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A Significant Sign Of The Times.

Educator Shows Need of Social Study But Suggests Radical Textbooks.

A Thought For Catholics in the Premises.

If there is any one thing which characterizes in an especial manner the expressions of public men and thinkers at the present day, it is the discussion of social problems. And also, it may be said, to a great degree this discussion is tinged with an unsound and unhealthy radicalism. The aim of all these men is to arouse the people to a realization of their responsibilities, and further, and to relate, to urge them to destructive action.

The leading article in the last issue of "The American Journal of Sociology" furnishes a very striking example of this state of affairs. It is entitled "The Mind of the Citizen" and is written by Arland D. Weeks, of North Dakota Agricultural College. The author strongly emphasizes the need for increased attention to political and social study among the people at the present time, and gives a few suggestions as to the particular line such study should follow. Coming from one who is engaged in educational work among a very important section of the people, his remarks and suggestions are worthy of consideration.

"The absence of insistent inquiry and discussion among the people," he tells us, "is a source of political weakness, for men elected to office reflect the common attitude and are circumscribed by prevailing conditions of insight and interest. The average voter needs to be convinced that unless he studies issues he will be unprepared to deal with them; he needs to study his lesson. Government is a matter requiring downright application on the part of citizens. Political questions must be framed for discussion, terms defined, and time devoted to the study of principles. Civic welfare cannot be achieved with a general avoidance of strenuous mental effort, and with a splinter of attention and a lust for amusement to fill every free hour."

The answer to our present difficulties, he declares, "is education, an education that centers on thinking. And as one cannot think unless he has material with which to think, it is important that there be provided specific thought-materials bearing upon the evolution of the state. There is need of a subject matter composed of biological, historical, scientific and evolutionary data, the upshot of which would be the grasp of underlying social principles. More need an acquaintance with the kind of material found, for example, in the works of Spencer, John Fiske, David Starr Jordan, Metchnikoff, Haeckel, Karl Marx, Darwin, Alfred Russel Wallace, Henry George, Lester F. Ward, and Prince Kropotkin."

Here we have indeed a veritable hodge-podge of radical writers from many fields of thought, revealing most pitifully the weakness of our modern teachings. The "education that centers on thinking" alone produces but very little of substantial good to the problems of humankind. That education which is to be productive of lasting and beneficial results must be based on correct ethical and moral principles. Urgently the Catholic here reminded of his duty in this matter. The words of Mr. Weeks as to the necessity for study on the part of the people of this nation applies no less to him as a citizen than to any other; and there is then, above all this, the duty on his part to use all of his efforts to see that our reforms are made in accordance with the unchanging Divine and natural law. He should remember the words of late Pontiff, Pius X, in his great encyclical on "Christian Social Action", in which he urges social study among Catholics in or-

der that Catholic social action may be "invigorated by all the practical methods furnished at the present day by progress in social and economic studies, by principles already gained elsewhere, by the conditions of civil society, and even by the public life of the States."

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How to Spend the Day in a Christian Manner

I.—IN THE MORNING.

1. When you awake bless yourself, and then say: "Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I give you my heart and my soul."
2. Rise promptly, dress yourself, kneel down and say: "O, my God, I adore Thee, I love Thee with all my heart, I thank Thee for all Thy blessings, I offer Thee all my thoughts, words and actions of this day."
3. Say moreover three Hail Marys in honor of the purity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

And if you have time add the Our Father, the Hail Mary, the Apostles' Creed, and the Confiteor.

II.—DURING THE DAY.

1. Before you begin your daily occupations, say: "All for thee, O Lord!"
2. When tempted to anger, say: "Jesus, give me patience."
3. If an impure thought comes into your mind, say quickly: "Jesus and Mary help me!" and turn your mind from it.
4. Say grace before and after meals, as in the catechism, or a Hail Mary instead.
5. If you commit a sin, ask God's pardon without delay.

III.—AT NIGHT.

