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The Pope And The Bible

Benedict XV Shows Deep Approval Of Popular Edition.

Another Practical Refutation of An Ancient Slander.

Of all the slanders against the Church produced by the Protestant Reformation that in regard to the teaching of the Bible is the one which recurs with the greatest frequency. It is an old, old story, known to every one of us, repeated as it has been in a thousand variations, all going to show that the Church ever sought to keep the Scriptures from the people. It is one of those historical lies which, no matter how often they may be refuted, refuse to die.

Only during the last few weeks a crudely written book, published by the Evangelical Union of South America, written by one F. C. Glass, a missionary to the benighted Latin American peoples, entitled "With the Bible in Brazil," has been placed in several of our public libraries to tell among other things this ancient slander. In Chapter II of this book we learn that "by the wisdom of the sixteenth century Council of Trent, it was laid down that no priest should read the Scriptures without the written consent of his bishop, under the penalty of excommunication. Such is the Roman fear of the Bible in the hands of her own priests."

In the face of these attacks, made and credited without a shred of evidence, the Church quietly but firmly goes along her path, encouraging the study of the Bible among the people. This is one of the duties of Her historic mission. Without Her watchful care in the days of the barbarian invasion, there today would have been no Bible for us to read. Through the voice of Her Pontiffs, She has time and time again advised the reading of the Holy Scriptures. Today, when "high-culture criticism" has obtained such popularity among non-Catholics, the Church stands as the defender of the integrity and divinity of the Word of God.

Even in the midst of the great European conflict, requiring his attention in so many other ways, we find our present Pontiff, Benedict XV, encouraging the spread of the Bible in popular form. The well-known Biblical scholar, Prof. James Ecker, now deceased, had prepared a translation of the Scriptures, which has lately been published in a pocket edition by the Bishop of Treves. On April 20th of this year this little book was laid before the Pope by the request of Dr. Korrm, Bishop of Treves, and on June 15th the following letter, expressing the Pope's opinion, was received:

"His Holiness pointed out a particular manner that the most important features of this Bible which Prof. Ecker of blessed memory has left as a heritage of piety to the diocese of Treves are the excellent language in which it is written, the addition of notes from the Fathers, and the very popular price. With great satisfaction he also remarked that the work in which Your Grace is so zealously engaged, the wide distribution of the Scriptures, has in our days become a mission of greatest charity, because of the fact that the sublime book can be used for the comfort of the war-prisoners and the wounded, for which the present edition is destined. Meanwhile the Holy Father expresses words of deepest praise and encouragement to Your Grace and all those that have supported and assisted you in this holy apostolate, granting at the same time as a token of his fatherly benevolence the petitioned Apostolic Benediction."

In this way has the Holy Father shown his deep sympathy with the work of distributing the Bible. It can serve to remind Catholics of their duty to intelligently and familiarize themselves with the inspired Word of God. In this way, too, will they give the most practical refutation to the ancient story of the hatred of the Church for the Holy Scriptures.

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Blessing of Graves.

Annual Ceremony Held at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

A crowd of from 15,000 to 20,000 people journeyed to Holy Sepulchre cemetery last Sunday for the annual ceremony of blessing the graves. Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Hickey officiated at the ceremonies. There was a procession of 250 students from St. Bernard's Seminary, led by Rt. Rev. Andrew B. Meenan, D. D.

After the opening prayer by Bishop Hickey the students sang the litany of the saints under the direction of Rev. John M. Pether. The procession then wound its way through the cemetery, the graves being sprinkled with holy water while the "Miserere" was sung. At the close of the ceremonies Bishop Hickey delivered an address.

"Is it not a glorious thought that in her charity Mother Church does not allow us to forget these dead!" said Bishop Hickey. "At least, then, there is one thing of which the Catholic Church cannot be accused of failing to do, toward men and that is of practicing charity. Her motto throughout ages has been, 'Charity for all, malice for none.' And still she is persecuted for what she believes and teaches, because she is Catholic. Like her Divine Founder, whom she imitates, she is singled out for attack and is made to suffer for the very exercise of the charity of Christ for men."

