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Our Point of View

One would imagine that the following editorial were from a Catholic pen but it is from the Methodist "Northwestern Christian Advocate"—

"The theory which is now finding acceptance with education of all beliefs and even of no belief has been the theory of the Church from the beginning. The education of the heart is the heart of education. So long as a man is a man the deepest, the most subtle, the most powerful instincts of his nature are those which link him with God. He may have all knowledge and still be a worthless creature; he may be as intellectually keen as Rousseau and as graceless; he may be as brilliant as Abelard and as unwholesome.

"It is because the Church has recognized the supremacy of the religious nature of man that church schools have been founded; it is because good men and women have been convinced of the soundness of the Church's contention that they have given money to carry forward the Church's contention that they have given money to carry forward the Church's education program."

Time was when the Catholics were accused of a desire to share in the state school monies because they established their own parochial schools for conscience sake but no intelligent man makes such a charge now. Indeed, non-Catholics offer such a suggestion oftener than we do. We are content to be doubly taxed so long as our children receive religious instruction and superior secular education in our Catholic schools. And, if the Methodists, or any other sect, wish their children to receive religious instruction at school, they must establish their own school system, not lead campaigns for reading of the King James' version of the Bible in the schools, a volume objected to by Catholics, Unitarians, and Jews and also by those of no religion whatsoever.

Sex Hygiene.

It will not do for the faddists, some of them animated by a desire for self-advertising, others by graft, and still others by both—to loudly shout that "sex hygiene," as they style it, must be taught as they would have it taught and that there is and can be no argument in opposition.

Doctors, sociological experts of the world and more on preparation and profound students of socialization to meet their God should disagree upon this matter and battle fought. With husbands, there is wide difference of opinion both as to how far such teaching should go and as to whether it should be taught at all in the public schools. In Michigan the bureau of research of the Upper Peninsula Educational Association has been making a series of investigations. Under the head of "sexual education this question was asked of about 300 parents: "Do you believe that sex hygiene should be taught in the schools?"

Ninety-two of the replies were in the affirmative, 175 in the negative while six were evasive.

Discussing the above report, the "Journal of the American Medical Association" has this to say:—

"Until we know what should be taught pupils at different ages until we have formulated a definite graded course of instruction and have trained teachers to give this instruction, the proposition for teaching sex hygiene in the public schools should be approached with the utmost caution. In no case should an effort be made to force such instruction on the pupils or on the community. When the parents of children are convinced, by a large majority, of the advisability of such instruction, it should be provided. Premature efforts to place such subjects on the school curriculum in advance of public opinion can only cause misunderstanding and trouble."

This is a subject upon which parents' wishes should prevail.

Pace That Kills

Many a one who complains of his or her "poverty-stricken and work-laden lot", yet who is hale and hearty, able to enjoy and digest three meals a day and able to sleep at will, does not realize how much better off he is than the wealthy neighbor who he envies. The latter's nerves are shattered, his digestion is impaired or ruined and he is unable to sleep at night.

But "the first man may say, 'if I were rich, I would not hit so fast a pace.' I would conserve my energies and keep within bounds." Easier said than done. Wealth carries responsibilities, it provokes temptations and many a supposedly strong man succumbs to the latter.

Especially, is this true of the women who shine in "Society" and are devotees at Fashion's shrine. The Pittsburg "Catholic" well says:—

"Fashion kills more women than toil and sorrow. Obedience to fashion is a greater transgression of the law of woman's nature, a greater injury to her physical and mental constitution, than the hardships of poverty and neglect. It is a sad truth that fashion-pampered women are almost worthless for all the great ends of human life. Read the biographies of our great and good men and women. Not one of them had a fashionable mother. They nearly all sprung from strong minded women, who had about as little to do with fashion as the changing clouds."

Great Revival.

Out of troublous times great good oftentimes comes and this may be the ultimate result of the awful war which now convulses Europe. In more than one of the countries now devastated by the scourge of war, the citizens had waxed careless in their practice of and devotion to Religion. Their concern was more about things temporal than for things eternal. Wealth, pomp, station all were their goal rather than the salvation of their souls.

But the faith was not extinct, merely submerged. When the war broke out, it was but natural that men should think seriously when confronted by the shadow of death. Men ordered to the front thought less of the delights of the world and more on preparation to meet their God should they be their portion in the first battle fought. With husbands, fathers, brothers and sweethearts ordered to war, women's thoughts were turned from society's lures and fashion's whims and their time was spent in prayer for the safety of loved ones and for the repose of the souls of those who were doomed never to return to home and preside.

From France, Austria, even Italy and Germany, come reports of a religious awakening unparalleled in recent years. The Catholic churches in Paris are filled with worshippers, from morning until night, such as have not been seen in recent years except on special occasions. Let us hope that this will be the end of war and that its horrors may turn the peoples of the earth to Him who would have only peace on earth.

Is It Not Queer?

Is it not queer that men who have associated for years with Catholic neighbors, have employed Catholic clerks and other help, have had Catholic customers and never saw or heard aught of a discreditable nature connected with them should all of a sudden discover that these Catholics are frightful persons, that Catholic women are immoral, that Catholics are bad citizens and should be ostracised? Lately, some persons have become so obsessed of the idea that while Catholics should be permitted to pay taxes, to purchase goods and pay for them, they should not be permitted to engage in business, to hold any office whatever or to be at all active socially.

