

POPE LEO XIII., AUTHOR OF AN ENTIRE SOCIAL PROGRAM.

Encyclical Letter on the Condition of the Working Classes Not The Only One To Be Considered.

The Late Prof. Toniolo Justly Praises the "Heritage" of the Pontiff as a Complete Sociological System.

Time and again speakers and writers quote from and appeal for support to the Encyclical Letter: "Rerum Novarum" of Pope Leo XIII. Now it is mentioned as the Encyclical on the Labor Question, again it is termed the Encyclical on Capital and Labor, and practically everywhere it is being appealed to as if it were the sole document which Catholics should study, and to which they can have recourse, as an official pronouncement of the Chief Representative of Christ on earth on the Social Question.

Such an attitude is neither proper nor does it do justice to the great Pontiff Leo XIII. For he has not merely left us the one Encyclical "de conditione operarum", "On the condition of the workers": on the contrary, we have inherited from him a "magnificent heritage", a system of sociological teachings, which Prof. G. Toniolo, erstwhile head of the Catholic Union of Italy, designates as a "completely developed system of Christian-social teachings." Prof. Toniolo groups the Social declarations of Pope Leo XIII. as a whole and comments on them thus (in L'eredita di Leone XIII.):

A COMPLETE SYSTEM.

"He bequeathed to posterity a completely developed system of Christian-social teachings. The history of modern Science traces their source rather far back, to the first decades of the 19th century, from which time they continue to progress steadily. But for a long time these sources were merely monographic investigations, fragmentary studies, academic discussions, occasional keen flashes of thought. At the present day, after the Encyclicals of Leo XIII, which, sustained by the common light of the Evangelical teachings, of Christian Philosophy and Revelation, have illuminated all the phases of social, civil and political knowledge in harmonious, logical connections; at the present day we possess a unified complex of sociological teachings, brought together in a system, which rests against the Supernatural, which measures up to the problems of our age, which, absorbing everything, takes unto itself all that is true in modern Science and is proven by experience, and thus is prepared to successfully oppose a positivistic, materialistic and anti-Christian Sociology. It is a new structure which was first declared to be impossible or at least unworthy of notice, but which soon acquired an uncontested right to recognition,—so much so that no prominent exponent of contemporary Economics, such as Wagner, Philippovich, Schoenberg, Laveleye, Stein, neglect to consider a Christian School (of Sociology) along with the other Schools...."

VALUE OF THE TEACHINGS.

"Whoever has studiously applied himself to the historical development of the Social Question; whoever realizes, in the light of countless investigations and diffident practical attempts, the depths of the Labor movement, striving to obtain its rights; whoever understands the invincible tendencies of the movement, its dangers, and its, to a degree, intrinsic justification; whoever weighs and measures the corresponding spread of a scientific and fighting Socialism,—a system which assumed to itself the mission of bringing salvation to Society by means of violent catastrophes and radical efforts at reconstruction, posing all the while as the sole saviour of the suffering and oppressed laboring classes; whoever considers the worthlessness, or at least the disproportion between the remedies proposed and the great evil,—of the remedies which have arisen from, and continue to be suggested by private and State-inspired social initiative;—whoever has considered all these things will comprehend the grandeur, the newness, the sacred courage of Leo XIII., who laid down a program of Christian Democracy as against all these suggestions, and raised the banner of Christian Democracy.

THE PURPOSE OF CHRISTIAN DEMOCRACY.

"The purpose of Christian Democracy, in the mind of Leo XIII., is to liberate the masses from century-old injustice as from a newer form of Slavery, whose victims they have been for centuries, to restore their dignity and their rights, to strengthen the masses by a consciousness of duty and the cooperation of the entire higher classes of Society, and finally to secure for them an existence and a degree of well-being compatible with their human dignity; thus it aims to create an independent and legally recognized laboring class, distinguished by the marks of Christian and civic virtues. In the Middle Ages the masses were known by the exemplification of such virtues; by their practice the masses today can also strive with greater success towards the moral and religious goal which is the essence of culture. The program of teachings and corresponding recommendations will remain one of the greatest historic innovations of modern times."

