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If Catholics Hada "Menace" Pope's Peace Appeal to Warring Powers.

Some of the Tales That It Might Tell.

A Thought for Anti-Catholic Ministers to Ponder.

That many Protestant Ministers have lent their aid to the vicious anti-Catholic campaign has been previously remarked. No doubt some of these men have been guided in their actions more by what might be called "the tradition of the Reformation" than by any real desire to harm religion or to stir up domestic strife. Perhaps second thought, when they were shown the true outcome of their course, they would adopt another attitude in the whole matter.

It would be well to remind some of these men and those whom they have misled of the results which might attend an attempt on the part of Catholics to start a paper on the order of the "Menace", exposing the iniquities of ministers and Protestants prominently connected with church work. This might be brought home to them the real evil of the campaign in which they are so thoughtlessly engaging. In the matter of immorality, if the anti-Catholic were to blame the celibacy of the priesthood for the few falls of priests which have taken place, Catholics with much more reasons might declare that the minister's position without the safeguards, and training which the priestly office necessitates, was conducive to those moral irregularities which are recorded in regard to this profession.

From sources innumerable news might be obtained for the Catholic "Menace". It might be noted, for example, that in the latest report of the Arkansas State Penitentiary, covering the two years from Nov. 1, 1912, to October 31, 1914, it is shown that eleven of the inmates there are preachers by profession, exactly the same number as those who are bartenders. [Exhibit 19, p. 65]. Also it would be interesting to proclaim that 644 of these inmates were recorded as Baptists in religion, 509 as Methodists, 103 as Presbyterians, and but 27 as Catholics. Even were we to consider the large proportion of Protestants in the general population of that State (a fact which the anti-Catholic sheets would never consider), it is to be seriously doubted if the proportion of Protestants in this case is not far too large, and it might be pointed out with glee that this proved conclusively the damnably injurious effects of the non-Catholic sects. When we learn that the Episcopalians had 48, the non-believers 29, and such a small sect as the Holiness 29 among the prisoners, the case would be strengthened. (Exhibit 22, p. 68).

And such a paper could well regale itself in the published scandals in regard to Protestant ministers. A few sample headlines such as the following will suffice: "Revivalist Arrested as White Slaver at Coombs, W. Va." (N. Y. Call, Jan. 14, 1915, p. 4); "Suicide of Soulmate of Minister (in San Francisco)." (N. Y. Call, Jan. 21, 1915, p. 3); "Rev. D. Indicted Eight Times Under Mann Act." (N. Y. Call, Feb. 27, 1915); "Woman at Church Trial Tells How a Pastor Kissed Her." (St. Louis Post-Dispatch, April 6, 1914); "Methodist Minister Accused as 'Incendiary'." [Michigan Catholic, Feb. 19, 1914, quoting Detroit Free Press]; "Preacher, Held as Girl's Slayer, Ends Life in Jail." (St. Louis Times, Aug. 16, 1915); "Rev. J. (Baptist Minister) gives \$2500 Bail on Girl's Charge." (N. Y. Call, March 12, 1915.) These few cases, taken at random from among a number of others, properly embellished might indeed prove interesting reading for those who would blindly hate the Protestant ministry. It is to be hoped that such matters could be called to the attention of those ministers who are promoting the anti-Catholic crusade. It would surely show them whether they are going.

C. B. of C. V.

Pope Benedict's appeal to the Powers to end the war, which has been published, is as follows:

"When we were called to succeed to the apostolic throne of Pope Pius X., whose upright and exemplary life was brought to an end by the fratricidal struggle which broke out in Europe, we too, felt—after gazing fearfully upon the bloody battlefield—the despair of a father who witnessed his home torn asunder and ravaged by a furious tempest.

"We thought with inexpressible sorrow of our young sons cut down by death; we felt in our heart, enlarged by Christian charity, the great, unspeakable sadness of mothers and of wives made widows before their time, and the tears of children deprived too soon of parental guidance.

"Participating in our soul in the fear and anguish of innumerable families, and well knowing the imperial duties imposed upon us by the mission of peace and love with which we have been confided during these sad days, we adopted a firm resolve to concentrate our whole activity and all our power to the reconciliation of the peoples at war. We made a solemn promise to our Divine Father, who wishes with the price of His blood to make all men brothers.

