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The Deadly Germs In Modern Thought.

Unnatural Remedies Proposed For Unnatural Social Diseases

How an Evil Grows and Grips Society.

To study the growth and development of the evils which have produced moral and physical decay of nations is a most profitable and interesting occupation. Such evils do not spring forth in a society like Minerva from the head of Jove, but are the result of little seeds sown here and there among the people. At first the proposal of their acceptance is frowned upon by the masses, then little by little they are taken up in certain quarters and put into practice, timidly and in private, until gradually they come to be accepted by the great bulk of a population and are in the end boldly heralded as the ideal practices, tending to the production of true social progress and betterment.

This has been the story in our own day of the spread of the unnatural practice of race suicide among our people. It was about 1830 that newspapers in this country quietly began to advertise methods by which the limitation of offspring could be accomplished. The higher classes in particular, induced by the most ignoble and selfish of reasons, hastened to make use of this information, and were gradually followed by the "middle classes." Today men and women are teaching this degrading idea to the American working people, and it is even proposed that in the near future the state, through law or education, bring about an intelligent "birth control," as the matter is now "scientifically" termed.

It is the "New Republic," a wild and woolly organ of radicalism, which, in its issue of Sept. 25th, regales us with this latter proposal. The occasion for the utterance was the recent trial of William Sanger, an artist of New York, for circulating information on this subject among the working people. "Already we live in an age of birth control," declares the New Republic, and instances the spread of family limitation throughout the globe. "To have 13 children is no longer fashionable, the old woman who lived in the shoe has become a quite 'impossible' old person." All of which, according to this estimable magazine, is highly desirable, making for true progress. In order to attain to self-direction and to real civilization, we must stem the brutal tide of babies.

But alas for such ideas, it has already been found by those nations which have practiced them the longest, that these things, sinning against the Divine and natural laws, make in reality for the death and destruction of a people. And such the New Republic is forced to admit. It points to the example of France and shows the opposition which is rising to the "two-child system" there. "France, it is predicted, will be unable to withstand its fecund neighbors. It will not produce enough able men to run the country. Its children will be not only fewer in number but inferior in quality, for there will be too slow an elimination of the unfit, too feeble a competition in the nursery and in industry." In other words, such practices lead to "racial degeneration."

One of these points, we learn, hinges the dispute between the "big family and little family men"—a dispute which must be decided one way or another. But whatever the decision may be, we are informed, birth control will always be found desirable (merely, forsooth, because men have acquired knowledge of it). "In the end, no doubt, society, acting through law or education, will determine the size and distribution of the population that is to be born, and we shall doubtless have the children we deserve. A merely individualistic birth control will merge into a socially guided and impelled birth control. It will not be easy, as the legislation of the Roman Empire

clearly illustrated, but we do not believe that it is impossible." How damnably degrading is this proposition: that the state not only sanction this form of degeneration but superintend its execution! How destructive of the heritage of liberty and of the nobility of family life! And yet, it is but one of many such proposals made today, showing clearly the putrid decay of modern thought and the deadly germs which are to be found in this anti-Christian propaganda. In the latest issue of the "International Journal of Ethics" [July, 1915, p. 514], similar and equally revolting ideas were put forth by Elsie Clews Parsons, regarded in the modern school as somewhat of an authority. Our modern ideas have become so lost in corruption that our unnatural social diseases are thought to be only curable by even more unnatural social remedies.

The Catholic Church alone stands firmly and decidedly, pointing to correct reforms and against unhealthy and destructive doctrines. The Catholic people should look to Her for guidance and should set the example to the world of correct and righteous practices, even though this mean for them sacrifice and pain and poverty. Thus will they truly contribute, also, to the welfare of their country.

C. B. of C. V.

The Greatest Mission in America.