THE EXPONENT OF AN ENTIRE SYSTEM.

The memory of Pope Leo XIII. should be cherished, not by a casual reference to the "Encyclical on Labor", but by an appreciation of his entire social program. Stanislaus v. Smolka, a noted Polish scholar, quoting Prof. Toniolo, rightly says that it was the particular great merit of Pope Leo XIII. that he "was not held back by fear from unfolding that magnificent program of social regeneration, which is a wise and timely exposition of old and well-known principles of Christian ethics." It is the specific merit of this Pope that he has bequeathed to us such a declaration of principles embracing the whole of Society, of which declaration the Encyclical "Rerum Novarum" forms only a part. The Labor Question, a part of the Social Question, can, indeed, be solved only within the limits of the social entity; and it is Society that must be regenerated, you saved!

C. B. of C. Y.

K. of C. Will Pay Soldiers to Find Jobs.

The Knights of Columbus are making an innovation in job-finding. Having found over 20,000 jobs for ex-service men, with the unemployment situation still far from relieved, the Knights are going to capitalize the vim and resourcefulness acquired by the men who have served in the army, navy and marines by selecting 100 discharged service men to find jobs for other service men. These one hundred ex-service men will all be placed on the K. of C. pay roll. Each will receive \$4 per day while hunting jobs for his comrades, and should the hunter run to earth a job he likes he will be free to keep it, and his place in the battalion of job-hunters will be filled by another recruit selected by the Knights.

The Knights are going to put this plan into effect so that the service men may be given an opportunity to present their arguments at first-hand to employers. The men will visit all large concerns, industrial plants, business offices, etc., in a flying attack for jobs, and if their effort proves successful in locating jobs for a large number of men in New York they will be given an opportunity to try their experience in other large cities.

Peter W. Collins, late government industrial expert, who has been appointed director general of K. of C. employment and reconstruction work, will have charge of the chosen one hundred. The Knights have met with unusual success in their job-finding work, and the new departure is made to round up every available job for discharged service men.

Under the guidance of the Knights of Columbus secretaries American service men visiting Rome are taken to St. Peter's and the Vatican. On March 20 the Pope granted an audience to a company of American soldiers and sailors who were introduced by Knights of Columbus Supervisor P. G. Hayes, who described the audience in a letter to Chairman William J. Mulligan of the Knights of Columbus.

The Pope mentioned to the service men some of the things he had heard regarding the splendid conduct of the American forces abroad. In concluding the audience His Holiness said: "It is with particular pleasure that I give this special benediction to the Knights of Columbus. The Knights of Columbus are well known to me. I have watched their work in the past with special interest and their deeds in recent difficult times are most praiseworthy. I impart from the bottom of my heart the benediction asked for."

Mr. Mulligan states that American service men in Rome seem eager to visit the Vatican and see the Pope. So far as is practicable the K. of C. supervisor there will enable them to do so.

The Knights of Columbus are now conducting a clubhouse in Dublin for American soldiers who, enjoying a furlough, visit Ireland. If they have relations in Ireland, soldiers are allowed fourteen days leave of absence to visit with them and they usually go to Dublin first, and a K. of C. clubhouse is greatly appreciated by them.

The new clubhouse is a four-story brick structure at 32 Fitzwilliam street, and twenty beds are at the service of visiting soldiers every night.

Italians Celebrate St. Joseph's Day

Is Fittingly Observed in Mt. Morris. Mount Morris, May 7.—The tenth annual celebration of St. Joseph's Day was observed by Italian residents of Mount Morris and locality, commencing Tuesday evening and continuing until a late hour Wednesday evening. The celebration was opened with a vespers service at the Church of the Assumption, in charge of Rev. S. Colonna, pastor of the church, and assisted by a number of out-of-town priests.