"Words of peace and love were the first we addressed to the nations and their chiefs as—the supreme guardian of their souls. Our affectionate and insistent counsels as father and friend were not heard. This increased our sadness, but did not shake our resolution.

"We continue with confidence to appeal to All Powerful, who holds in His hand the minds and hearts of subjects as well as kings imploring Him to end the great scourge.

"In our humble but ardent prayer we want to include all the faithful and, to make it more effective, we have taken care that it be accompanied by works of Christian penitence.

"Today, on the sad anniversary of the terrible conflict, our heart gives forth the wish that the war will soon end. We raise again our voice to utter a fatherly cry for peace. May this cry, dominating the frightful noise of arms, reach the warring peoples and their chiefs and induce kind and more serene intentions.

"In the name of the Lord God, in the name of the Father and the blessed Blood of Jesus—the price of the redemption of humanity—we implore the belligerent nations before divine Providence henceforth to end the horrible carnage which for a year has been dishonoring Europe.

"This is the blood of brothers that is being shed on land and sea. The most beautiful regions of Europe this garden of the world—are sown with bodies and ruins. There, where recently fields and factories thrived, cannon now roar in a frightful manner in a frenzy of demolition, sparing neither cities nor villages, and spreading the ravages of death.

"You who before God and man are charged with the grave responsibility of peace and war, listen to our prayer, listen to the fatherly voice of the Vicar of the eternal and Supreme Judge to whom you should give account of your public works as well as private actions.

"The abundant riches which the creating God has given to your lands permits you to continue the contest; but at what price, is the answer of thousands of young whose lives are lost each day on the battlefields, and of the ruins of so many cities and villages, so many monuments due to the piety and genius of our forefathers.

"The bitter tears flow in the sanctity of homes and at the foot of altars; do they not also repeat that the price of the continuation of the contest is great, too great?

"And it cannot be said that the immense conflict cannot be ended without violence of arms. May this craze for destruction be abandoned; nations do not perish. Humiliated and oppressed, they tremble and carry the yoke imposed on them and prepare their revenge, transmitting from generation to generation a sorrowful heritage of hate and vengeance.

"Why not now weigh with serene conscience the rights and just aspirations of the peoples? Why not start with good will a direct or indirect exchange of views with the object of considering, as far as possible, these rights and aspirations, and thus put to an end the terrible combat?

"Blessed be he who first extends the olive branch and tenders his hand to the enemy in offering him reasonable conditions of peace.

"The equilibrium of world progress and the security and tranquility of nations repose on mutual well-being and respect of the right and dignity of others more than on the number of armies and a formidable zone of fortresses.

"It is the cry of peace which issues from our supreme soul this sad day and which invites the true friends of peace in the world to extend their hand to hasten the end of a war which for a year has transformed Europe into an enormous battlefield.

"May Jesus in His pity, by the intermediary of the Mother of Sorrows, end the terrible tempest and cause to arise a radiant dawn and the quietude of peace formed in his own divine image. May hymns of thanks to the Most High Author of all good things soon resound!

"Let us hope for the reconciliation of the states! May the peoples once again become brothers and return to their peaceful labor in arts, learning and industry! May once again the empire of justice be established! May once again the empire of justice be established! May the people decide henceforth to confine the solution of their difference no longer to the sword but to courts of justice and equity, where the questions may be studied with necessary calm and thought!"

Pagans Ask For A Missionary

Father Galmarini writes for funds to enable him to carry on his work. He labored for years among the mountains of the vicariate of North Honan, China, with more or less success. The good seed, however, was sown, and now it is commencing to bear fruit. He hopes this year to baptize in one village fifty families.

There is another village where more than two hundred are anxious to enter the Church, but it is a long distance from the residence of the missionary and would need a small chapel and a residence for the priest and catechist before he could undertake the work of evangelization. He could then remain days at a time on the occasion of each visit and leave his catechist to carry on his instructions.

A few weeks ago a pagan called on him to ask him to go to the neighboring village and instruct those who were well disposed. He told the missionary that he and his wife and children and fifty more were ready to embrace the faith. The Father promised him that something would be done for this particular village, but he cannot fulfill his promise unless the money is forthcoming to at least pay the salary of the catechist. This is \$40 a year, the offering for a perpetual membership.

Enrollments in the L. S. Williams School are being made every day now. Nearly every caller refers to one or more of the former pupils of the schools as having recommended it. The next school will be opened on Tuesday, September 7th, 27 Church street. Both telephones.—Adv.

