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Friday May 28, 1915.  
**Catholic Burial.**

Of considerable importance is a recent decision by Judge Carr, of the Philadelphia court of Common Pleas on the petition of the next of kin of Mrs. Mary Hoppe, deceased, for a writ of mandamus to compel the Catholic Church authorities to permit the removal of her body from Cathedral cemetery where it was interred twenty-one years ago to unconsecrated ground, alleging an agreement with her mother that when the latter died the daughter's body was to be disinterred and laid beside that of the mother who was a non-Catholic.

Archbishop Prendergast opposed the petition on principle and precedent. His answer was that if the Church authorities had been informed of the ante-mortem agreement, permission to bury the body in Cathedral cemetery never would have been accorded because it is a law of the Church that Catholics must be buried in consecrated ground. Once buried there, the cemetery authorities had no right to permit disinterment for the purposes set forth in the petition.

In his decision, Judge Carr upheld the contention of Archbishop Prendergast, saying:—

"If the burial in the Cathedral cemetery had been made with a disclosure to the authorities that it was temporarily only with an intention to remove at a future time to an unconsecrated cemetery, and if the burial had thereupon been made with the consent and agreement of the authorities to that understanding, the remedy by mandamus could be enforced. Under the facts, however, of this case there was an implied agreement that the burial should be made subject to the rules of the Church, and it is plain that the rule exists that no disinterment can be made from consecrated ground.

"The points presented by the defendant are affirmed and the petition is dismissed, the petitioners to pay the costs."

**Treat All Alike!**

If it be true that the United States government has indicated to Dr. Dernburg, the pro-german enthusiast who has been engaged in agitating sentiment favorable to his country, that it would be pleased if he would absent himself from this country, may we respectfully suggest that there are other nuisances in and around Washington and New York city whose absence would also be good company as the Irishman remarked of his mother-in-law?

There is a Senor Llorente who is in and about New York trying to arouse American sentiment in favor of the Villas and the other monsters who have been and still are defaming Mexico by their outrages upon innocent persons, defiling churches, insulting priests of God and what not. Here is one sample of Llorente's endeavors to excuse the outrages we have mentioned:—

The right of the victorious invader to tax people or their property, to levy forced loans, to billet soldiers or to appropriate property, especially houses, lands, boats or ships, and the churches for temporary and military uses;

To appropriate churches for temporary purposes does not give license to defile altars, sacred vessels and articles or to heap untold insults upon the priests of the churches or the innocent nuns in convents. For these reasons, we hold that Llorente and all his ilk of Mexican creatures are just as undesirable visitors to the United States as Dr. Dernburg or any of the other German agitators. Let the President and Mr. Bryan send the Llorentes about their business along with Dr. Dernburg!

**Is This It?**

It is noted that our old friend "Bishop" Burt, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was at a gathering of his sect down in Baltimore. At the close of the meeting Bishop Burt is said, by one of the papers, "to have imparted the apostolic benediction."

At first blush, one would feel inclined to think that the unthinking reporter had made a slip of the pencil, because such a thing might be held by his brother Methodists to favor of the idolatrous practices of which we Catholics are accused by our enemies. But a contemporary hint that when Bishop Burt went to Italy to proselytize among the Italians in Rome he confided to a few friends his ambition to become a real Methodist Pope by ousting the Catholic Holy Father. The Italians did not respond to his overtures as readily as was expected. In fact, Methodists will privately admit that a deal of good money has been utterly wasted in the so-called "Methodist Mission" in Rome and that absolutely no practical result has been achieved in the way of winning Italians from the ancient faith. As in this country, the Italian either is a Catholic or an infidel. The Protestant sects do not appeal to the Italian at all.

**Progress.**

Probably in every city the question arises as to the exact line to be drawn between what shall be classed as general and what as parish activities. Certainly, certain lines must be confined to parish limits. Many there are who would confine all activities to the parish exclusively.

The esteemed Milwaukee "Catholic Citizen" states the case well in the following paragraphs:

"We ought to cheerfully comply with the system which lays out parish lines for certain well defined purposes, attend and support the church within whose lines we reside and call upon the pastor thereof as our spiritual adviser. But parish lines ought not to segregate us out of unity with our fellow Catholics of other parishes in many matters of common concern and common sympathy.

"We ought not to be strangers to the members of other parishes. A really strong local Catholic community demands as a condition precedent some method or occasion whereby we may unite the Catholics of the whole city. Other matters besides common support of our orphans ought to suggest reasons for united action.

"In the support of a city Catholic library, or in the maintenance of a good Catholic literary organization, a single parish is usually deficient in resources and proper material, whereas, all the parishes may yield to a discriminating selection, elements for every successful undertaking of this nature."

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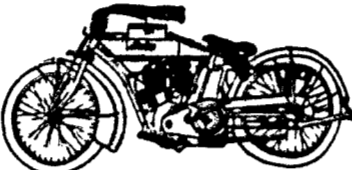
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The present issue is not quite complete, but the next installment, which will be issued on June 20 will bring it completely up-to-date. The publication includes all the automobile licenses issued in the Buffalo registration district, which comprises the twenty-two counties of Western New York and includes Rochester and Syracuse. It is issued by The Motor Registry Company of Rochester.

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