Christ died to save souls. He left this example for us to follow. To save even one soul St. Teresa considered it beyond any other spiritual work of charity. That is the reason that we Catholics consider it our duty to help to spread the faith in Pagan lands. We spend money lavishly in foreign fields to help the poor missionaries. It is but right that we should do so. But at the same time we must not allow ourselves to forget that there is a crying need at home with us—the Negroes, millions of whom have not been baptized. Is not this a reproach to us? Millions of unbaptized Negro children. And yet we are not at all to blame. The field is so large that the magnitude of it is simply stupendous. Much has been done, but alas, much remains to be done. We have had experience of the spiritual heights the Catholic Negro can mount. We have colored missionaries in the field to-day—consecrated priests—only four. It would take thousands of them to do the work of missionaries among their own people. But everything has a beginning—the tiny seed grows and blossoms and spreads and then takes firm root. So we have to wait results. In the meantime, the Church has to supply the missionaries for this special field. Heroic white men and women are giving their lives up to this work thinking no sacrifice too great where souls are to be saved.

That is the reason we have the Board of Missions established by the Hierarchy for the conversion of the Negro in America. Why do we not help more in this great work, to build schools and churches. Individually, we are not asked to do much—the poorest can help by joining the one hundred thousand and band established for this purpose. Write or call on Right Rev. Monsignor John E. Burke, Director General, Metropolitan Building, No. 1 Madison Avenue, New York City, and become interested in the work.

Weekly Church Calendar

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost.
Gospel, St. John iv., 46-53.
S. 10. St. Francis Borgia, C.
S. 11. Bl. John Leonardi, C.
T. 12. St. Wilfrid, B. C.
W. 13. St. Edward, K. C.
Th. 14. St. Callistus, P. M.
F. 15. St. Teresa, V.
S. 16. St. Gerard Majella, C.

"To trust a friend is not to believe that he can do no wrong; we must not trust no man like that for all fall at times."

News From Ireland

Antrim.
Edward Parkhill, a native of Articunnagh, Coleraine, was found drowned in the River Carr, near Glasgow. He had been five months in the city, and was engaged at the Prince's Dock.

The death from heart disease occurred lately of Mrs. Markland, proprietress of the Londonderry hotel, Portrush. She was a member of an old local family.

Armagh.
It has been decided to replace the boy telegraph messengers at Portadown postoffice by girls.

Cavan.
Rev. Father Hogan, Rathvilly, was the recipient of a solid gold Celtic cross and Iris bog oak walking stick from the St. Mullin's team at the conclusion of the County Carlow hurling final.

Died.—At St. Laurence's Priory, Adelaide, South Australia, Rev. Father Michael Joseph O'Byrne, O. P., eldest son of the late James O'Byrne, esq., Evening Lodge, Carlow.

Cavan.
The death of Mrs. Howe, wife of R. Howe, postmaster, Swanlinbar, has occasioned deep regret among a wide circle of friends.

Died.—September 8, at her mother's residence, Kilmaley, Ennis, County Clare, Margaret, dearly beloved wife of the late Martin O'Connor, of 212 Parnell street, aged 23 years.

Septembers 1, at Skerries, Michael Cullinan O'Halloran, solicitor, of 11 Everton terrace, Old Cabra road, and Riverview, Ennis.

At Monmore, Kiltush, Charles Cullinan.

Died.—At his residence, North street, Skibbereen, John McCarthy. —At his residence, Driahreen, Charles McLean.

The deaths occurred at the Convent of Mercy, Carndonagh, County Donegal, of Mother Mary Joseph Carr.

Dr. Flood, medical officer, reported to the Newry Urban Council the occurrence of three cases of typhoid fever in the town. The clerk explained that the three cases occurred in the same house and he thought the infection could be traced to Belfast.

At Kingstown Urban Council the resolutions from the Dublin Corporation and the Limerick Corporation protesting against the banishment of the Irish Volunteers from Ireland, were considered. Mr. Field proposed and Mr. Smyth seconded their adoption.

The Enniskillen Guardians have expressed their sincere sympathy with the relatives of the late T. Doherty, J. P., who was a member of the Board for many years.

Damage to the extent of several thousand pounds was done by a fire at Galway which destroyed the drapery premises and the stock of McDonagh, Ltd.

A first class scholarship of £15; 11 second class (£10 each), and 9 third class scholarships of (£5 each), have been won by (the students of St. Brendan's Seminary, Killarney.

Callan Guardians have elected Dr. P. J. Phelan, son of William Phelan, Cashel, D. C., as workhouse medical officer, at an initial salary of £130 a year.

