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Not Correct.

Some suffragists have endeavored to spread the opinion that because some Catholic clergyman or prelate has refused to subscribe to a militant suffrage campaign, declined to favor woman suffrage or refused to preach suffrage in his pulpit, therefore the Catholic Church is opposed absolutely to woman suffrage, as immoral or immodest or opposed to the teachings of Holy Mother Church.

This is an absolutely false position in which to place the Church. Suffrage is a political, not a moral question, in the eyes of the Church. The Catholic Church has always treated men and women alike on moral questions. Its traditions show that it has given women in the religious orders the privilege of choosing their own superiors. In an address not so long ago Rev. Dr. Joseph H. MacMahon, of New York city, put this so well that we cannot forbear quoting a few excerpts as follows:—

"Years ago the question of woman's rights was often a source of amusement or ridicule and was treated from a humorous angle. Since then it has pushed itself forward so far that it cannot be warded. The mistakes Catholics make is to forget that it is a question that must be answered. As a Catholic I bitterly resent the introduction of the Catholic Church into the question. The attitude of the Catholic Church toward it is the same as its attitude on any other social or economic question. Insofar as it is an economic question the Church has no attitude upon it. But since it has a moral bearing, the attitude of the Church must be right. Woman's suffrage is not a question of morals at all. Personally I resent any person pronouncing for the Church on a purely economic question. The Catholic Church must not be dragged into the matter in any way whatever. In the minds of many there is a prevailing idea that the Church is opposed to the extension of suffrage to the female portion of the population. There is nothing in the Church teaching that bears on the question of it."

Dr. MacMahon alluded to the feminist movement and explained why it had taken a position opposed to the Catholic church. "It is because the movement has not been clearly directed. It has fallen under the control of those who have no regard for the laws of God or man. At one time the only place for woman was in the cloister or the home, but since the beginning of the industrial system there has been a revolution in the position of women. Women have been brought into the marts of industry and commerce and have taken a position in the industrial world side by side with men. Women have been put in a false position because legislation has not kept pace with the change in

woman's condition. The woman question is an attempt to bring legislation up to the present position of woman. One way to do this is to give woman the vote. This is political, and on the public speech, but whose daily Church has nothing to say. But some Catholics have confused their prejudices for the traditions of the Church. The leaders have attacked the Church as regards woman as man's inferior. Men and women are not equal physically or physiologically, but the distinctions are those made by nature. But, aside from these, the Catholic Church makes no distinction between men and women. Men and women are bound by the same moral laws. The Church does not make one standard for women and another for men. The Catholic Church recognizes the supreme equality of men and women in this highest of all spheres. It would not hold them equally in the moral law were there the slightest inferiority of women to men. It is the pride, glory and boast of the Catholic Church that she brought woman from the degradation into which she had fallen in paganism. The Church takes her saints from women as well as men. She has been the defender of women through all the ages. Nowhere has she stood more for the rights and duties of woman than in the laws of marriage. These laws have placed women on a pedestal. It is rather strange therefore to have the Church arraigned as being opposed to women."

The Reason Why.

Rev. Wilmoth Farmer, who had served to fourteen years as a missionary of the Southern Methodist Episcopal church in China, recently was received into the Catholic Church. He was confirmed by Bishop Keiley in the Savannah Cathedral a few weeks since. This lucid and manly explanation by Mr. Farmer to the Savannah Press as to why he did so, may interest others who are earnestly seeking the true church but are not yet convinced:—

"For me to enter the Catholic Church has been to face the literal renunciation of everything the heart holds dear. "But as Christianity is a divine revelation, whose message has no uncertain meaning and demands of man absolute faith and obedience, no relation or tie upon earth, not even life itself, may be considered before it; and to paraphrase and make personal the words of another, who once gave up all he had to buy this priceless treasure, I can truly say Time is short, eternity is long."

"I cannot put from me what I have found; it is not a matter of mere controversy; I cannot refute it; I cannot seduce myself that it comes of disappointment, or disgust, or restlessness, or wounded feelings, or undue sensibility, or other weakness. I cannot wrap myself in the associations of past years, nor determine that to be truth which I might wish to be so, or make an idol of cherished anticipations. Time is short, eternity is long."

"But no one ever for the sake of the Lord Jesus Christ forsook all but what he found even in this life a hundredfold blessing, and will certainly have a glorious reward in the world to come. I am not the first one who has taken this step and most assuredly will not be the last."

Be True!

All over the state last week exercises in honor of "Flag Day" were held by various organizations and associations. Stirring speeches were made laudatory of the Stars and Stripes, the emblem of the United States and the symbol of patriotism the world over. This is as it should be if those who so talk are true to their supposed convictions and true to the principles they profess to uphold.

However, there are many persons who preach one thing and practise another. This applies to those who profess to revere and honor the flag of our country in the public speech, but whose daily life and private speech breathe not patriotism but procription their prejudices for the traditions of the Church. The calumniator of his brother who happens to differ with him on a matter of higher importance than even love of country -- the salvation of his immortal soul is no patriot. He would brush aside as of no moment those guarantees of religious liberty: the right to worship God as one sees fit without procription or calumination. He who best serves his God best serves his country. There should be, can be, no gainsaying this fact. But there are those who seem to disbelieve this truth, judging from the way they would persecute those who dare to worship God of their conscience dictates.

Hence we emphasize the necessity of him who would have his fellows accept at face valuation his protestations of patriotism to come into court with his own hands clean.

Worldwide?

Archbishop Henry Moeller, of Cincinnati, believes that the care of deaf mutes should be a universal worldwide charity. He proposes to add to his diocesan activities an institution devoted to their instruction.

That deaf mutes are the only ones who really know how to speak to God was suggested by the archbishop, who ingeniously drew the analogy between the feast of the day, Pentecost, when the apostles spoke in many tongues, and the language of the deaf mutes "coming from the heart." "They do not speak with the lips, but with the heart," said the archbishop. "Therefore, they can be understood in any language and in all languages, and their speech is known to God. As they appeal to each and every nationality, so their care should be a universal, world-wide charity."

We should ever have charity for our neighbor who happens to be in trouble. Perhaps, we may be in similar straits ourselves.

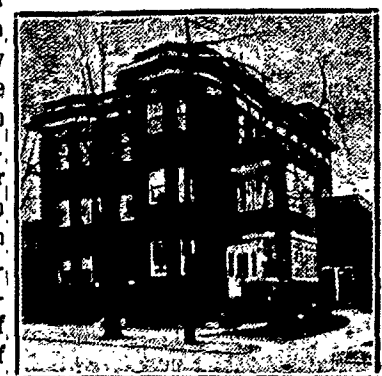
One of the times when a man's friends are tried out is when he is in trouble. Maybe he has sustained financial reverses or is reported to have; he may be charged with some dereliction in personal or professional conduct. The true friends do not hold aloof, do not condemn in advance of positive proof. They stand firmly by their brother. They insist that he must be held as innocent until proven guilty. These be true friends, not false ones. Sad to say, there are more false friends than true ones.

These are the days when the boys and girls enter the wide world's life after from ten to sixteen years spent in school under the sheltering assistance of parents and teachers. Undoubtedly, they will not find a bed of roses. But even so, they are better off than the youngster who will not have to do battle in the conflict to win position and livelihood.

Weekly Church Calendar

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost.
 Gospel, St. Matt. v. 20-24
 Sun. 27—St. Ladislav, K. C.
 Mon. 28—St. Irenaeus, B. and Comp., MM.
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