

School-Time Lesson For Catholic Parents

"High Society" and Fine Equipment Remote Considerations

Picture Drawn by America's Leading Sociologist.

The school time is now at hand. In many of the cities of the country, perhaps in the majority, lessons have already been resumed. The children have returned to their classes for a half day at least. The parents have made their decision as to the education of their little ones for another year. If their decision has been incorrect, however, if it has been dictated by considerations that will prove of injury to the children, it is not too late to make a change in the plans which have been laid. The choice of a place of training for the child is one of the most serious businesses that can confront anyone; for it will play an important, and sometimes a determining role in the child's future life.

A popular magazine has but lately called our present time "The Superficial Age" and has run an article on the subject, showing the emptiness of the accepted theories and practices of the moment. In unfortunate irony, that very magazine itself is a standing example of superficiality and shallowness. It is too much to expect that our Catholic parents will be altogether free from the temptation to fall in with the current, and feel strongly inclined to do the thing which is "fashionable". They will be attracted by the superficial in education which is loudly praised today. They will be tempted quite sorely to send their little girl and boy to the place where the "best society" can be found, and where a hypocritical veneer of "good manners" can be placed upon them. They will be strongly impelled to choose for their children the beautiful building which they see rising above the park, and where there is taught, even in the lower grades, botany and mythology which God has blessed us. As and psychology and what-not to make of the little ones masters of everything and totals of human knowledge.

Beyond a doubt it is well in such critical matters that such constitution. We are not worthy of our people as are going astray are not worthy of God's blessings. "Rude" means may even Him, nor are we worthy of His blessing unless we love and serve our country. My religion is that taught me by the Catholic Church, my politics those taught me by the principles on which this Republic is built; my life is equally devoted to both.

Foreign Mission News

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The Prefect Apostolic of Sapporo, Japan, finds himself obliged to petition for assistance. He is the Right Rev. Wenceslaus Kindl, O. F. M., and to the Franciscans is due the founding of the apostolic work in Sapporo. They possess several mission stations and a hospital, conducted by the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary, but all these works are now in distress.

Sending a picture of the impressive scene attending the reception of the Apostolic Delegate at Nagasaki, Bishop Combar adds that several of his faithful priests are beginning to feel the weight of years and he does not know how much longer he can count on their aid. One of these, a native Father, has long had charge of the nuns and will be greatly missed.

New Work For Filipinos

It is gratifying to learn that a new industry is being developed in the Philippine Islands, which will give employment to many natives and so brighten conditions a little. The work of the Philippine Sponge Company's meeting with a large measure of success in Manila. They are getting out large quantities of first-class sponges and are using exclusively Moro labor, which is proving very satisfactory. The Moros readily learning the difficult process of cleaning the sponges. The Sulu sponges compare very favorably with the best from the Florida and Greek fields. The Philippine sponge beds are far more extensive than those of Florida, and if properly protected will last for years. It has been predicted that the Philippine Islands will become one of the best sponge fields in the world.

If prospects brighten perhaps the natives will be able to assist in rebuilding their ruined churches and in supporting their clergy.

Hard To Uplift The Indians of Fiji.

We have already announced that Fr. J. M. Oreve, S. M., has been put in charge of the East Indians, who have come to the Fiji Islands in the hope of bettering their fortunes. The missionary finds his task no easy one. The majority of the new arrivals are lost in the superstitions of their Hindu beliefs, a few have had some religious instructions, but one and all are absorbed in money getting and have very little desire to think of anything connected with their souls. The only hope, under such circumstances, is to secure the children, educate and Christianize them and wait for another generation to show the fruits of the spirit. Bishop Vidal has given Fr. Oreve part of the money needed for a proper boarding school, but the latter must raise the remainder. The call is a worthy one and should awaken a response.

KNIGHTS GIVE \$20,000.

Recently a delegation from the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus, consisting of Supreme Knight Flaherty, Supreme Chaplain, Father McGivney, Supreme Secretary McGinley, and Supreme Treasurer Callahan, waited upon His Excellency the Most Rev. John Bonzano, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, and presented him with a check for \$20,000, the first installment of the Peter's Pence collection offered to the Holy Father to help defray the expense of the Holy See whose revenue has been so greatly diminished by the European war.

