of Christ."

Peculiar!

In a recent address before the
Troy Alumni Association, Justice
Wesley Howard, of the Appel-
late Division, made use of these
expressions, according to the re-
port in the New York "Sun":

"One of the most dangerous
maladies of the country to-day,
are the idle millionaires. The
sons of the rich, arrogant, insol-
ent, without calling or occupa-
tion, are not only a nuisance to
society but a curse and a menace
to the republic. They are the par-
asites of civilization, drawing
their nourishment not from the
soil but from the bodies of others.
They are the propagators of com-
munist; they are the creators
of hatred between the classes and
the masses.

"These drones of society sap
the substance of the poor; each
is a schoolmaster."

one wastes more than a hundred
families consume. By their ex-
travagance they augment the
high cost of living. They cut the
steaks and the laboring man boils
the bones. A condition like this
is unhealthy in a republic. It can-
not long be tolerated with safety.
It demands the serious attention
of statesmen. But statesmen are
afraid of wealth. It has frightful
powers of destruction. Its use
has wonderful capacity to coax
away statesmen from their con-
victions."

Are these the real sentiments
held by a Supreme court justice,
or are they put forward to break
the force of the recall should that
come into vogue before Justice
Howard's term on the Supreme
Court bench expires?

Distinction

It frequently happens that
one's sympathies and antagon-
isms may conflict, on the side of
right and justice although arrayed
on the side of right and justice
and we discover that in order
to preserve a pretense of consis-
tency and fair dealing we must
at least seem to reverse our steps.

Our esteemed contemporary,
the Rochester Herald, the other
day rushed to the defense of
President Wilson, William Jen-
nings Bryan and others of the
present democratic national ad-
ministration against a charge
made by Senator Townsend and
other members of the national
legislature that these are persis-
tent lobbyists around the Na-
tional capitol. The Herald puts
forth the insidious, specious and
altogether dangerous plea that
these having been elected by the
people cannot do a wrong thing,
in fact are not lobbyists when
they seek to force or cajole legis-
lation upon the statute books
backed by the Herald and its
friends or to kill such legislation
as they are against.

But woe to the luckless con-
gressman or United States sena-
tor who does not see things
through the Herald spectacles!
He is an apostle of graft, he pos-
sesses no individual freedom
either of thought or action, he
grovels at the feet of the boss
and meekly takes his orders.

A case in point:—in the very
issue containing the sentiments
referred to appeared an editorial
roundly scoring Assemblyman
August Pappert of Rochester be-
cause he does not vote on the
direct primary proposition as the
Herald would have him. It is in
vain that Mr. Pappert points out
that the republican platform upon
which he ran and was elected did
not pledge him and his colleagues
to statewide direct primaries. It
is in vain that Mr. Pappert points
out that the Sulzer-Roosevelt
mass meetings in Rochester were
not under republican auspices and
hence we could not be accused
of discourtesy for not attending
aforesaid meetings. In effect, the
Herald says:—"Pappert you are
an unclean bird because you do
not seek advice from the Herald?
You are a political heretic be-
cause you cannot understand just
what Sulzer and Roosevelt are
driving at and subscribe to it all
blindly; you have no business to
think what your constituents'
will may be. Your duty, sir, is to
swallow the Sulzer creed, hook,
line and sinker."

Delightfully absurd but a fair
statement nevertheless.
Governor Sulzer is bestowing
plenty of honorary titles upon
Rochester patriots but the big
money jobs go "way down
East."

Rochester had a real "safe and
sane Fourth of July celebration
this year.

Can it be possible that George
W. Blake has degenerated into
an ordinary yellow journal muck-
raker?

President Woodrow Wilson is
intensely "human" even if he
be a schoolmaster.

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