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John D. Knowl!

No one will accuse John D. Rockefeller of possessing any overweening love for the Catholic religion, the Catholic Church or Catholics in general.

No one will dispute John D. Rockefeller's expert knowledge as to how to make a given dollar produce the most in dividend or how to make a given dollar go further than could be done by another man.

Well, John D. has been writing for a popular magazine a series of articles on "Benevolent Foundations and Efficient Philanthropy" in the course of which he makes these pertinent observations:

"Just here it occurs to me to testify to the fact that the Roman Catholic Church, as I have observed in my experience, has advanced a long way in this direction. I have been surprised to learn how far a given sum of money has gone in the hands of priests and nuns, and how really effective is their use of it. I fully appreciate the splendid service done by other workers in the field, but I have seen the organization of the Roman Church secure better results with a given sum of money than other church organizations are accustomed to accomplish of their fellow citizens in an effort to secure political advantage for themselves or Ireland."

It is becoming plain that there are many in Rochester, aside from the admitted and self-advertised bigots, who are willing to play a better game than other church organizations are accustomed to accomplish of their fellow citizens in an effort to secure political advantage for themselves or Ireland."

I speak of this merely to point the value of the principle of organization, in which I believe so heartily. It is unnecessary to dwell upon the centuries of experience which the Church of Rome has gone through to perfect a great power of organization."

Rochester has often furnished confirmatory proof of Mr. Rockefeller's conclusions. Witness, a few years ago a great fraternal order built and equipped a club house. Not long after Catholic laymen and women set out to do similar service for a Catholic philanthropy. The non-Catholic fair cost about dollar for dollar realized for expenses and disbursement. The Catholic managers turned over to the philanthropy about \$55,000 and the collection and operation had been about \$1,200!

Catholics in philanthropy do not have to set aside one-half of what others do for upkeep, salaries and the like. Perhaps, we do not pay our administrators what they should receive, judged by the emoluments of those outside the Church, but then they dedicated their lives and service to Almighty God and He will take care of their temporal welfare.

There's the reason and the difference!

Queer? The Remedy. It is queer, is it not, that the Federal laws are so strict that mail order houses, mining promoters and other commercial enterprises must tell only truth to those back of them will be indicted and prosecuted in the Federal courts and fraud orders issued

against their mail - which amounts to forcible suspension of their business enterprises - while such vile sheets as "Menace" can lie and publish obscenity and all manner of nastiness, yet they go scot free, while their publication is not only admitted to the United States mails but accorded the lowest rates possible.

Former Attorney-General Hogan, of Ohio, gives good advice along the line of possible remedies for prevailing conditions when he says: "We should be vigilant for the protection of the rights of every American citizen. I wonder how the other people would like to have the lash on their back from childhood up. I wonder how the other fellow would like to have it said, 'I will not vote for him because he is a Methodist or because he is a Baptist?'"

We do not come to you as solicitors to have justice measured out to us, but we do come to you: "If you want your church to be looked upon and in line with the Constitution of our country and State, as in touch with the spirit of the times and as ready and willing to accord to other the right that you demand for yourself, if it is incumbent upon you to regulate your bigots and to see that no longer in the name of patriotism and liberty men's reputations must be stolen from you."

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