Weekly Church Calendar

- Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
- Gospel, St. Luke vii., 12-16.
- S. 24. Our Lady of Ransom.
- M. 25. St. Finbarr, B. C.
- T. 26. SS. Cyprian and Justina, MM.
- W. 27. SS. Cosmas and Damian, MM.
- Th. 28. St. Wenceslaus, M.
- F. 29. The Dedication of St. Michael.
- S. 30. St. Jerome, C. D.

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CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN MEXICO

What It Has Accomplished And How It Has Been Handicapped

"Catholic Education in Mexico (1525-1912): The Story of Three Hundred Years of Constructive Endeavor". This is the title of the new pamphlet just issued by the Central Bureau of the Central Verein as No. 33 and 34 of its well known popular series. It is one of the most interesting and enlightening of those instructive publications, dealing with a subject about which there has been much haziness in the popular mind in this country, and much confusion. It treats the matter in a satisfying, clear-cut fashion, showing the true facts as to the work of the Church in the educational field in the Southern Republic.

Catholics themselves in the United States are greatly unaware of the role of their Church in the intellectual uplifting of the Mexican people and of the severe handicaps which were placed upon the efforts of the Catholic educators in the accomplishment of their object. The author of the pamphlet is well qualified to tell them of this, for he is the editor of the Spanish Catholic paper, La Revista Catolica, of Las Vegas, New Mexico (Father Gerardo Decorme, S. J.), and has devoted much time to the study of this subject and in extended research work in its regard. In the near future he is to publish a larger work upon the same matter. In the present effort, though, he declares it to be in no way a detailed account of the Catholic endeavors in education, surprising information is furnished of the unceasing activities of the Catholic priests and religious. The list of schools and institutions of higher learning which he sets forth as the result of their efforts forever refutes the widely prevalent calumny that such lack of education as may be found in Mexico is due to the blight of Catholicism. On the other hand, we see quite clearly that every obstacle that could be placed in the way of Catholic educational endeavors were so placed by the anti-Catholic Liberals, who today pose as the saviors and enlighteners of their unfortunate country. As the introduction of the pamphlet says: "Upon their heads rests the blame for any lack of enlightenment of the Mexican people."

The Lang Son Present Some Difficulties.

Fr. Cothonay, O. P., has difficult work in bringing the Lang Son, one of the wildest tribes of Tonkin up to the standards of Christianity. They are a poor people, whose only possessions of any value are rice fields in which they may raise the wherewithal to keep soul and body together. But in spite of the great necessity in which they exist, these rice fields are often for sale. In explanation of this strange fact, it may be stated that the Lang Son love to gamble, and they also love opium. It is not easy to satisfy these habits, so because it makes him sad, is far when bankruptcy threatens the precious rice fields are put up for sale. Marriages and funerals also mean considerable expense, and for these the improvident creatures are often obliged to part with their buffaloes.

News From Ireland

Armagh

Harvesting operations have already been begun in Armagh. Thanks to the great heat that has prevailed in this district for the past four weeks, the corn crops generally have arrived at maturity.

Died—August 15, at his residence, Deer Park, Lurgan, Thomas, dearly beloved husband of Sophia Louisa Creaney, aged 69 years.

Carlow

Miss M. Deering (Sister Brendan), daughter of the late J. Deering, Ardaraue Lodge, Carlow, and Miss J. Brett (Sister Benignus), daughter of T. Brett, Ballyfinane, Drombane, Thurles, have been professed at the Presentation Convent, Kilkenny.

Died—August 13, at his residence, Kilaroe, Threecastles, Patrick Hennessy, aged 87 years, father of Rev. N. Hennessy, C. C., Ballyyouiskill.—August 12, Anna, wife of John Ryan, Charlotte street, Carlow.—August 10, at his residence, Bagenalstown, Peter Brady, town clerk.

Clare

Died—August 13, at the parochial house, Kilmihill, County Clare, in his 82nd year, Very Rev. Thomas Canon McMahon, P. P., retired.

Co. Wick

Upwards of eighty tons of hay, the property of D. O'Callaghan, D. C., Banteer, have been destroyed by fire.

Denis Daly has resigned the mastership of Middleton workhouse after 40 years' service.

The death has occurred of R. Madden, R. D. C., Monanomy, Kilkullen, County Cork.

