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"The Devil's Work"

These idle society women who have permitted themselves to be enveigled into support of the renegade Catholic women who are preaching defiance to the laws of God may not realize that they are contributing toward another campaign against the Catholic Church, but that is what they are doing.

Having failed to wean Catholic's away from their Church by free meals and free clothing, they are now seeking to break down their faith by informing weak minded women how to avoid having families. No matter how non-Catholic women may salve their consciences, Catholic women know they are committing a mortal sin in following the advice of these wolves in sheep's clothing. What this is, is well summed up in the following words from Rev. Bernard X. O'Reilly:—

"The present agitation for birth control is the natural sequence of eugenics, sex hygiene, twilight sleep and kindred movements which have nauseated the senible public for the past few years. If one would believe the "inspired" doctors and sociologists, the vast majority of us should never have been born. One would imagine that humanity was on the verge of physical and mental collapse which could be averted only by these supermen. They view man as nothing more than an animated machine. The question of morality or the supreme rights of God never enters their calculations. With a blasphemous egotism and monumental conceit that baffles comprehension, they assume the power to decide for the unborn child whether it is to be or not to be—the power of life and death.

"The argument most frequently brought forward by these advocates of birth control is that it is an evil to bring these children to birth in abject poverty. While everything that will alleviate poverty should be done, birth control is no remedy. It is creating a greater evil. It not only robs the race and the nation, but brutalizes the individual by stultifying the natural desire for parenthood. The nation and the race want all the children they can get. God wants saints to serve Him and eventually be happy with Him. We must fight poverty, but we dare not fight nature, which is God.

"Birth control is a distorted and abnormal theory. Viewed from the standpoint of science and logic it is unprincipled and impracticable. In the light of morality it is a crime and an abomination in the sight of God."

Would that we had more Catholics of the type of Dr. James J. Walsh who has confounded the would-be "smart alecks" who have us believe men connot be good Catholics and versed in science too.

"The Call of Christ."

In a recent issue "Truth", under the above caption, tells the real reason why some charges are made by uniformed persons against the Catholic Church:—

Sometimes it is charged that the Catholic Church is not sufficiently concerned with the social side of religion. It is charged that in her care for the doctrinal and liturgical she is neglectful of the practical example of Christ.

The reason for this unfounded opinion is that the Church does not advertise her charity to the world. The foundling asylums, orphanages, homes of the Good Shepherd, hospitals and homes for the aged, conducted by Catholic sisterhoods, are doing more charity than all the other philanthropic institutions in the country. If statistics of the work they are doing were published it would surprise those who are not familiar with Catholic charity and open the eyes of some of the enemies of the Church. They have no publicity bureau, but do their work quietly, knowing that Christ, for Whom they labor, will know and reward.

Not At All So.

Once more the bigots are circulating the falsehood that Pope Pius IX recognized the Southern Confederacy on the slim premise that he replied to a letter from Jefferson Davis and addressed the latter as "President of the Confederate States."

An exchange goes on to say that the Southern Confederacy itself did not so take the act of His Holiness. Judah P. Benjamin, Secretary of State in Mr. Davis' so-called Cabinet, writing under date of February 1, 1864, said:

"As a recognition of the Confederate States, we cannot attach to it (the Pope's letter) the same value that you do; a mere inferential recognition, unconnected with political action or the regular establishment of diplomatic relations, possessing none of the moral weight required for awakening the people of the United States from their delusion that these States still remain members of the old Union.

"Nothing will end this war but the utter exhaustion of the belligerents, unless, by the action of some of the leading powers of Europe in entering into formal relations with us, the United States are made to perceive that we are in the eyes of the world a separate nation, and that the war now waged by them is foreign, not an intestine or rivil war, as it is termed by the Pope.

"This phrase of his letter shows that his address to the President as 'President of the Confederate States' is a formula of politeness to his correspondent, not a political recognition of the fact.—None of our political journals treat the letter as a recognition in the sense you attach to it."

Experiments

The latest plea of the "experimenters upon humans" is that the Governor be compelled to hear all applications for pardons in public, setting aside one day each month as "Pardon Day."

These experimenters have come to look upon the unfortunates committed to prisons, reformatories, custodial asylums and insane hospitals as their legitimate prey to be made the victim of their ideas and fads. Their rage for compilation of statistics has compelled the publication of all marriage licenses so that the mail order fiends, the installment houses, cheap photographers, framers of wedding certificates, yellow journal reporters may make miserable the honeymoon of the luckless bride and groom.

The Tribune of New York comments upon "Pardon Day":

There is far too much secrecy at present about the handling of pardon cases. The public welfare is only less concerned with the granting of pardons than with the imposing of the original sentences.

Under the existing system it is perfectly possible in fact, has been known—for a pardon to be granted and no information of the fact to be conveyed to the public for months. That implies the possibility of manipulation, of politics, of scandal. Every Governor must bear the responsibility of deciding the cases, but the Governor who decides a case in secret and keeps secret thereafter his decision avoids pretty successfully possibility of censure for an act adverse to the public interest. The better way is to have the applications heard in public and the decisions made a matter of public record.

May it not happen that if too much publicity is given to a pardon and too accurate a description is given of the pardoned man or woman, he will not receive the chance to which he is entitled to "make good." Where as, if undue publicity is avoided, he may secure a new position and make a new start.

Rich women who do not want families have no business advising poor women how not to have them.

Wages of Sin

The papers have been filled with nauseating and disgusting details of the untimely death of a young woman in Philadelphia who had run the pace that kills assisted by wealthy rakes who passed as respectable by day and acted as devils at night.

This girl is described as "an ordinary, fun-loving country girl until she was eighteen years old." Then some fiend in men's clothing saw her and enticed her to her downfall.

To-day she lies in a nameless grave while a man, either because of fear of implication in scandal or because he was her murderer, lies in another nameless grave, dishonored and his family disgraced.

This revolting incident should act as a sad warning to young girls to beware the first false step and also to parents to keep a close watch upon their boys and girls.

Knights of St. John Elect New Colonel.

Lieutenant-Colonel Joseph H. Weis, for thirty-four years a member of the Rochester Regiment of the Knights of St. John and who during that period has occupied many positions of trust, has been unanimously chosen as commanding officer, with the rank of colonel, to succeed Frank J. Schwalb, who resigned after serving as colonel for eleven years.

WE HAVE an apology to offer to some of our customers---for not returning their linen to them last Saturday. There were three reasons for it.

1st---Many of our employees were absent through sickness.

2nd---Only five days to handle a heavy week's work.

3rd---It was a record breaker as to the quantity of work brought in.

This week we promise to be prompt.

A Word of Gratitude

On January 3rd, our President and Manager, J. E. Kelso, celebrated his thirty-seventh year in the laundry and wishes at this time to express his deep appreciation of the loyalty of so many thousand customers or friends who have helped make the Kelso Laundry Co's. business what it is to-day. We have some customers with us still who were with us in 1880.

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The installation of officers and banquet of the Auxiliary to the Ancient Order of Hibernians will take place Thursday evening, January 18th, at the hall on West Main Street. The members will be privileged to invite their husbands and gentlemen friends.

On Sunday morning, January 21st, at the 7:30 o'clock mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral, the Auxiliary and members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians will attend mass and Holy Communion in a body. All members are expected to attend.

St. Andrew's Church

The masses on Sunday will be at 7:30, 9:15 and 10:30 o'clock.

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