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Just Suppose?

Granted that those who would suppress and by violence a certain clerical bigoted agitator who classes Catholic priests and nuns as immoral, convents as breeders of vile conditions and Catholics who go to confession as immoral persons, what good would it do?

Others would take his place in vilifying Catholics.
What do you suppose would happen if Catholic priests in their pulpits daily were to assert that every unmarried Protestant woman was unclean?

If Catholic women were to assert that every unmarried Protestant man in Rochester were a vile man?

If Catholics generally were to assert that the Young Women's Christian Association is a breeding place for vice?

Would our Protestant friends hold their peace? Or would they not demand that their defamers be punished?

Tit For Tat.

Commenting upon the advertised intention of the New York City Department of Health to give to all the waiters of New York City a physical examination to determine if they are suffering from any infectious disease and to forbid those who are so afflicted to work in restaurants and hotels, the Rochester Times says:

"One thing that should be insisted on in every restaurant is absolute cleanliness. Many contagious diseases are filth diseases, and everyone knows that dirt is a conveyor of disease germs. If there is any place where spotless cleanliness should prevail it is where people take their meals."

This is very true and we hope that all health officers will adhere as rigorously to compulsion of restaurant keepers to not only have clean waiters but also to keep their kitchens clean and to be scrupulous as to absolute purity and wholesomeness of foods prepared and served. It were well for the comfort and health of patrons, waiters and other employees if it were permitted to deny service to patrons who are intoxicated, who are suffering from loathsome diseases or who are not of a type to insure desirable table companionship for those who are also forced to patronize restaurants for their meals. Possibly, such a requirement would result in a loud howl about undue restraint of personal liberty and so on. But is it any worse to insist that waiters be called upon to serve undesirable patrons than it is that patrons insist that waiters must be flawless and free from blemish before they wait upon table in restaurants?

The Type Desired.

In building your submarine you may now have your choice of

perisopes. In an article contributed to "La Nature", Ernest Coustet describes no less than ten types.

The simplest form is a vertical steel tube about twenty feet long, with a reflecting prism at the top and the lenses of a telescope at the bottom. It is, in fact, a simple telescope whose line of sight any city to do the greatest possible "turns a corner" from horizontal to vertical as it passes through men and means, the mind and the prism. This instrument takes heart, to do.

"This periscope gives very clear images, but as it can be used with only one eye at a time it does not allow of distinguishing the different planes of vision very well, and tries the observer's eye. Binocular perisopes have been attempted, but luminosity is lost by gaining the advantage of stereoscopic vision.

"The so-called combination periscope allows of vision with both eyes, though it is not stereoscopic. A real image is thrown on a ground-glass screen, much like that of a photograph-camera; it may be looked at with the two eyes, but no impression of depth or space is given. The screen avoids excessive fatigue, but it can be used only in bright light. The size of the image is often insufficient to bring out detail. To obtain greater enlargement without diminishing clearness too much, magnifying lenses are sometimes added.

However, when all is said and written, the style of periscope Uncle Sam insists upon is one in which a non-combatant ship can be discerned and handled accordingly:—that is so that passengers may be left free to disembark safely before the ship is sent to the bottom of the ocean.

Power and Unity.

Especially significant is the concession made by Rev. Newman Smyth, a noted Protestant clergyman, who is not over-friendly to Catholicism as a theological proposition, in an article which appears in a recent issue of the Constructive Quarterly.

Dr. Smyth holds that the real test of "Constructive Christianity" will come after the European war is ended and international Christianity is attempted. He confesses that Protestantism gives evidence of a most irritating disunity. Not so with the Catholic Church. Dr. Smyth goes on:

"There is one Church," we read, "that stands always ready. For centuries there has never been a day when it has not had power, for better or for worse, to speak its own mind with authority; and it has led its own following. At any time of need it has not to wait. In the morning its voice may go forth to the ends of the earth. At midnight it may speak; and as the sun rises the whole world round, the people shall listen. Before the powers of the world it can appeal for millions of people in every tongue. It retains no temporal sovereignty; it cannot command the war to stop; yet its appeal has gone forth for the love of Christ's sake in behalf of the sufferers and the prisoners. The Church of Rome has a voice, and it can make it heard even amid the storm of war. The Protestant churches cannot. The voice of the Roman Church is as one voice, the voice of many waters; there is none to declare the mind of the Protestant churches, though all would hear it spoken. Its voice is as the murmur of running brooks from distant sources."

"That," he continues, "is the outstanding fact which confronts the Protestant churches—their independence of one another has left them powerless to act, even when they ought to act together in their power as a whole. They

do not, they cannot, stand up as one solid force to confront an impostor who cannot rise at an hour's summons to meet an emergency; nor can they minister to the urgent suffering of any land. They are not united or even practically federated sufficiently in any city to do the greatest possible good which they have the mind and the heart, to do."

Mr. Bryan Commends.

It is particularly gratifying to read the following commendation by William Jennings Bryan of the vigorous stand taken by the Knights of Columbus:

"The Knights of Columbus acted wisely in giving a formal answer to the misrepresentations which have been circulated in regard to the attitude of American Catholics on two important subjects, namely, on political questions and the public schools. The knights, at their recent annual meeting at Seattle, say:

"We should lose no proper occasion to declare the position of Catholics and the teachings of the Church on this matter, namely, that while Catholics acknowledge the Pope to be supreme in spiritual matters, they do not hold that he has any authority to direct us to do any act contrary to the rights of free citizens, or the welfare of society; if he did so we would be bound to disobey."

Those who have come into intimate acquaintance with representative Catholics did not need to be informed that they do not concede to the Church authorities the right to direct their course in political matters, but many Protestants, lacking this knowledge, which comes with personal acquaintance, have been misled, and the statements above quoted are both wise and timely.

So, in the matter of public schools, a parent may send his child to a private school—as many Protestants as well as Catholics do—without indicating hostility to the public school system. The American public school is an established fact; it is a permanent institution, and it is idle to talk of any class or creed interfering with it.

The knights are to be commended also for protesting against the introduction of religious issues into politics whether to aid the members of a church or to oppose them. The right to worship God according to the dictates of one's conscience is one of the inalienable rights it must not be jeopardized by the dragging of religion into politics.

When the war is over, newspaper expenses will drop considerably. Cable tolls in war times add a deal to the upkeep cost of a modern newspaper.

Cheerfully, we concede that cleanliness and better sanitary conditions are devoutly to be desired, but after all these are not all the reasons for longevity. Almighty God rules the Universe, still, despite the frantic efforts of scientists to have us believe that they and their science can banish disease and death at will.

If it be true, as Minister Dumba asserts, that he received different treatment in correspondence with his home government than did the ambassadors accredited to the United States from the Allies, then it is high time for President Wilson to institute a rigid investigation and the governmental understrappers responsible therefor, should be summarily dismissed.

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