Wednesday morning Fiore's Band of twenty pieces, of Rochester, came to town and a parade of Italian marching clubs and prominent foreigners was formed. Various sections of the village were visited, where members of the foreign colony reside. Solemn high mass was celebrated at the Church of the Assumption at 10:30 o'clock by Rev. S. Colonna, assisted by several other priests.

During the afternoon sports were held in Main street and the band gave a concert. Suitable prizes were awarded the winners of the various contests. In the evening another concert was given in Main street by Fiore's Band, this bringing the celebration to a close.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH DAMAGED BY FIRE AND SMOKE.

Fire and smoke did damage of about \$2,000 to the interior of St. Mary's Church, in South street, Wednesday morning. Firemen are of the opinion that spontaneous combustion started the fire.

Battalion Chief Waterhouse and a number of downtown companies responded to a box alarm, and when the firefighters arrived they found the flames eating their way through the floor in the edifice near the altar. Three lines of hose and a chemical were used to put out the flames. The fire and smoke damage, which compelled the firemen to cut through the flooring, will necessitate the redecorating of the church.

MUSA HOLDS A CEREMONIAL

Alhambra Initiate 75 in Presence of More Than 400.

The fall of paganism and the rise of Christianity were depicted in tableaux Monday night in Concordia hall by a hundred members of Musa Caravan, Order of the Alhambra. This preceded the initiation of seventy-five candidates into the order. More than 400 members, including many from out of town, saw the ceremonial.

Among those who took part were Assemblyman Harry B. Crowley, Joseph Filin and Don C. Manning. John Hall was master of the Mecca. A banquet followed the ceremonial, at which Grand Commander E. J. Walsh presided.

Among the guests were Supreme Commander John T. Ryan, of Buffalo, and members from Canandaigua, Geneva, Waterloo, Buffalo, Albion, Avon and Danville.

Father Shanley Dead.

Danbury, Conn., May 4.—The Rev. Dr. Walter W. Shanley, one of the best-known members of the Catholic clergy in New England died at St. Peter's rectory here to-day at the age of 64. He gained a wide reputation some years ago as a vigorous temperance advocate and reform leader. He was a Knight of the Order of Leopold of Belgium.

Third Biennial Session Plans of I. F. C. A. Named

Convention in St. Louis, May 30-June 3, Expected to Be Notable Gathering of Catholic Women.

Complete arrangements for the third biennial convention of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae have been perfected, and this great and notable gathering of educated Catholic women of the United States and Canada will confer in business and social sessions at convention headquarters, the Hotel Statler, St. Louis, Mo., from May 30 to June 3, inclusive.

Programmes of special interest have been planned and prepared for the entertainment of visiting officers, delegates and members by local committees under the able leadership of Miss Stella R. Gillick, governor of Missouri State Federation and chairman of local biennial board. The hospitality committee, Mrs. John E. Hall, chairman, has issued a charming letter of invitation and welcome to guests and delegates, outlining the social events and enclosing a specially arranged circular of important information to visiting alumnae. A bureau of information will be located at the Union Station, St. Louis, and another in the lobby of the Hotel Statler. A "Guide for Guests" quotes a list of hotels, giving rates and particulars and includes also a list of restaurants and cafeterias adjacent to convention headquarters.

Arriving trains will be met by reception committees designated by means of blue badges. It is suggested that Federation members wear a small bow of blue ribbon so that they may be recognized at once and receive every courtesy.

As this is a spring convention it has been suggested that afternoon dress be worn at all evening functions.

The names and addresses of the duly elected delegates and alternates should be sent as early as possible to the international chairman of credentials, Miss Loretta Farrell, 1426 Hollywood avenue, Chicago, Ill. The executive board recommends that delegates to biennial convention be graduates. All resolutions appropriate to the aims of the federation must be sent, typed in duplicate, before May 15, 1919, to the chairman of the resolutions committee, Mrs. Mary B. Finan, St. Joseph's College, Dubuque, Iowa.

