

Milton's Debt To The Catholic Church.

Whence Great Poet Drew His Inspiration.

The Ennobling Effect of Catholicism

In his essay on "Eugenie de Guerin", Matthew Arnold has told us of the ennobling and inspirational effect of Catholicism upon the character of the individual and upon the work which that individual performs. It is true, he could not understand the real essence of Catholicism, the real final reason for its nobility, but he does say that in it there is "something European, august and imaginative", while in Protestantism he finds to a great degree "something provincial, mean and prosaic". He contrasts the effect which this elevating influence of Catholic atmosphere and traditions has upon the life and writings of Middle de Guerin with the effect of Protestantism upon an equally sincere and pious lady of a non-Catholic sect. In the acts and expressions of the latter there is not the vision or sense of beauty or depth of feeling that the former always shows.

In a not too sympathetic review, this attribute of Catholicism has again been dwelt upon by a recent writer in speaking of the work of the great English poet, John Milton; the poet who, he says, "Teutonized the versed sciolti imported from Italy". The great source of Milton's inspiration, so we learn, was Catholicism. "It is this sympathy (with Catholicism and the Medieval) which explains the presence in Paradise Lost of an Anselmian theory of the Atonement. It is this sympathy which accounts for the strange intermingling of allegory with the historicity of the poem; an allegorizing tendency which is scarcely inferior to that of Gregory the Great or Guillaume de Loris, and which stirred Addison to utter astonishment."

"It is not necessary", this critic goes on to say, "to believe with Msgr. Barnes that he was a Catholic at heart and died in that faith, in order to realize his indebtedness to the old religion. His grandfather was a Catholic and his brother became one; and the fragments of emotional sympathy still lived in the determined intellectual opponent of the Papacy." (The British Review, December, 1915, p. 443.)

Chateaubriand in his "Genius of Christianity" has cited Milton's poetic efforts as an example of the happy effect of Christianity upon the genius of the world. And now we know that the essence of this thought and inspiration came from that pure form of Christianity, the Catholic Church. Catholics should learn to understand the beauty and nobility of their religion, not alone in a spiritual sense but from a natural viewpoint. They should seek to reveal this beauty of their Church to those who live about them. It is an obligation which should not be allowed to pass.

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Foreign Mission News

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Monsignor Joseph Freri has just received from Bishop Clerg Renaud, C. M., Vicar Apostolic of Eastern Kiang Si (China) the following cablegram:

"The District of Kintchen has been almost entirely destroyed by a flood. Thirty thousand persons have been drowned and the damages to property will amount to several millions of dollars. The Catholic mission is practically destroyed. Will American Catholics send us some help?"

Offerings for this most worthy cause will be received at the National Offices of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, 343 Lexington Ave., New York, N. Y., Monsignor J. Freri, General Director, and immediately forwarded to their destination.

Bishop D. D. Dougherty, before leaving the Philippine missions for his new duties in Buffalo wrote:

"I take this opportunity of sending to the Propagation of the Faith my expressions of the deepest gratitude for its extraordinary kindness to me during my stay in the Philippines. One of the happiest memories, which I shall bear away with me from this country, will be the constant and great help I received from this Society."

St. Joseph Protects Some Orphans.

A native priest in India asks our help in reconstructing an orphan asylum of which he has charge. His name is Fr. J. Balasani, and his address is Chootai, P. O. Madras.

This good missionary states that St. Joseph is the patron of the orphanage, and recently protected his poor little ones in a special manner. Very heavy rains had been falling for several days. The building wherein the children were sheltered was old and unstable, but no one thought of danger, and indeed there was no other house that could be used. By some good chance, in the middle of an especially stormy night some one knocked loudly at the orphanage door and said the children were in danger. They rose hastily and ran out of the building. Scarcely had they done so when the roof fell in. Had they remained longer many of them would have been injured or killed.

This seems to show that St. Joseph has a real regard for this orphanage and perhaps he will now aid in getting a new building.

Rubaga's Dilapidated Church.