"To-day we are living in an active age, when we are apt to forget the more important part of life, the things of the soul and eternity." And so it is that a ceremony like that of to-day must bring home to the mind of even the scoffer of religion the value of life and death. Let us remember often those who have gone before us, knowing that we certainly shall follow them soon or later, when we hope that others will think of us.

"Let us daily thank God for that faith through whose vision we look into the future life, for that hope through which we expect to gain our eternal reward, and for that charity which consists in the love of God and our fellow men, which the Catholic Church never allows to grow cold in the hearts of her children, but which is exemplified in the ceremony of this day in these sacred surroundings."

MUSA NOBLES TO ENTERTAIN

"Ladies' Night" Will Open Season on Thursday, October 21st.

Musa Caravan, Order of the Alhambra, will open the season's activities on Thursday evening, October 21st, in the Knights of Columbus rooms in the Triangle building, with ladies' night. Card playing will be followed by other entertainments, dancing and a buffet luncheon.

The following nobles have charge of the entertainment: F. Ray Scherer, chairman; Miller H. Akin, William E. Blackwood, A. C. Conroy, Frank Green, William A. Heindl, John J. Kinney, Chas. H. Mallon, William E. Maloney, Charles Schenkel and Ray T. Shafer.

There are about fifty Catholic convents and monasteries in the Holy Land.

Of the fifty-five million people of Japan, about 72,000 are Catholics.

The women of Germany are making winter garments for the German army next winter.

A Good Time

To enter the Rochester Business Institute is Monday, October 15th, because at that time new classes will start in every department, including shorthand and typewriting.

Are you prepared for a business position? If not, wouldn't it be a good idea to start your preparation Monday morning, in the Rochester Business Institute?

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News From Ireland

A £30,000 fire occurred in the factory of Messrs. A. Millar & Company, jam-makers, Clifton street, Belfast, by which 300 employees have been left idle.

William Livingston, of Annesborough, Lurgan, at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, San Francisco, has been awarded the gold medal for tablecloths, napkins and handkerchiefs in hand-woven linen.

The interment took place at Knockbrenna cemetery of the late Peter Milligan, Ormeau road, Belfast. Many were present to pay a last tribute of respect to a much esteemed citizen.

There were twelve applicants for the position of town clerk of Portadown. On a division, the assistant town clerk, M. A. W. McClatchey, was elected by twelve votes to three cast for Mr. Gardiner, rate collector.

At the last examination, held in July, for clerkships in the Ulster bank, Bernard F. Kiernan, nephew of Patrick Kiernan, Aghahavains, Gowra, County Cavan, was successful.

Two daughters of Colonel Henn Kildysart, getting into difficulties while bathing at Spanish Point, Milntownmalbay, were rescued by Dr. L. L. McClanicy, Milntownmalbay.

Died - At the residence of her father, May, the eldest daughter of Thomas Clune, Gurteen, Doora, aged 28 years.

The death has taken place at Ballynora North, Middleton, of Mrs. Elizabeth Fitzgibbon, mother of the Very Rev. Dr. Edwin O. S. F. C., a well known member of the Capuchin Order, Cork.

A familiar and popular figure in the Derry goods department of the Great Northern Railway, William Magwood, has, after thirty-six years' service with the company, resigned.

Miss Clara Leonard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard, Oidtown, County Derry, has secured the Lynn scholarship of £20 at the entrance examination for resident students at a Belfast college.

Miss Eller McHugh mistress of Castlederg workhouse school, whose work has earned the highest praise of the inspector, is a sister of Most Rev. Dr. McHugh, Derry, and has held her position for fifty-five years.

Died - September 10, at Ballyshannon, Joshua, only son of Robert Jackson.

While bathing at Blackrock, County Dublin, Miss Kathleen O'Connor, a governess, aged 25, was drowned.

H. A. Burke, Drumkeen, Ballymalind, has been appointed a deputy lieutenant for County Fermanagh.

Damage which is estimated at about £2,000 was caused by a fire which destroyed the large drapery establishment of Messrs. Frank McDonagh, Ltd., Shop street, Galway.

Miss M. Rice, Woodford, has been appointed postmistress at Kinvara, in succession to her sister, the late Mrs. Haran.

Much regret is felt in Listowel and district at the death of M. Kerin, who enjoyed extensive popularity. He was chairman of the Listowel branch of the Town Tenants' League.