1. Retire at the proper time, and, before going to bed, kneel down, bless yourself and say: "O, my God, give me grace to know wherein I have offended Thee today, and give me perfect sorrow for my sins."
2. Then pause a little to see what sins you have committed during the day, and then say the Christian acts as follows:

Act of Faith—O, my God, I firmly believe all the Holy Catholic Church teaches, because Thou, the Infinite Truth, hast revealed it.
Act of Hope—O, my God, relying on Thy Goodness and promises, I hope to obtain pardon for my sins, the assistance of Thy grace, and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ.
Act of Charity—O, my God, I love Thee with my whole heart and soul, because Thou art the Infinite God; and I love my neighbor as myself for the love of Thee.

Act of Contrition—O, my God, I am heartily sorry for all my sins, because by them I have lost heaven and deserved hell; but, above all, because I have offended Thee the Infinite God. I firmly resolve to sin no more, and to avoid the occasion of sin.
3. Say three Hail Marys in honor of the purity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, as in the morning.
4. Take holy water, bless yourself and retire.

5. When in bed say: "It is appointed for me once to die, and I know not when, nor where, nor how but what I do know is, that if I die in mortal sin, I am lost. And then, if you are in mortal sin make an act of perfect contrition and resolve to go to confession as soon as possible."

—The Lignorian.

Weekly Church Calendar

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost.

Gospel, St. Matt., xiii., 24-30.

S. 7. St. Willibrord, B. C.

M. 8. St. Severus and Comp., MM.

T. 9. St. Theodore Tyro, M.

W. 10. St. Andrew Avellino, C.

Th. 11. St. Martin of Tours, C.

F. 12. St. Martin, P. M.

S. 13. St. Stanislaus Kostka, C.

News From Ireland

Antrim.
The death of William Higginson, J. P., Dunrod, County Antrim, at the age of 76, is announced. Lisburn Guardians have passed a resolution of condolence to the widow and family.

Armagh.
The Armagh Guardians accepted the resignation of Dr. R. Gray, J. P., as dispensary medical officer of Armagh city, after 43 years' service.

Cavan.
Married.—At St. Patrick's church, Swanlinbar, County Cavan, by Rev. P. McPhillips, C. C., assisted by Very Rev. P. Soden, P. P., V. G., Manorbhamilton, Peter A. McCorry, M. R. C. V. S., Ballyconnell, County Cavan, to Mary Teresa, only daughter of Mrs. Sheil, Riversdale, Swanlinbar.

Derry.
Died.—September 27, at his residence, Mainstreet, Bailieborough, County Cavan, Laurence Sullivan, general merchant.

Down.
A handsome stained-glass window has been erected in Mayfield church, County Cork, in memory of the late Canon Thomas Fleming, who served in the parish as curate for thirteen years.

The death has occurred at Killeacina, Ballyporeen, of Henry O'Grady, J. P., who was much esteemed personally and in his public capacity.

Much regret is felt with R. R. Murphy, T. C., Cork on the death of his wife.

Derry.
W. L. Perry, clerk of Derry Union and District Council, died at his residence, Sunnymede, Clooney, from heart failure. Deceased, who was one of the best known and ablest Union clerks in Ireland, entered the Poor Law service in 1873, and twenty-eight years ago he was appointed clerk.

Down.
Rev. Patrick Kelly, C. C., Uxbridge, Middlesex, died after a brief illness. He was son of the late E. Kelly, N. T. Knockbrack, Letterkenny, was educated at the Diocesan College, Letterkenny; entered Maynooth College in 1887 and was ordained in 1893.

The committee of management of Down District Lunatic asylum at their monthly meeting accepted with regret the resignation of their clerk, Samuel Rea, after a public service of thirty-nine years.

Dublin.
It has been arranged to hold an "Irish week" in Dublin which opened on November 1. There was a big display of Irish goods in all the shops, Irish will be spoken as much as possible, Irish concerts held, etc. The object of the movement is the support of Irish industries. "Ireland alone" is the motto.

Galway.
At the meeting of the Swinford Board of Guardians recently, Dr. J. M. O'Reilly, Salford Royal hospital, was unanimously elected medical officer of the Charlestown dispensary district.

Kerry.
Miss M. Mangan, Listowel, has been appointed instructress in poultry keeping under the Tipperary (S. R.) County Council, in room of Miss Sullivan, resigned.

Kildare.
The late M. Dawson, of Oldtown, Donore, County Kildare, left estate valued at £12,064.

