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St. Bernard's

Bishop Hickey's annual letter on Catholic education and St. Bernard's seminary is of more than usual interest this year because of the ending of the war, the return from abroad of the St. Bernard's graduates who served in the United States army as chaplains and because the generosity of the Catholic laity of the Diocese of Rochester has cleared the Diocesan Seminary practically free from debt.

But this announcement does not lessen the need of a generous annual subscription for the Seminary. Cost of living has soared everywhere and St. Bernard's is no exception. The dollar of today is worth not much more than the fifty cents of five years ago in purchasing power, hence the subscription of 1919 must necessarily be largely increased.

We of Rochester are signally blessed in having our own preparatory and theological seminaries for education of students for the holy priesthood. Did we live in other Dioceses, where no seminary exists, where vocations cannot be so carefully nurtured as here, where the expense of preparing students in distant colleges is so heavy that but few can be sent, where priests are far too few and churches lacking, then, indeed, would we appreciate St. Bernard's and St. Andrew's seminaries.

In this day when humanity is awakening to its responsibilities and when each of us is beginning to realize more and more that he is or should be his brother's keeper, it is pleasing to recall that the generosity of the Catholics of the Diocese of Rochester in erecting, equipping and maintaining St. Bernard's Seminary is indirectly aiding in providing priests for other Dioceses as last year there were 230 students registered at St. Bernard's from all parts of the United States, Canada, Porto Rico and the Philippines.

So, let each of us open wide his purse and make the collection of 1919 a record breaker and, especially, should the younger generation be generous.

Imported!

Those ultra-British sympathizers who can see no good in Irish Catholics, in fact nothing good in Ireland except Ulster and who appear to worship Sir Edward Carson as the typical Ulster patriot may learn something new about their hero by reading the following extract from a recent Dublin letter from Mrs. Mary Butler O'Gorman:—

Sir Edward, the Orange leader, is again wielding his tomahawk more furiously than ever, and has threatened to call out the Orange mis-called (Ulster) Volunteers, if self-government be granted to Ireland. Some influential Britishers who formerly backed him up through thick and thin are getting nervous because labor in England has taken a leaf out of his book, and has resorted to "direct action" in defiance of parliament in order to attain its ends. But he has the court party, the cabinet and the army at his back. A fact which is not generally known is that Edward Carson has not a drop of Ulster blood in his veins, and no connection with his birth or residence with that province. He was born in Dublin 65 years ago. His father was Edward Carson, an architect; his mother was Isabella Lambert, daughter of a landlord, Walter Lambert of Castle Ellen, Athenry, County Galway. His mother and my grandmother, Ellen Lambert, were sisters, so I know what I am talking about. It is ludicrous to see Belfast Orangemen breathing forth fire and fury against the south and west, and choosing as their chief spokesman the son of a Dublin father and County Galway mother, a man born and bred in Dublin, and resident in London, who only visits Belfast whenever there is an Orange pow-wow on, and then rushes away again. They themselves, these Belfast Orangemen, are a brainless lot, and ignorant to an extraordinary degree. They were unable to produce a clever leader from their own ranks so had to import one from Dublin, via London! Edward Carson has plenty of brains. He has also the quality of personal magnetism, and was in his youth a very handsome and charming man. He is tall and has jet black hair, dark blue eyes, and regular features. He speaks with the accent known as "the Dublin drawl" and has never lost his accent during his residence in England of over twenty-five years.

Mrs. O'Gorman also writes that the English police are forbidding the Irish to speak the Gaelic language or sing the Gaelic songs in Gaelic costume—probably in order to convey to President Wilson that there is no distinctively Irish race, Irish language, or Irish customs and that all Ireland wants to speak English, laugh in English and that the only song they wish to sing is "God Save the King."

Queer Country

- Would a preacher have been sent to jail and would his hearers who protested have been sent to jail in the United States for having preached and listened to a series of sermons on the following topics, treated not from the political but the moral viewpoint: 1. The prevailing sins of modern society; 2. The corrupt administration of justice; 3. The growth of concubinage; 4. The general looseness of morals of students in colleges and public schools; 5. Unjust centralization of power in the hands of a few persons; 6. The unquestioning submission demanded of subjects in matters which are illicit; 7. The misuse of public money; 8. The harsh treatment of native laborers; 9. Official sanction of "graft" on the part of public officials;

10. Failure of officials to give account of funds intrusted to them for the common welfare.

Well, that was what happened to Bishop Batres of the Diocese of Fasel, in the Republic of Guatemala in Central America. Moreover, the Associated Press sent out and, at least the New York Herald published and has not contradicted, so far as we have seen, Dublin letter from Mrs. Mary Butler O'Gorman:—

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Camouflage.

It is a favorite argument of those who oppose Irish freedom to shout "Ulster does not want freedom and Ulster must not be coerced."

Has a popular vote ever been taken of the real Ulstermen—the real Irish Ulstermen, not the English and Scotch importation that has settled in and about Belfast and by reason of the loudness of their shouting, have made the world believe their voice is the voice of Ulster?

We are informed that such a vote honestly registered and honestly counted, would show that a majority of real Ulster Irishmen favor Irish freedom, just as much as the men of Cork and Dublin. Why not take such a popular vote, Mr. Lloyd George? Or is Sir Edward Carson your master as well as the Dictator of Irish destiny?

Refuted!

Anti-Catholic bigots are attacking us from all sides and their slanders find ready space in the sensational secular press of all countries. Were it not for a vigilant Catholic press and alert Catholic truth societies, no such refutation as the following ever would have reached the outside world:

LONDON.—The bigots have been making a new attack on the Irish clergy. A few days ago a letter appeared in the press from Sir William Ridgway, stating that those who thought Ireland was persecuted ought to know that no Catholic priest in Ireland paid income tax, and that "this wealthy class" was entirely free from the burden, because they declared they had no fixed stipends, while Anglican clergymen had to make a return, including their Baster offerings!

This epistle was not left long unanswered. A non-Catholic Irish solicitor writes to say that he knows the Catholic clergy in Ireland pay their equitable and proportionate contribution of income tax the same as any one else. A further contradiction comes from a priest, who says he has been paying income tax for years. Sir W. Ridgway must feel very small after his categorical statement: "No Irish Roman Catholic ecclesiastic ever pays a penny of income tax."

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