Michael Donnellan, Leamore, has been co-opted a member of the Birr No. 1 Rural Council, in room of the late John Hennessy.

J. Tiernan, Ballaghaderren, has been appointed manual instructor for Mayo, and Miss Coyne, dress-making instructor.

Died.—Recently, Mrs. Thomas Henry, of Fermoyle.

Foreign Mission News

Special correspondence by
The Propagation of the Faith Society
318 Lexington Ave., New York City.

The death of Mgr. Sabbaghian, former Patriarch of the Armenian Catholics of Constantinople, is announced. This venerable prelate was born in Syria in 1836. Made Bishop of Alexandria in 1901, he was elected three years later Patriarch of the Armenian Catholics of Constantinople. Since 1910, on account of failing health, he has been living in retirement at Cairo.

Announcement is also made of the death of Rev. Father Fiat, C. M., for forty years Superior General of the Lazarists and the Sisters of Charity.

Among the latest notable conversions to the Faith in China are Lou-tengziang and Ma-liang, who are respectively Minister of Foreign Affairs and President of the Committee for drafting the Constitution. Ma-liang was formerly President of the Legislative Assembly of Nanking.

From the Catholic orphanage at Munkden, Manchuria, comes word that eight hundred orphans are on the verge of starvation.

Fr. Maxime, one of the two priests in charge of the Catholic leper settlement at Molokai, says in the course of a letter that he is now "seventy-two years of age, very tired, and more or less used up." How touching that "very tired" is, when we consider that it means the fatigue of long years of painful labor in the service of the most afflicted of earth's children.

Most Rev. Thomas O'Shea, S. M., Coadjutor Archbishop of Wellington, New Zealand, now visiting this country, is authority for the statement that the Catholic Church in New Zealand is very strong and growing rapidly. In 1840 there were only 500 Catholics. Now they number one in seven out of a population of over 1,000,000.

Tales of glorious work and altogether inadequate means pour in from all our mission lands.

A few pennies will help to save a child; a few dollars, to keep open the doors of a Catholic school; a comparative small sum, to maintain the indispensable service of a trained catechist.

Schools The Prop Of The Church.

Fr. J. Aerts, a missionary in the diocese of Zamboanga, Surigao, Philippine Islands, thinks that the way to fill the churches is by the Catholic schools. He asked help some time ago to keep his schools open. No response coming, he writes again on the same subject.

"I have gathered in my 'convento' downstairs about one hundred children. Two teachers were engaged last year to give these pupils the elementary principles of English language, arithmetic, etc. At that time I had a small sum of money in cash, a gift from an American lady; but now all is expended for the salaries of the teachers.

"For a complete primary school course I should have also the fourth grade, but this year it is impossible owing to lack of money, and I can reckon only on Providence to allow me to continue the three grades. I proposed therefore last year in my letter, to find some persons who would pay the salary of my teachers, one of fifteen dollars a month, another of ten. In this way I should be helped a great deal. But even the salary of one teacher would give me great relief. By no manner of means would I let my children go to the public school, where there is no religion. We have seen, and see every day, only too clearly that those schools

are destroying slowly, but certainly, the Catholic Faith in these islands."

CATHEDRAL'S ANNIVERSARY

Observed Tuesday with Bishop T. F. Hickey Participating.

The seventeenth anniversary of the consecration of St. Patrick's Cathedral was observed Tuesday. Bishop Thomas F. Hickey assisted at a solemn high mass at 8.30 o'clock in the morning at which Rev. M. J. Nolan, D. D., was assistant priest, Rev. Stephen J. Byrne and Rev. E. B. Simpson, deacons of honor; Rev. J. Francis O'Hern celebrant, Rev. J. E. Napier, deacon; Rev. Joseph V. Curtin subdeacon and Rev. John M. Ball master of ceremonies. The priests of the cathedral were in the sanctuary. The mass was sung by St. Andrew's students, by the boys' and men's choir and the school children.

October devotions were held in the evening in Lady Chapel. Rev. James I. Maguire, S. J., preached on "Eternal Punishment." At the conclusion of the services, Bishop Hickey spoke on the history of the church and the development of Catholicism in this diocese.

TO JOIN DOMINICAN ORDER

Pastor of St. Anthony's Church Resigns.

