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The Catholic Press

Every little while some enthusiastic contemporary falls to discussing the possibility of a Catholic daily possibly, in the hope that one or another of our Catholic millionaires will see fit to invest some of his money as well as endowing societies for research or other so-called philanthropies. Perhaps, the investment would pay, perhaps it would not. In all events, it costs money to equip and publish a daily paper, or even a first-class weekly. The Catholic Tribune the other day remarked:

Some day, let us hope, the Catholics of this country can boast a powerful and influential press, made up of scores of clean popular dailies, hundreds of illustrated weeklies and monthlies, dozens of excellent reviews, and many apologetical journals.

Whereupon the Milwaukee Catholic Citizen pertinently commented:

"They never will, as long as cheapness is made the chief attraction and ground of appeal for supporting the Catholic paper. While anything over fifty cents is, apparently, begrudged Catholic literature, we shall make no progress. The pulpit should proclaim that Catholic literature is worth the outlay of \$5 or \$10 a year from every Catholic family. It is a fallacy to suppose that the Catholic paper does not bring more into the Catholic parish than it takes out."

That is the plain, unvarnished truth, in a nutshell.

Truth About Ulster

Press despatches teem with "seething news" about the "patriotic outburst" of Orange Ulster against Irish home rule that would mean Catholic's in official positions for centuries filled with English absentee landlords. One would almost be led, from reading these despatches, to believe that a great injustice is about to be done to these Ulster martyrs. What are the real facts however?

All Ireland except Ulster wants home rule. How about Ulster? There are nine counties in Ulster province and of these nine five favor home rule and in the other four at least a respectable minority are not "Orangemen patriots for revenue only. If a referendum vote were taken in the entire province it is quite possible that nearly a majority, surely, would declare in favor of home rule.

As a matter of fact Sir Edward Carson and his band of mutineers represent practically a minority in their native Ulster. Truly, a tempest in a teapot!

Another Easter is at hand. May it bring happiness to all our readers.

Old King Winter hated to abdicate his way of 1914.

Amateur theatricals are having a decided revival in Rochester this year.

A Myth Exploded

No one will hold that the Philadelphia Saturday Evening Post holds a brief for the Catholic Church or the Catholic policy yet it demolishes one of the A. P. A. stock pleas in the following scathing editorial:

It ought to be pretty well understood by this time that the one-room rural district school beloved of our grandfathers is mostly a scandalous institution. The typical teacher is a girl just out of normal school, much under-paid, sometimes with only half a dozen pupils of assorted ages.

A Vermont report covering thirty-two such schools shows that in three years there were one hundred and seventeen different teachers, of whom—on an average—more than half served less than two terms.

A great majority of these schools are poorly housed and hardly equipped at all—just a bare little room with a desk, a rostrum, a blackboard and a poisonous castiron stove. That efficient instruction can be had under such conditions is out of the question.

Like some other poor institutions the little red schoolhouse subsists mainly on prejudice and mere inertia. If educating children is worth all this effort, to give them tolerably efficient teaching is worth just a little more effort.

Right Living

It is not necessary that a man advertise himself a saint; that he call attention to the halo around his brow; that he advertise his virtues. Very often, men who do these things are but whited sepulchers at heart. But it is meet that a man lead a clean, decent life, if only for the material recompense that right living brings in this life.

How much more is it fitting that the Catholic born and bred, who has the unspeakable blessing of being "raised in the faith," should lead a decent life; that he assist at Mass, receive the Sacraments; in short, be a practical Catholic in every sense of the word. In so doing, he will save his own soul and, moreover, his example may do untold good to his non-Catholic fellows. Unobtrusive right living never fails to make an impression tenfold greater than mere lip pretension or pugnacious Catholicity although there are occasions when militant Christianity may be demanded.

We do ourselves and others good by letting our daily lives exemplify the faith that is in us.

The hundreds of persons who heard the eloquent sermons preached by Rev. P. A. Stanton, of the Dominican mission band, at St. Mary's church a few weeks ago will sympathize with him on the sudden death of his aged father in Buffalo last week. Of Mr. Stanton's large family, two sons are priests, one a Dominican, the other an Oblate while two daughters are Grey Nuns. May he rest in peace!

That absurd Bible reading bill failed of passage in the Legislature at Albany.

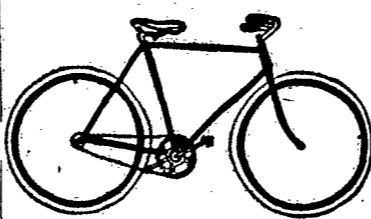
The Rev. Mr. Anderson of the Anti-Saloon League, seems to have caught a tartar in the person of William Barnes, jr., editor, publicist and politician.

United States Senator O'Gorman and son-in-law Dudley Field Malone presents the spectacle of a sort of divided family.

While it is good to be a practical Catholic, one should also be affiliated with some Catholic society. If one has any influence it should be exerted as widely as possible.

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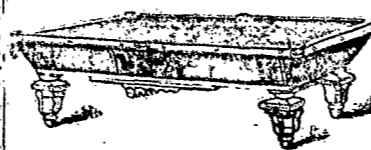
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