Derry

Dr. M. O'Kane, J. P., city coroner, held an inquest in Derry into the circumstances attending the death of William Godfrey, who was killed while assisting in hauling wagons to the Midland railway terminus, Waterside.

Donegal

A boy named Whelan, of St. Columba's Industrial school, Killybegs, was drowned while bathing in a river near Bruckliss, Saundersfoot, near Tenby.

Died—August 8, Michael Joseph Kearns, Bundoran, after operation at Mercer's Hospital, Dublin.

"Death from natural causes," was the verdict of a city coroner's jury in the case of John Hegarty, widower, 57, of Wentworth place.

Kerry

Sister Magdalen Murphy has died at the Presentation Convent, Killarney, after 55 years in religious life. She was the daughter of the late J. Murphy, and sister of the late E. Murphy, Tralee.

Kilkenny

The death occurred at Piltown, County Kilkenny, of Very Rev. Canon Purcell, for nearly twenty years the highly respected P. P. of that parish. The splendid new Catholic church there is one of many testimonials to his great zeal.

Lancashire

Miss Hanrahan, elder daughter of the late T. C. Hanrahan, Rose Cottage, Limerick, was professed in the Convent of Mercy, Queenstown, by the Most Rev. Dr. Brown.

The death of Mrs. Enright, Abbeylea, is announced. She was the mother of Mgr. Enright, M. A., Los Angeles; Rev. M. Enright, Arkansas, and Rev. J. Enright, St. John's, Newfoundland.

Mayo

Died—August 15, at a nursing home, Dublin, Henry Thomas (Harry), son of the late P. J. and Mrs. Mellette, Swinford, County Mayo.

Tipperary

A number of Tipperary men resident at New York and Brooklyns have sent to Rev. Dr. O'Donoghue, C. C., Nenagh, £100 in aid of the Germanstown tenants' fund.

Wicklow

Died—Aug. 8, at St. Vincent's hospital, Dublin, James Peter Byrne, M. D., late of Wicklow.

Catholic Notes of Interest.

Domestic

The new \$250,000 Library building of Notre Dame University will be architecturally a classic and imposing edifice. Its cornerstone was laid by the Bishop of Rockford, who also delivered the address at the ceremony.

The State of Iowa has 357,444 Catholics, 587 priests and 480 churches, in 4 dioceses.

Mrs. Givernaud, a wealthy widow, will give her mansion in Homestead, N. J., to St. Joseph's Orphanage, Jersey City, as a home for the orphans. It is worth about \$200,000.

In New York the Diocesan Council for the Italian Affairs, will publish an Italian weekly to be known as "L'Italiano in America."

In the whole Church, at present, save the persecutions in Mexico, and the extreme need and poverty of the Missions, in consequence of the war, the Church is at peace and gaining strength.

Work is progressing on the superb new house of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd at Portland, Oregon. The building will approximate in cost \$135,000.

At Summit, Pa., which is the highest point of the Allegheny Mountains, the Bishop of Altoona has blessed the corner-stone of a new orphanage.

The desire of the Archbishop of Chicago to open a home for unemployed and unfortunate men, will be realized.

The members of the Third Order of St. Francis at Paterson, N. J., have given St. Bonaventure Church there a magnificent new altar in commemoration of the seventh centenary of the Porciuncula Indulgence.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of Cincinnati has been supplying the poor with ice.

Spokane, Wash., has a convent of the Poor Clares.

About ten thousand people attended the solemn re-dedication of the Passionist monastery near Scranton, Pa. The Apostolic Delegate and two Bishops assisted.

Foreign

On the great feast of SS. Peter and Paul, Apostles, the great silver net, symbolizing St. Peter's divine mission, was, as heretofore, hung in the vestibule of St. Peter's Church, Rome.

Floods swept away three churches in the village of Atoca, Spain.

Westminster Cathedral, London, completed in recent years, is one of the Church's finest cathedrals. This year it is under financial embarrassment as to its maintenance.

Notwithstanding the heavy inroads of war France contributed to the Association of the Holy Childhood last year \$120,000.

It is said that the first ten Bishops of beleaguered Verdun, in France, were Irishmen.

The American College, Rome, completed in recent years, has grown up under four Pontiffs: Pius IX., Leo XIII., Pius X., and Benedict XV.

In Rome in the year 1769 miracles were wrought through a great many images of Our Blessed Redeemer and of the Blessed Virgin.