Fr. John Forbes, well known to many Americans a few years ago as the Superior of the White Fathers in Quebec, Canada, has been in Uganda for the past few years, acting as Superior of St. Mary's School, Rubaga. Though an important post it has only a dilapidated house of worship. Fr. Forbes says of it:

"To-day is Sunday and it rains. I have just come from High Mass in our poor old church at Rubaga. Perhaps you think I am going to talk to you about the piety of our Christians, and tell you how much they edify me by their good will and their fervor; but this is not the important thing just now. What I wish to say is that, unfortunately, it rains in our church. A severe storm, such as is often seen at the equator, came upon us during High Mass, and, as usual, it rained a little everywhere in the sacred building; in spite of the thick bed of straw which forms the roof it rained in the choir, it rained on the altar, it rained in the three aisles. Under these circumstances, priest and people move sideways, as far as possible, to keep the rain from falling on their backs, but what if I tell you that Our Lord Himself has no shelter in His own house? One of the three fathers who gave Holy Communion before Mass could not prevent some drops of rain falling into the ciborium.

"The edifice really cannot be repaired, and the time has come to replace it with another, more solid, more durable and larger. This time we will build it, not of earth baked in the sun, but of brick, real brick, baked in an oven. The roof will not be made of straw, but of good water-tight tiles.

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Irish Press and News Service.

Deported Irish Relief Committee Arrive in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hughes Kelly of New York and Joseph Smith of Lowell, Massachusetts, who sailed July 15th for Liverpool with \$50,000 of the Irish Relief Fund to distribute among the sufferers from the recent revolution in Ireland have returned on the same steamer, having been refused permission to land by the British Authorities.

Mr. Kelly issued the following statement:

"Messrs. Thomas Hughes H. Kelly of New York and Joseph Smith of Lowell, Massachusetts, sailed from New York on the American line steamship Philadelphia for Liverpool, for the purpose of distributing the Irish Relief Fund in Ireland. They were provided with American passports issued by the State Department and vised by the British Consul-General in New York.

Before the issue of the passports Mr. George Gillespie of New York, attorney for Mr. Kelly and chairman of the Executive Committee of the Irish Relief Fund, was placed in possession of brief biography of Messrs. Kelly and Smith for the information and guidance of the State Department, and he had several telephonic interviews with Mr. Polk, counselor of the State Department, and advised him of the purpose of the visit of Messrs. Kelly and Smith to Ireland, and their character and reputation had been discussed by him with the British Ambassador in Washington, apparently in a manner satisfactory to all concerned.

The party sailed from New York July 15th and arrived in Liverpool July 24th. The Philadelphia dock and the passengers were assembled in the dining saloon for examination before departure.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly and Mr. Smith were called after a time by numbers given them (132-133) and invited to a corner of the dining saloon where their passports and papers were demanded and given over to Mr. E. N. Cooper, aliens' officer. Messrs. Kelly and Smith were then taken to their cabins by detectives and subjected to personal search of the minutest character; their pockets emptied, pocketbooks opened, all papers, cards, letter, note-books, etc., scrutinized and read, and their arms, legs and body felt, to ascertain if anything was concealed about their person.

It was the sort of examination that arrested criminals are usually subjected to. The detectives then conducted them to the dock where their baggage was and where they were ordered to open it, and where it was examined in great detail. The baggage of Mrs. Kelly was subjected to the same scrutiny and minute inspection. Her private letters and papers were examined and read, the whole transaction being singularly lacking in decency, propriety or any consideration for the feelings of the examined.

We were then returned to the house? One of the three fathers who gave Holy Communion before Mass could not prevent some drops of rain falling into the ciborium.

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THE CATHOLIC SUMMER SCHOOL

(Special to the Catholic Journal.)

Cliff Haven, N. Y., Aug. 18th. Following the example of Philadelphia and New York, the Bostonians have set aside a week in which to hold special celebrations in honor of the Summer School Jubilee. As is customary—and as is fitting, peculiarly fitting, and so in accord with the aim and purpose and vital breathing, beautiful spirit of the Summer School—the ceremonies of the week were opened with High Mass on Sunday morning, the celebrant of which was the Rev. William Livingston, A. M., of New York.

The preacher at the High Mass was the Rev. Walter Drum, S. J., of Woodstock College, Md. The text of the sermon was taken from the epistle of the day: "Now all these things happened to them in figure." Father Drum told the story of the Exodus, and showed how the events thereof could be profitably applied to everyday life.