Governors desirous of making arrangements for the transportation of large parties to the convention may apply to the chairman of transportation, Miss Bella Sexton, 900 Van Buren street, Wilmington, Del.

The following important resolution, adopted at the Baltimore convention in 1916, it is earnestly hoped, will be unanimously put into effect by delegates and visitors to the St. Louis convention:

"Whereas, the chief aim of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae is to uphold the ideals of Catholic womanhood and whereas, the styles that fashion decrees are too often a contradiction of these ideals; "Be it resolved, that we in convention assembled, pledge ourselves to help counteract by our example this great evil."

A great Spanish Catholic noble has passed away in the person of the Duke of Santo Mauro, head of the household of Queen Victoria Eugenia, who died recently at Madrid. A Catholic of ardent faith, he was a daily communitant.

Late News of Ireland

Antrim

John Augustine, Glasgow, youngest son of the late James Glasgow, sr., has died at 14 Cooke street, Belfast, from influenza. His brother, Denis A. Glasgow, the well known vocalist, died only three weeks ago. His only surviving brother is James Glasgow, Carrickfergus.

The death is announced of John Byrne, Ardeen, Adelaide Park, Belfast. He was a prominent merchant; an ex-alderman and a staunch Catholic and Nationalist.

Kilballe

The following changes in Kilballe diocese have been made by the Most Rev. Dr. Fogarty: Rev. Father Hesnan, C.C., Portora, to O'Callaghan's Mills; Rev. Father Vaughan, C. C., to Templeberry; Rev. C. Culligan, C.C., to Kilmahill; Rev. F. Burke, Bournes, to Dunkerrin; and Rev. M. McKenna, Glasgow, to Mullagh.

Cork

Cork Technical Committee adopted a resolution stating that in the event of University College, obtaining a special charter of incorporation at the Munster University, the committee should be granted representation on the governing body.

Rev. Mother Josephine Murphy, Sisters of Charity, died at the North Infirmary, Cork, where she was for many years matron. She was a native of Dublin.

Derry

Father Robert O'Loughran had been presented by his Derry friends with a check in recognition of his great services to Ireland.

Limerick

The death has occurred at Mt. St. Alphonsus, Limerick, of Brother Francis Tierney, after brief illness. Deceased was a native of Dublin and had spent forty years in the Redemptorist Order. He was brother of Rev. D. Tierney, C. S. S. R., for many years spiritual director of the Arch-confraternity of the Holy Family in Limerick.

Married—At Parish Church, Athes, by Very Rev. W. O'Shea, P. P., John O'Kelly, Ashford, to Mary, daughter of John M. White, J. P., Cooke House, Athes.

Rosecommon

The influenza pestilence is still levying a heavy toll in Boyle district and adjoining places. One poor man had the terrible bereavement of losing two of his sons at the same time. At the previous outbreak a Boyle man lost his three fine daughters in one week.

Tipperary

Rev. S. F. O'Brien, Ardinna, was presented with an illuminated address and gift from the people of his native place on his departure for Australia.

The death has taken place at Clonmel of Wm. Clarke, one of the oldest journalists in Ireland, aged about 90. He was editor of the Clonmel "Chronicle" for over half a century.

Tyrone

Most Rev. Dr. Drommerts, Bishop of San Antonio, Texas, has appointed Rev. Patrick Geehan, Chancellor of the Diocese, Father Geehan is a son of ex-Sergeant Geehan, Strabane, and was educated at Mungret College, conducted by the Jesuit Fathers, near Limerick, and at the American College, Rome.

Waterford

Rev. E. Quinn, chaplain, Carrigis Convent, Dungarvan, died at an advanced age. He was formerly curate in Kilgobbin and Stradbally.