Possibly weak-kneed Catholics have contributed to this state of mind. They have been afraid to let it be known that they are Catholics. They themselves have frowned upon the idea that Catholic's should aspire to public office. The other day a Catholic gentleman expressed the serious opinion that "Governor Glynn was beaten because the Democratic administration appointed too many Micks to office." There was no question raised by him as to the lack of qualification of Catholic officeholders. All he maintained was "too many Catholics in office." Surely no man should be in office because of his religious belief but no man possessing the requisite qualifications should be debarred from office because of his religious belief. Let us always stand squarely upon this platform, come what may.

Daily the Holy Rosary is publicly said in St. Brigid's Church, Vienna, for the soldiers in the field.

In the American College, Rome, this semester, are 138 students.

There is many a good man under a shabby hat.

Don't worry today Put it off till day after tomorrow.

Anyhow, the censor must know a lot about the war.

You can't tell what a man knows by what he doesn't say.

Not every fellow who carries a hammer can crack a joke.

Knowledge is power—except when you know you're beaten.

Sometimes people get along together better by remaining apart.

All the heroes haven't medals. Some of them have received bills.

As a general thing, he who laughs last carries it a little too far.

Is life worth living? Not to the fellow who argues that it is not.

Did you ever know a rich young woman to marry a poor old man?

In traveling the road to success some people always want to cut across lots.

The "safety first" reform does not get much attention in Europe at present.

Men are like fish. Neither would get into trouble if they kept their mouths shut.

Might as well be behind time as to march too far in advance of the procession.

Appropriate that the Athens of America should regularly furnish the envoy to Greece.

One trouble about marrying a rich heiress, it's so hard to earn the money afterward.

There are plenty of cowards, but no man's hair stands up unless he combs it that way.

The best years of the average man's life are spent in trying to obtain the unattainable.

John Bull is advised to let the hunger strikers die. Why not try hypnotism to make them eat?

Some people would rather be happy than good.

A long face gets a short welcome from the busy man.

You can buy a thing cheap if there are no other bidders.

Unless you try you will never know what you can't do.

After the war—in every country of Europe—the tax collector.

Too much will power is overdevelopment on the negative side.

The men that talked of the horseless age forgot war and cavalry.

Quarrels would not last long if the fault were on one side only.

Success seldom comes to a man who is too lazy to meet it halfway.

A bond of union is soon formed between brethren in misfortune.

The spig ought to find himself in his natural element this Christmas.

The amateur strategists are considerable of a war tax in themselves.

The man who smiles at adversity can always keep the world guessing.

When peace comes it may bear the label "Made in the United States."

The hazards of war are almost as great as the perils of arctic exploration.

There may be fewer kings in the European deck when this trouble is settled.

One thing about the wages of sin is that a man doesn't have to go to law to collect them.

Europe's rulers seem to have agreed upon a policy of telling their troubles to Uncle Sam.

The football "demon" and "pneumonia" is mobilizing around many of our centers of learning.

Love laughs at locksmiths, but that doesn't necessarily prove that love has a sense of humor.

A grouch gets what is left after the cream has been skimmed off the milk of human kindness.

More than one of the contestants is beginning to look on the whole affair as an overworked shell game.

It is better to be a depositor in the savings banks of America than a plutocrat in the capitals of Europe.

"Small, hot bullets cause little pain," declares a dispatch. Nobody says as much about large, cold bayonets.

The continued silence of the stock ticker has apparently not greatly disturbed the people of this country.

The reason a man gets angry in an argument is because the other fellow is too ignorant to agree with him.

"I regret to report" is a phrase either tabooed by the commanders or conscientiously deleted by the censors.

"Turn to the right and keep straight ahead" is the only direction that will always take you where you want to go.

After wading through the mud of Shantung the Japanese army may start a good roads movement in China.

If you wish to preserve strength and freshness, if you wish to make your message clear, be wiser than your calling.

When you make a mistake do not look back at it long. Take the reason of the thing into your mind, then look forward.

Mary Garden lost her entire theatrical wardrobe in France. Perhaps some wounded soldier mistook it for a first aid package.

When it comes to the test of "bound ed on the north by Johnny will find he knows about as much about it as dear teacher.

While hunting for a lost golf ball a Chicagoan lost a heart failure. At least he couldn't afford to lose a ball shouldn't pay golf.

It is odd and sometimes melancholy to see a man trying to "make up his mind" when he has no material on hand to work with.

If you can eat and earn what you eat and sleep in a bed and room you pay for you are foolish if you are unhappy and grouchy.

Switzerland is estimating that it is costing her \$200,000 a day to be neutral. But it would cost her a great deal more than that not to be.

Turkey's action in tearing up the capitulations has at least introduced another comparatively unfamiliar word in common use to join mortatorium and a few other products of the war.

As a result of the Baltimore "Star Spangled Banner" celebration an association has been formed "to foster the love of the American flag." That association has tackled about the easiest job of any organization in the United States.

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