Rev. Crociano Cappellino, of St. Anthony's Church, in Lyell avenue, announced to his congregation after mass last Sunday morning that he had resigned the pastorate of the church and that his resignation had been accepted by Bishop Thomas F. Hickey.

Father Cappellino came to this city from Italy ten years ago, and taught for a year in St. Andrew's Seminary. He was then appointed rector of St. Anthony's Church, to succeed Rev. Emil Gofell. He is 36 years of age. He said that it was his intention to join the Dominican Order, as he believed it would give him a better field for missionary service. He will go to Somerset, Ohio, to serve his novitiate, and will probably be sent from there to Washington or New York. He will join the Dominican Order in its Eastern province in this state.

St. Mary's Church, Danville, Approaching Completion.

Danville, Oct. 5.—St. Mary's Church is approaching completion. The exterior is finished with the exception of covering the dome of the tower with copper, placing stained glass in doors and windows and installing the statue. The gold cross has been erected on the summit and the small windows near the flying buttresses are installed.

The scaffolding in the interior has been removed, except under the choir loft and in the sanctuary. The ceilings, of open timber construction, are finished; the interior piers and clerestory arches are nearly completed. They are of a warm-colored brick with caps of Indiana limestone, on which will be stone corbels supporting statues, which will occupy places on both sides of the church. The parish house is being transformed into a handsome colonial residence. The school across the street is one of the best equipped in the state.

BANQUET ON COLUMBUS DAY

Knights of Columbus Will Gather at Hotel Seneca

Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus, will hold its annual reception and banquet on Columbus Day, October 12th, at the Hotel Seneca. The committee in charge has already booked Thomas A. Kirby, of Albion, as one of the speakers and is corresponding with several other men. Bishop Thomas F. Hickey will be the guest of honor and will speak. The reception will be held at 6.30 and the banquet will begin at 7 o'clock.

Catholic News

Notes.

DOMESTIC.

The Vincentian Fathers are the pioneers of the Canal Zone. Of the 60,000 people in Honolulu, 15,000 are Catholics.

The New York State Constitutional Convention by a vote of 102 to 13 decided not to incorporate the amendment of Delegate Westwood to the tax proposal. His scheme was that no property should be exempt from taxation except that of the United States.

The Law School Library at the Catholic University numbers 8,000 volumes.

A model of the statue of Robert Emmet which Jerome O'Connor, the Washington sculptor, is commissioned to make, has been completed, and has been approved by a committee of eminent sculptors, representing the officers of the National Gallery of Art, and has been accepted by the directors, which is a condition precedent to its being placed in the gallery.

A map of the world discloses the ominous fact that the war cloud has spread over the whole world with the exception of the United States, South America, China, Norway, Sweden, Russia, Abyssinia and some minor states. The population of the earth total approximately 1,733,000,000 souls. The total population directly affected by war is 987,340,626.

A group of parish buildings, including a church, school house, parish residence and Sisters' home are to be constructed on a site at Columbus Road and Freeman Avenue, S. W., Cleveland, Ohio, under the direction of Rev. Augustine Tomasek, rector of St. Wendelin's Slovak parish. The cost of the group of buildings will be close to \$200,000.

FOREIGN.

In Bengal the Jesuits from Belgium have converted at least 100,000 natives in the last 25 years.

The number of Christians buried in the catacombs of Rome is estimated at a minimum of 1,752,000. These catacombs required an excavation of ninety-six million cubic feet of solid rock.

The Church of St. Maria del Popolo, in Rome, erected in 1227, is built over the spot where the tyrant Nero is supposed to have been buried.

Recently, three prominent Anglican ministers of England were received into the Church.

In China and Africa there are fully 1,100,000 persons under instruction for Catholic baptism. According to estimate there are about 370,000 priests in the Church. Of this number about 300,000 are on the continent of Europe.

The shrine of St. Anne De Beaupre has an organ costing \$23,000.

In the Gilbert Islands 22 priests, 14 Brothers and 16 Sisters minister to about 20,000 people.

About 700 portable altars are required by Italian priests now in the army.

They say 300 priests and 100 religious have died on the battlefields of Europe.

October Weddings.

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