Convention of Feder-Foreign Mission News ated Catholic Societies

Prelates Denounce Evils. Catholics Urged to Work for World Peace.

The fourteenth annual convention of the American Federation of Catholic societies was held at Toledo, O., recently.

Bishop Schrembs extended the greeting to the Papal Delegate, speaking of the place in the hearts of people which the Pope held and the loyalty and love of the Catholics for the Pontiff. He spoke at some length on the work of the delegate for the benefit of the Church. He also extended a welcome to the visiting prelates and delegates to the convention.

Archbishop Messmer of Milwaukee, also made an address during the convention.

The Rt. Rev. M. J. Gallagher, coadjutor Bishop-elect of Grand Rapids, Mich., in an address at Pontifical High Mass deplored what he declared was lack of organization among the laity. He decried the absence of action in the outrages against priests and nuns in Mexico, again blaming the laity.

A review of the recent activities of the American Federation of Catholic societies is contained in the report of Anthony Matre, the national secretary.

The recommendation for a resolution urging peace in Europe and that Catholic organizations be asked to participate in a universal request for peace was contained in the report, which concluded with the announcement that Pope Benedict has granted to all foreign members his Apostolic Benediction. Affiliated with the federation, the report shows, are thirty national organizations and twenty-five Catholic institutions.

A special committee consisting of Rev. Richard H. Tierney and John Whalen, New York, and Henry V. Cunningham, the report said, had called upon President Wilson and the Secretary of State and submitted documents disclosing outrages in Mexico against the Church, priests and sisterhoods. An extensive review of the federation's crusade against indecent theatrical performances, moving picture shows, pictures and post cards also was contained in the report. The branch federation in St. Louis had suppressed 51,935 indecent and suggestive post cards. A number of plays had been suppressed.

President John Whalen, New York City, read his report and the work of the federation for the coming year was outlined. New York seeks the next convention.

The Apostolic Delegate was introduced by Bishop Schrembs. The personal representative of the Pope in American thanked those present for their cordial welcome. He told of his trip west and alluded to the St. Paul and Seattle. He declared his admiration for the west.

"The press has declared that I am here as a special messenger of the Pope with a message for peace," he said. "I have no special message from the Holy Father on this side. You all know that we all must pray for peace as the Holy Father is doing. We must also pray to keep apart from war and continue in peace as we are."

President John J. Whalen in his report recommended that the federation adopt resolutions bringing about peace among European nations. He also recommended that appeal again be made to governmental authorities to prevent a repetition of the outrageous attacks upon the bishops, priests and nuns of Mexico and the malicious destruction of Church property in that country.

—Some people worry so much that if they took a sea voyage they would not sleep for fear the ocean would dry up and leave them stranded in the mud.—Catholic Advance.

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The death is reported of the Most Rev. J. O'Reilly, Archbishop of Adelaide, Australia. Mgr. O'Reilly was born in Kilkenny, Ireland, in 1846.

He entered All Hallows College in 1864, and was ordained priest in 1869, and soon after left for West Australia. After a seven years' sojourn in the west, during which time he edited the West Australian Record, he was nominated for the position of Bishop of the newly-formed diocese of Port Augusta. In 1888 he was consecrated Bishop, and later appointed to Port Augusta. On January 5, 1895, Bishop O'Reilly was transferred to the See of Adelaide.

Another missionary priest who is nearing the century mark is Fr. Dandurand, O. M. I., of St. Boniface, Manitoba. This venerable missionary is now nearly ninety-seven years old, but he continues his duties as chaplain of the Youville convent and hospital, St. Boniface. Father Dandurand was formerly secretary to Bishop Bourget of Montreal, and later assisted Bishop Guigues, O. M. I., first Bishop of Ottawa.

Father Dandurand and Fr. LaCombe, who counts even a year or two more, should have many interesting reminiscences to exchange if they ever meet.

There are not many corners of this round earth into which the Catholic missionary has not penetrated, but the Danish possession of Greenland is one of them. According to the latest census, Greenland has 13,459 inhabitants. The natives form the vast majority of the population, there being only about 384 Europeans, most of whom come from Denmark.