D. Crowley, R. O. Rathmore, Killarney Union, has resigned his position, owing to impaired health, after 30 years' service.

The reports of the Kilkenny woolen mills states that during the year ended July 31st, the net profits were £2,991, equal to over 11 per cent on the paid up capital.

Foreign Mission News

Special correspondence by The Propagation of the Faith Society 343 Lexington Ave., New York City.

"God wills it! Let us mobilize at once the vast world army of our Catholics. There is no time to lose. Those not of the fold are eager and active. Our opportunities lie in the present moment. Our help is imperatively needed."

Word has been received of the death of Mgr. Marie Julien Dunand, P. F. M., Vicar Apostolic of West Su-Tchuen, China. Bishop Dunand was seventy-four, at the time of his decease, which took place in his mission. He had been laboring in China since 1869.

Mgr. Eugene Louis Kleiner, P. F. M., former Bishop of Mysore, Hindustan, is dead. He was born in 1841, ordained priest in 1864, and at once departed for the missions. Made Bishop of Mysore in 1890, he filled that charge until 1910, when he was obliged to retire on account of illness. He died in France.

Bishop John Baptiste Cazet, S. J., recently celebrated, at Tananarive, the fiftieth anniversary of his arrival in Madagascar. This venerable prelate was named superior of the mission in 1864, and encountered manifold trials in his attempt to evangelize a field that presented difficulties of almost every variety. Tact and tireless energy finally triumphed, and to-day the Jesuits have every hope of soon seeing a native clergy come to the relief of the over-taxed European priests.

A New Mission Among The American Indians.

Rev. Edward Griva, S. J., wishes to announce that he has been sent to establish a new mission among some Indians who are almost entirely pagan. The post is at Nespelen, in the State of Washington, and although the settlement is a large one, it has never had a missionary before.

Of course there is neither chapel nor presbytery, and these Fr. Griva must build; he hopes to do so without going too deeply into debt, as it will not be easy for him to get out of debt if he once gets in it. The handful of Catholics among the four or five tribes can give him very little, and the pagans do not desire to contribute to his support. Therefore a little help from outside, will be gratefully received.

Again The Poor Pariah

The condition of the Pariah, in India, is always miserable enough, but when he becomes a Christian, his state is rendered even more unhappy. Always shunned by the high castes, he is then an object of derision to his own humble companions. But this fact does not deter many Pariahs from being baptized, and they soon learn that the Catholic religion brings a consolation all its own.

Fr. A. T. Antoine, the missionary at Karikal, Pondicherry, works among the Pariahs, and says of them:

"In India the word Pariah is synonymous with the low, poor, depressed class of people. The condition of the Pariahs is always deplorable, and to add to their misery, the change of religion renders it far worse. They are considered outcasts by their community and thrown out of every means of livelihood.

"This is a great trial to their faith. The missionary is their only support, and unless the missionary comes to their help in one way or another, there is the moral certainty of a rapid drifting back to paganism.

"Another source of peril to the new converts is their daily contact with their pagan brethren. So, I would like to gather in one place such of the converts as are surrounded by pagans, and form

Facts We Should Know About The Propagation of the Faith Society.

This Society is the most richly indulged Society in the Church.

There are fifty-three days in the year on which a plenary indulgence may be gained by our benefactors.

They share in the prayers, good works and sacrifices of 85,000 bishops, priests and sisters.

Fifteen thousand Masses are offered every year for the benefactors.

The favor of the privileged altar is granted for every Mass said in the name of a living member for the deceased.

The knowledge that benefactors are taking part in God's work should be a sufficient reward, but they cannot overlook the rewards offered by the Church for their interest.

Gaelic Association Has Successful Opening Meeting.

The Gaelic Literary & Musical Association is congratulating itself on its very successful opening meeting at the Conservatory of Music on Friday evening, October 8. The hall was filled to overflow by the members and their friends and many of the visitors and members passed an agreeable time renewing old acquaintances with some of the old members who were absent last season.

The initial entertainment was a "Mock Trial," presided over by "Judge Wisehead" (N. J. Davaroux) who rendered an interesting decision in the breach of promise case between "Widow Maloney," Miss Nora Carr and "Mr. Muldoon" (Owen Quigley) while the lawyers "Ketchum," "Skinem" were well represented by M. K. Fenelon and D. C. Ryan respectively.