"Boston Night" was the form taken by the "Family Gathering" on Sunday evening. The Rev. David J. Hickey who presided, welcomed the assembled guests, and paid a stirring tribute to the part played by Bostonians in the building up of the Summer School. Mr. Joseph J. Reilly, Ph. D., Chief Examiner of the Civil Service Commission, Boston, responded for his city.

During the week some excellent lecture courses were given: the Rev. Patrick McCormick of the Catholic University at Washington, D. C., spoke on "Vittorino Da Feltré, Guarino Da Verone, Pius II, Erasmus, and Juan Luis Vives, Some Typical Educators of the Renaissance"; the Rev. Thomas F. Coakley D. D., of Pittsburgh, showed a deep knowledge of ecclesiastical history embracing the Avignon period and the Great Western Schism in his course on "The See of Peter in a Struggle for Freedom". Of great interest too, was the course given by the Rev. William A. Livingston, A. M., of New York, on "The Legendary Period of Irish History". During Father Livingston's lectures an Irish flag presented by the New York Hibernian Society was displayed. On Monday evening, the Hon. Thomas W. Churchill of the Board of Education, New York, gave a lecture on "The New Education" on Tuesday evening, Mrs. Luna E. Van Zandt, of Buffalo, gave an illustrated lecture entitled "A Visit to Lourdes", and on Thursday and Friday evenings Miss Eleanor Payez of Brooklyn gave piano recitals from classic romantic and modern composers.

Tuesday evening August 15th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception was suitably observed. In the morning the Masses were at 6:30, 7, 8 and 9 o'clock. In the afternoon a grand procession, containing nearly fifteen hundred persons, headed by a cross bearer and a large banner of the Blessed Virgin, marched around the ground venerating a shrine of the Blessed Mother, and gathering at the close at a rustic altar constructed on the terrace leading down to the lake. Here the Assumption Day sermon was preached by the Rev. J. J. Bell of Amherst, Mass., who also preached the preparatory Triduum—immediately after which the beautiful program of the day was fittingly concluded by Solemn Benediction.

On Wednesday evening the Campers presented their annual Minstrel and Vaudeville. As ever a large crowd was present, for the Camp entertainments are among the most popular given at Cliff Haven. The feature of the evening was a sketch "Somewhere in France" written by James T. L. O'Donohue of Fordham University Dramatic Association.

The Ladies' Championship Golf Tournament, held during the past week, resulted in a victory for Mrs. D. J. Sadlier of New York.

Catholic Notes of Interest.

Domestic

Eight thousand people attended the dedication, by Archbishop Moeller, of the new St. Mark's Church in Evanston, Cincinnati. The church is in the architectural style of S. Marie in Trastevere, Rome, and, when completed, will have cost \$150,000.

Archbishop-Messmer says "the Catholic Hospital Association has already received the hearty endorsement of a number of Archbishops and Bishops of the United States and Canada."

The Xaverian Brothers will be established in Wichita, Kas., this year. At the close of the schools this June, they took over the higher grades.

Last year the priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia personally sent the Holy Father Benedict XV. the munificent sum of \$25,000.

"The Catholic Convert," a monthly publication in New York, now in its second year, reports over 40,000 converts last year in the United States.

The Paulist Fathers have opened a settlement house in Chicago.

It is said that \$225,000 already has been raised for the new theological seminary of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Plans for it are now being drafted.

Apostolic Delegate Archbishop Petrelli, formerly Bishop of Lipsa, P. I., will probably succeed Archbishop Hartly in the See of Manhattan.

The citizens of Lead have presented their new and recently enthroned Bishop, Mgr. Lawler, with a seven-passenger automobile. The presentation took place in the Auditorium in the presence of 700 citizens of all creeds. The City Attorney made the presentation address.

Somerset, Wis., will build a \$45,000 church this summer and St. Francis Convent, Bay Settlement, Wis., will erect a \$15,000 addition this year.

Rev. Thomas G. Carroll, secretary to Cardinal Farley, ordained at the American College, Rome, six years ago, has been elevated to the dignity of a Cavalier Secreto, with privilege of wearing purple and title of Monsignor, by his Holiness Benedict XV.