The largest town is Sydproven, with 766 inhabitants, and the smallest Skansen, with 46 souls. Polygamy used to exist in Greenland, but Denmark has succeeded in destroying the last vestiges of this ancient custom. Leather manufacturing is being developed in the country, and it is this which attracts Europeans. The Kabyle country is a mountainous region forming part of the Archdiocese of Algiers, and is sometimes called the Switzerland of Africa. The natives are Arabs, the only white residents being the missionaries, who have six stations. The neophytes have doubled since 1910, and the priests also perform a wonderful work ministering to the sick, as the Kabyles are subject to many diseases which, without proper remedies, cause much suffering.

Abyssinia is one of the most ancient missions in the world. It was founded by the Apostle St. Matthew, and the Church of Abyssinia enjoyed great prosperity during the first centuries of the Christian era. Unfortunately, it fell through the west and alluded to the course of time the Jesuits, Friars Minor, Carmelites and Augustinians made efforts to re-establish the true Faith, they met with such poor success that the effort was completely abandoned in 1797. Another attempt, however, was made in 1838 by the Lazarists who now have their headquarters at Addis Ababa and are making great progress.

A Business Thermometer.

There is a sharp demand for R. B. I. graduates for excellent business positions. This indicates business revival.

There is also a decided increase in the registrations for the fall term and in requests for the new catalogue. This indicates a busy school year and shows the need of the new building.

Why should you not prepare to meet the business demand? Rochester Business Institute, S. C. Williams, principal, John F. Forbes, associate principal.—Adv.

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News From Ireland

Very general regret is felt at the death of Dr. John N. Sheehy, medical officer of the Callan Union, who died in a nursing home at Clonmel recently. Deceased was the eldest son of the late Nicholas Sheehy of Seven Acres, Mullinahone.

The Fermoy Guardians have accepted the tender of Daniel Hayes, Fermoy, at £2,429 10s. for improving the water supply and sanitary arrangements in the workhouse.

Married.—At St. Patrick's church, by Rev. Father J. O'Regan, C. C., Richard Francis, second son of Edward McAuliffe, Rushbrooke, to Ellen [Nellie], youngest daughter of the late Michael Cronin, Cork.

A special meeting of the Derry corporation was convened for July 23 to receive a presentation of a Mayoral collarette from Hoelace Bayer, high sheriff of the city of Derry.

In the presence of a large attendance of the clergy and general community, the remains were interred of the Rev. Edward Loughrey, P. P., Dungiven, County Derry.

Died.—July 28, at the Christian Brothers', Baldoy, Rev. Brother John Austin Murray, late of Derry, in the eighty-seventh year of his age.

County Donegal infirmary committee have co-opted Father O'Kelly, Carrick, in room of the late Rev. J. C. Cannon, P. P., Ramelton, and Michael Devine, Killygordon, in room of the late George Magee, J. P., Ballybofey.

Some 14 or 15 acres of the reclaimed slobland at Fairview are thanks to the cleansing committee of the corporation and the city distress committee, being converted into an athletic ground.

On his promotion to Limerick as goods agent the staffs at Tralee, where he had been acting as local stationmaster, presented Thomas Stack with a gold watch and chain as a mark of their esteem.

The death is announced of T. J. O'Connor, Upper Castle street, Tralee, who was well known in Irish Volunteer and football circles.

Kildare
At a meeting of the joint committee of management of the Kildare county infirmary, C. Bergin, J. P., chairman, presiding, on the motion of Mr. Sunderland, seconded by Mr. Coffey, Mr. Bergin and the Rev. Peter Campion, P. P., were unanimously re-elected chairman and vice chairman respectively of the joint committee.

Kilkenny
Dr. Martin J. Crothy, Kilkenny, effected a gallant rescue of a lad of 15 who was in danger of drowning while a high sea was running at Tramore.

Died.—At his residence, Millbrook, Uringford, Kilkenny, Peter Dunphy.

Limerick
The Greybridge Co-operative creamery, County Limerick, has passed a resolution congratulating Dean McNamar, P. P., V. G., Bruff, on the recent dignity conferred on him.

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Married.—July 14, at St. Mary's Ballinrobe, by the Rev. W. Kelly, C. C., Patrick Flynn, Athlone, to Rose Anne, daughter of John Meenan, recruiting officer, Ballinrobe.

Died.—July 22, at Bridge street, Westport, Patrick Staunton.

The Rev. R. Kelly, diocesan catechist, has been appointed P. P., of Ratoath in succession to the late lamented Father Everard.

Westmeath
Westmeath County Council passed a vote of sympathy to his family on the illness of J. P. Dowdall.