Dancing was enjoyed until midnight and a thoroughly enjoyable evening was passed.

Instructions in dancing will form a feature of the next meeting which, will be appreciated by some of the new members.

About 50 applications for membership were received and the association looks forward to a most successful season.

Weekly Church Calendar

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost.

Gospel, St. Matt. xviii, 23-25.

S. 17. Maternity of Blessed Virgin

M. 18. St. Luke, Ev.

T. 19. St. Peter of Alcantaras, C.

W. 20. St. John Cantius, C.

Th. 21. St. Ursula and Comp., V.

MM.

F. 22. St. Mello, B. C.

S. 23. The Most Holy Redeemer.

Month of the Rosary.

Friday, Oct. 1, St. Remy; Saturday, 2, Guardian Angels; Sunday, 3, Feast of the Holy Rosary; Monday, 4, St. Francis of Assisi; Friday, 8, St. Bridget of Sweden; Saturday, 9, St. Denis; Monday, 11, St. Francis Borgia; Tuesday, 12, St. Wilfrid; Wednesday, 13, St. Edward the Confessor; Friday, 16, St. Gall; Sunday, 17, St. Hedwig; Monday, 18, St. Luke the Evangelist; Thursday, 21, St. Ursula; Saturday, 23, Feast of the Most Holy Redeemer; Sunday, 24, St. Raphael the Archangel; Thursday, 28, SS. Simon and Jude.

Concerning the Rosary.

It Is Not the Correct Thing To buy a rosary and neglect to have it blessed at once.

To neglect to obtain certain indulgences when the opportunity offers.

To neglect or refuse to become a member of the parish rosary society.

To omit the daily recitation of one decade, if a member of the rosary society.

To neglect to repair one's rosary, or to get a new one when broken.

To omit to carry a blessed rosary on one's person.

To barter one's indulgences rosary for money or valuables.

To say the rosary without devotion or in a hurry.

To omit reflection upon the mysteries while saying the rosary.

To be ashamed to carry a rosary or to recite it with others in common.

To imagine that the rosary is a form of prayer for the use of old people or those not able to read.

To be satisfied on occasion to say the rosary on one's fingers, this, however, is better than nothing.

To borrow the rosary of another when one can easily get his own.

To ask the use of a rosary which is known to have special indulgences attached to it.

To buy from peddlers what they falsely assert are indulgen- ces rosaries from the Holy Land or elsewhere.

To have one's rosary blessed by every strange priest one meets.

To think that there is any special merit for a lay Christian to hang a rosary upon his bedpost when he might keep it in a more accessible place, such as his pocket.

To exchange rosaries in order to exchange the indulgences at- tached to each. Both rosaries lose any indulgences they may have when this is done. — [Correct Things for Catholics.]

K. of C. Held Banquet in Honor of Columbus Day at Hotel Seneca.

Patriotism was the keynote at the banquet of the Knights of Columbus held at the Seneca Hotel Tuesday evening with five hundred guests attending. The banquet hall was decorated with the national colors, little flags were on the tables and in the buttonhole of each diner was the red, white and blue. And the theme of all the speakers was the same—love of country and reverence and support of the flag.

A toast was drunk to President Wilson, the guests standing. "To the President of the United States. May God continue to maintain and sustain him in his efforts to keep us from the horrors of war" was the way the speaker, Thomas A. Kirby of Albion phrased it.

George T. Roche was toastmaster and with him at the speakers table were Rt. Rev. Bishop Thomas F. Hickey, Rev. A. M. O'Neill, Grand Knight William F. Shafer, Mr. Kirby and James A. Duanigan.

Mr. Kirby was the chief speaker and his theme was "Patriotism." Bishop Hickey told how the Catholic Church has always been one of the most loyal supporters of the flag and among the first to rally to the standard when danger threatens. "I hope and pray," said Bishop Hickey, "that we may never be called to arms under the glorious stars and stripes but I know that if such a call comes Catholics, as in the past, will respond nobly."

Rev. A. M. O'Neill also spoke. The banquet was brought to a close by the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner."

The former Empress of France, Eugenie, is now in her ninetieth year. Her fortune is estimated at \$18,000,000.