T. Gonnell, R. D. G., Vicarstown, a much esteemed gentleman, was found dead in his bed.

Kilkenny.
The Commissioners of National Education have awarded P. O'Gorman of Thomastown the Carlisle and Blake premium for 1914 as principal of St. Patrick's (nor.) Practising schools Drumcondra.

Monaghan.
The death has taken place at a private nursing home in Dublin of M. J. Walsh, manager of the National bank, Carrickmacross. Mr. Toal, chairman Monaghan County Council, has been sworn in as a permanent magistrate for the county.

Foreign Mission News

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

"God wants the world to suffer at present and we have to bear our part with resignation and confidence."—A Missionary Bishop.

A proverb accuses Chinese women of adding to their tongues all that is taken from their feet, alluding to the fashion elegant ladies once had of abbreviating their pedal extremities.

The gloom in the mission world is pretty general, but now and then a ray of light pierces it. An apostle in Africa who has suffered not a little from various causes, finally comments thus on the situation:

"It looks as if the whole thing is going to be turned into a blessing. Before the war the number of my catechumens was forty-one and now it has more than doubled."

The Call To Mass In Coimbatore.

In a corner of Hindustan, a Father-Gudin, P. F. M., has succeeded in raising the walls of a little chapel which still lacks doors and windows. How he managed to do this is known only to himself. Many scanty meals of cold rice, many privations in the way of other necessities were needed to get the dollars together.

Since the chapel has no doors or windows of course it has no bell. How then to call together a congregation in indolent India, how let the people know that the Divine Victim is about to be sacrificed? After much puzzling Fr. Gudin hit upon an expedient. He said to his flock:

"When you hear the whistle of the locomotive belonging to the train which crosses the Blue Mountains, that will be the time when you must start for Mass."

The train makes its appearance at eight o'clock in the morning. Its shrill whistle is now a signal to the faithful to arise and go to churchward. They respond readily, but the women are more in evidence than the men, which leads the good priest to opine that Heaven must be crowded with the fair sex.

Letter From a Redemptorist in Africa.

The missions of the Belgian Congo have suffered very much during the past year. Fr. Joseph Heintz, a Redemptorist priest, speaks in forcible terms about his station at Tumba. Before the war he had three hundred catechists who performed wonders among their black brothers. Now, although their pay was small, Fr. Heintz cannot keep them in his employ any longer, and he loses many souls, lost on this account.

In 1914, the station registered 1,700 baptisms, while the Christians numbered 7,000, and the catechumens 12,968. There is small prospect that this good work can be kept up unless a few friends come to the rescue.

"Rumor has been busy for many months regarding the question of Mr. G. K. Chesterton's religion," says the "Catholic Universe," of London. "The rumor has been persistent both in England and upon the American continent that Mr. Chesterton had embraced the Catholic faith. The 'Universe,' on inquiry at Mr. Chesterton's home at Beaconsfield, was informed that the published statements were perfectly untrue."

"To cast away a virtuous friend
I call as bad as to cast away one's
own life, which one loves best."
—Sophocles.

American Nuns Are Teaching in Porto Rico.

Dominican Sisters from Brooklyn have charge of two hundred children in Bayamon, Porto Rico. Their teaching has been such a success that the school has been accredited by the Board of Education. In this school it has been customary to employ a Spanish teacher in order that that language may be properly taught to the little Porto Ricans.

Bishop Jones, who, incidentally, is a son of New York State, usually defrays the expense of the Spanish teacher, but like all the bishops, he must curtail expenses and can no longer raise money for her salary. Without Spanish instruction the school will not be accepted by the Board of Education, which would be a great disaster for a Catholic institution.

Fr. Martin Luyckx, O. P., writes the details of the mission; he says there are sixteen Dominican Fathers from Holland working among the natives, but never since the beginning of the work have they experienced such hard times as now.

Protestants Recognize Our Difficulties.

Protestants are recognizing great need of the Catholic Church in the pagan lands during this crisis. The Missionary Review of The World under the heading "Catholic Missions Handicapped," says:

"Roman Catholic Missions are being profoundly affected by the war, and their friends seem to feel that the responsibility rests especially upon the Roman Catholic Church in the United States. The need for men is apparently quite as great as that for money. One Tyrolean priest, at work in South India, writes:

"We Catholics must have missionaries of every flag in the field. The necessity for this is clearly shown just now, when from India about 45 French priests are being called to the colors. While the Germans and Austrians are cut off from their respective countries so completely that they cannot receive alms or even private letters from their friends at home. The sooner American Catholic priests come to the East the better."

