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Do Our Duty.

Bishop Hickey's appeal this week for all Catholics to help the United States Government by purchasing all the Liberty Bonds for girls "who have been with purchasing all the Liberty Bonds the modern parent feminine gender, is sufficient answer to that.

most telling indictment against the modern American mother.

Says the Sister:—

But there is a far more serious indictment against the modern mother than her lack of control over her children; bad though that is. By her teaching and example she fatally lowers her children's feeling of responsibility towards the duties of the married state. Her daughters hear her ridiculing or more often pitying the woman who has more than two or three children. They see her raising her hands in holy horror because Mrs. Schmidt, who lives in the alley back of them, has been wicked enough or foolish enough—the "wickedness" of the "foolishness" of the act depending upon just how "educated and cultured" the modern American mother may be—as she wonders "just how any woman who has more than two children can manage to raise them properly, and how she can reconcile her conscience to such a thing. With such an example before their eyes, we should like to ask our American mothers what they think their daughters are going to be. And we should like also to draw attention to the injustice of those Catholics who wonder why these Catholics succeed in doing so little for girls "who have been with purchasing all the Liberty Bonds the modern parent feminine gender, is sufficient answer to that.

A Possible Reason.

It is apparent that the proponents of the "dry" proposition submitted to thirty-nine second and third class cities of New York State are mightily chagrined that they only carried 20 out of the 39 instead of the 31 they had hoped to win.

Without detracting from the virtue of temperance or conceding that drink is desirable, it is permissible to say that other reasons than merely the clear cut issue of saloon or no saloon entered into the result of the local option elections 1918. In the first place, the Anti-Saloon League leaders conducted too bitter, too intolerant a campaign. They refused to concede that an opponent might be a temperance man or that he might be opposed to bone dry prohibition on principle. All opponents of the League were branded as booze hounds, crooks and so on. Such intolerance never gets one anywhere. The present war is being fought against intolerance, despotism and to secure equality of opportunity for every man, woman and child in the world so far as that is humanly possible.

Then the Anti-Saloon League accepted, at least did not refuse, the active co-operation of the Guardians of Liberty. It was openly charged that a vote for Yea, let us do more. Let us make sacrifices even as our boys over there are offering up their lives that we may dwell in safety.

Mothers to Blame.

We have just read an extremely sensible article on "The Modern American Mother" from the pen of an Ursuline Sister. The good Sister points out very plainly that too often the American mother is to blame for the waywardness of American girls and also is to blame if her daughter is not the most shining example of the older notion as to how a young girl should comport herself.

The Sister argues and with good reason that Catholic girls, at least, who are educated in the convent, would not transgress the limits of modesty in dress were their mothers not so indulgent or too willing to example themselves. Frequently, the mother thinks her daughter will get into better society if she attends the high chambered abroad the dry band schools rather than the convent academy or the Catholic high to their fate. We have an idea school. But it is the concluding paragraph which conveys the

of the ballot now placed in their hands will go a step further and demonstrate their voting strength on parties and politicians, as well as on class issues sought to be raised.

Not Saving Right.

The "Catholic Advance" tells how too many of us economize in these days of supposed self-sacrifice. Instead of curtailing on useless luxuries we cut off something really essential or refrain from performing something we really ought to do. Says the "Advance":

It would require more than an expert to analyze the modern brand of Catholicity. When saving becomes an imperative duty, on account of the constant increase of the prices of daily necessities, the start is not made by dispensing with such luxuries as modern fashion requires, or by remaining at home instead of spending the time in the movies, looking at some silly or indecent pictures. The pruning knife is first used to cut out the Catholic paper, which should have the place of honor in the home and which should be a source of instruction and edification for the entire family. No one dreams of cancelling the subscriptions of the "reliable" dailies with their history of crime and scandal. "Tell me with whom you go and I shall tell you who you are," holds good also regarding our companions in reading.

Our contemporary might add that too many not only "retrench" by giving up their Catholic paper but also by lessening their contributions to the Church.

War Time Bigotry.

It would seem as if the war crisis would forbid the injection of intolerance or bigotry into the situation but it would appear after our own experience in New York State that the bigots think the war crisis just the psychological moment to trot out their bigotry skeletons, re-clothed in the Stars and Stripes, and offer them up as a panacea to end the war and save the Government.

Out in Michigan the bigots have been able to secure the necessary signatures to a proposed amendment to the State Constitution which is to be voted on in November and under which, if approved by the voters, parochial schools, both Catholic and Lutheran, will be abolished in the State of Michigan and forbidden thereafter to be conducted.

Fine liberty proposition! In June will be celebrated the 75th anniversary—diamond jubilee—of the founding of Holy Cross College in Worcester, Mass.

According to Thomas F. Meagher, the oldest Irish Society in the United States is the charitable Society of Boston, founded on St. Patrick's Day, 1737.

The non-Catholic press of England is reported as becoming more tolerant of things Catholic.

Cardinal Mercier has protested against the Germans commanding Church bells. Which will not deter the Germans from doing that very thing. With Kaiser Bill, might makes right.

The Catholic Archbishops in session in Washington recently adopted ringing resolutions calling upon all Catholics to make manifest again their loyal support of the United States Government by liberal subscription to the third Liberty Loan.

Let their rulers believe all that they say, and regular what is going on in the world. Home Rule is granted to Erin's Isle, we venture the prediction that there will be no unfavorable comparison between the number of Irishmen, Scotchmen, Englishmen or Welshmen who will volunteer to fight for world freedom.

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