In the Church, the world over, all is seemingly calm and serene.

In Spain a national Catholic Union, social, political and religious, will be formed.

Rev. Daniel Foley has been made Bishop of Ballarat, Australia.

A recently enacted law in France is that no work, no person, and no newspaper may appeal to public charity without the authorization of the Government.

In the Church of St. Mary della Scala, Rome, is preserved with great veneration a foot of St. Theresa.

The journal "Echo de Paris" has raised \$340,000 for the French Association whose object is to procure for crippled soldiers and sailors artificial limbs.

The British authorities at Travancore, India, have expelled the German Sisters of the Holy Cross—ten in number, who were in charge of the hospitals.

News From Ireland

Curlew.

Died—At his residence, Ballasalla, Hacketstown, County Carlow, Thomas Scott.—July 8th at his residence, Ballymurragh house, Graignemanagh, Maurice Kelly, aged 76 years.

Married.—July 4, at the parish church, Kilmihil, with nuptial Mass, by the Rev. W. Seanlan, C. C., John Lillis, draper, Kilmush, third son of the late John Lillis and Mrs. Lillis, Kilmacroll, to Nora, third daughter of Michael Ryan, merchant, Knocklough.

W. O'Connell, who obtained first class honors in his recent examination in engineering at University College, Cork, passed his intermediate course at the Christian schools, Tralee, where he matriculated in 1914, afterwards winning a Kerry County Council scholarship. He is grandson of T. Crowley, Sackville, Ardfer.

The death at Auckinad, N. Z., has occurred of the Rev. T. J. McCormack, elder son of the late J. McCormack, Scotts Square, Queenstown.

Married—July 6, at Cork, by the Rev. J. Sexton, C. C., St. Patrick's, assisted by the Rev. J. Aherne, C. C., Henry, son of the late Denis O'Mahony, of Midleton to Emily, youngest daughter of the late Michael Murphy, 30 Wellington road, Cork.

Married—At the Church of the Seven Dolours, Glasnevin, by the Rev. J. Fitzgibbon, C. C., assisted by the Rev. P. J. O'Brien, Glencullen, Joseph P. Broderick, eldest son of Michael Broderick, J. P., Kilbogget House, Cabinteely, County Dublin, to Kathleen, only surviving daughter of the late John McKenna, Auvergne, Ballymun road, County Dublin.

The death is recorded of Mrs. Fitzgerald, former principal of Letterfiniah, N. S., and mother of Rev. Father Fitzgerald, St. Brendan's, Killarney.

A well known Tralee cattle dealer, John O'Connor, has passed away.

Kildare.

Very Rev. J. Delany, P. P., presided at a public meeting at Strandbally where a resolution was adopted sympathizing with the nuns of the Presentation Convent on the outbreak of enteric fever in the orphanage, convent and technical school and pledging them financial assistance. Dr. T. F. Higgins and Rev. A. Feneal were appointed secretaries.

Thomas Langan, the popular Secretary of the Kildare County Council, has died after an operation at the County Kildare infirmary.

Kilkenny.

The death took place at the South Presentation Convent, Cork, of Mother De Sales Whyte, who had reached the sixty-first year of her religious profession. Deceased was sister of the late M. Whyte, Dunbell, County Kilkenny.

Limerick.

The death has occurred of W. J. Fitzgerald, Abbeyfeale, brother-in-law of J. P. O'Connor, accountant's office, G. P. O., Dublin and M. O'Connor, Glin.

Monaghan.

Married—At the Church of the Catholic University, Stephen's Green, with nuptial Mass, by the Rev. T. Gillic, P. P., Duleek, J. S. Langan, eldest son of the late John Stafford Langan, of Bellewstown House, Drogheda, to Alice, third daughter of the late Richard Leonard and Mrs. Leonard, Meadsbrook, Ashbourne Meath.

Monaghan.

Monaghan A. O. H., Division 255, have passed a resolution of protest against the searching of the Mercy Convent, Kinvara, by the authorities.

Queen's.

Died—July 1, at her residence, Shanrath, Queen's county, Mrs. Anne O'Dwyer.