Donation Day For St. Ann's Home.

Plans for the annual donation day for St. Ann's Home for the Aged, to be held at Convention Hall on Wednesday, November 17th, are about complete. The work of solicitation for the dinner and supper to be served in the annex has been unusually successful, and it is expected, from the interest shown, that this feature of the day will surpass that of any previous donation day. Mrs. Mary Huether, the general chairman for the day, has announced the committees.

Funeral of Dr. Barber.

The funeral of Dr. Harry W. Barber took place Thursday morning at 9:30 o'clock from the home, No. 782 Main street west, and at 10 o'clock from St. Peter and Paul's Church. Solemn requiem high mass was celebrated by Rev. J. Emil Gefell, assisted by Rev. John Duffy, of Bombay, deacon and Rev. William F. Stauffer, sub-deacon. In the sanctuary were Rev. A. M. O'Neill, Rev. Edward Byrne, Rev. Andrew Byron, Rev. Arthur A. Hughes, Rev. Edward Rawlinson, Rev. John Bresnahan, Rev. J. C. Sullivan, Rev. J. Francis O'Hern, of this city, and Rev. William Payne, of Auburn.

The service was largely attended and the floral offerings were numerous. Delegations from the Knights of Columbus and St. Peter and Paul's Branch, C. M. E. A.; children of the Catholic Orphan Asylum and nurses from St. Mary's Hospital were present.

Cardinal Gibbons's Letter.

Cardinal Gibbons has sent to all the Archbishops and Bishops of the United States, a letter concerning the Annual Collection for the Catholic University on the first Sunday in Advent.

The Cardinal concludes his letter by saying:

"We appeal, therefore, most earnestly to our beloved Catholic people for a generous continuance of the support in past years to the Catholic University. We must henceforth be prepared to make sacrifices in the cause of higher education, since the welfare and progress of all our schools, convents, and academies are intimately bound up with the higher Catholic education, whence they draw their sustenance and inspiration. The progress of the Catholic University means the progress of our clergy, our religious communities of teachers, our faculty, and for this reason, among others, the Holy See has never failed to commend its development and endowment to all American Catholics, particularly to those on whom God has bestowed great material prosperity. By furthering the University in the way of buildings, equipment, and endowment our wealthy Catholics would at once enhance the power and influence of our holy religion, emulate the generous donations of non-Catholics in the cause of higher education, establish noble monuments of which their children would one day be justly proud, and take place among the American Catholic people."

Gaelic Association Plans Fancy Costume Dance.

The Gaelic Literary and Musical Association is making elaborate preparations for its annual Fancy Costume Dance and Masquerade to be held at the Conservatory of Music on Friday evening, November 26. Invitations are now being issued to the friends of the members and it is expected the attendance will rival that of the opening night.

Four valuable prizes for the most effective costumes have been donated by well wishers of the organization.

Final instructions as to the arrangements will be given the members at the next social meeting which will be held on Friday, November 12, at the Conservatory.

Ancient Order of Hibernians Start Membership Campaign.

The membership campaign conducted by the Ancient Order of Hibernians is progressing very favorably. Reports from all the Divisions show a marked increase and the prospects are that when the State and National officers visit the city one of the largest classes of candidates for initiation in the history of Monroe County will be admitted to the Order. The County officers are visiting all the Divisions in this County and encouraging the members in their work.

The National Officers are now in New York State and from reports received are highly gratified with the healthy condition of the order in the State and we feel sure Monroe County will be second to none in the reception it will give the distinguished visitors on the occasion of their visit to Rochester.

We fully realize that conditions are such in this country which warn us to unite and to urgently invite every Irish American Catholic to unite with us and see in our might to the assistance of those who on the public platform cannot defend themselves from the vile attacks of our 20 scurrilous anti-Catholic sheets.

Therefore we appeal to every Irish American to stand up and be counted and if there are any whom we do not reach in this membership campaign let him send his name and address to the County Secretary, 4 Mona Street, and he will send into the Division in whose respective locality he resides.

A pleasant companion on the road is as good as a coach.