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Education

"Education! Yes, plenty of it; more of it. Ignorance is a sin before God, and a crime against humanity. But right education. There is where we must put the emphasis. Let us be sure to state it in those terms, and we cannot fail to reach the conclusion that religious education is of supreme importance."

"Secularism is a failure. It has had its day, being weighed in the balance and found wanting.... God never spoke more urgently to the Israelites than He is speaking to us today to go forward in the matter of denominational education."

"It is a shame to let our children grow up and come out of educational institutions without a conscience. The education that fits only for this world must die, and bring ruin upon the world itself in the end."

"Do I want my boy to go out into the world nothing but an educated fool, a blatant unbeliever, a foolish agnostic? Or with the simple Christian faith he learned in the home, rounded out and developed into stalwart Christian integrity? When will we ask the question on bended knees before God, and see that the positive, inevitable answer is, we must do more than we have ever done for our denominational schools?"

"The moral or spiritual sense neglected or perverted, is no longer a reflection of the divine mind; and the education guilty of this sin is the wickedest functioning agency in the world."

"The heathen never contemplated education apart from religion.... and the most startling trend of religious and political liberty in modern times, is to break from God in education and his religion out of this great department of life."

"In all education, whether in the home or school, the religious element ought to predominate.... The obligation to educate religiously is upon us.... To do this denominational schools have to be planted."

The above sentences are not from a papal encyclical, not from a pastoral letter by a Catholic Bishop.

All but the last paragraph are quotations from special articles for an "educational number" of the Baptist "Western Recorder" of December 23, 1918, and the last paragraph demanding denominational schools is from an editorial in the Baptist "News and Truth" of January 26, 1915. Other Protestant denominational organs have spoken in similar strain.

The Genesee Valley and White Slaves have yielded to the onward march of business. Moreover, recent constitutional changes have called for a radical revision of club life and ideas.

Lafayette

Objection was raised to the dedication of a statue to Lafayette by the Knights of Columbus on the ground that Lafayette was not a Catholic. Supreme Knight Flaherty clarifies the situation in this paragraph in his annual report for 1920:

In certain quarters objections have been whispered against the gift. Lafayette, we are told, was not a Catholic. But we are not honoring him as a religionist. We are honoring him because he came to America's aid when America was fighting for her life and sacred liberty against tyrannical imperialism that would crush the national spirit wherever it finds it; we are honoring him because he risked his life unselfishly in the cause of democracy as the men of America risked their lives in the same glorious cause on the soil of freedom that gave us Lafayette. And, as a matter of fact, there is strong evidence that Lafayette died a Catholic. But our point is clear; we honor the friend of America, the champion of liberty—a man eminently worthy of honor. Again, it is said that the statue should not be placed in Metz. But we are giving a gift, and Metz is named as the place by those who receive it. And no place is more suitable than Metz. From Metz came Lafayette to the rescue of the struggling colonies. In Metz, he shall stand, as it has been well expressed:

"In the heart of Metz, there let him stand.

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Lucid

The Post Express evidently, is inclined to poke fun at President Wilson because he insists upon his inherent right to vote at the coming election in his New Jersey home instead of remaining in Washington and losing his vote because residents of the District of Columbia are not entitled to a vote in presidential elections. Here is the Post Express editorial:

In the registration of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson as a resident of Princeton, New Jersey, for the purpose of voting at the coming election, is seen the employment of the pleasing legal fiction which emphasizes the fact that our public officials are only our representatives in the function of government.

Mrs. Wilson is not an actual resident of Princeton. Nor is her husband, the President of the United States. Yet he has been enrolled as a New Jersey citizen, entitled to vote in the coming election, with a residence in Princeton. We consider him for the purpose of exercising the privilege of voting, a resident of his home state. And his wife, residing presumably where her husband does, is also considered a resident of the state.

The fiction is due to the fact that when we choose from among us some of our fellows for the purpose of conducting the business of government for us, ask them to devote their whole time to the task, we are unwilling that they should lose the great privilege of the ballot. So we say that they may for that and other private purposes retain their domicile in their home cities or towns. The matter should make all of us have a somewhat higher and more solemn conception of the duty of voting.

The Catholic paper will be a splendid companion for the fall and winter evenings.

It is exceedingly difficult to make trouble for other people without soiling your own hands.

Serves Him Right!

The sentence imposed by a Brooklyn Judge on a window cleaning contractor of six months imprisonment in the workhouse because he refused, although warned and told that the New York State laws compel all employers engaged in a hazardous occupation to carry compensation insurance on his employees, to do so, is fully justified. One of his employees was killed. The State Industrial Commission awarded \$5,000 compensation but the widow was unable to collect. Prosecution, conviction and sentence followed.

It would have cost this employer but \$15 per employee to insure against damage and he would have been released from liability. Moreover, the employee would have been protected and, if injured, his family would have been compensated. His obstinacy will cost him dearly as he will not be able to conduct his business for six months.

It costs little, in the long run, to obey just laws and the compensation law is just both to injured workmen, the employer and society at large.

Let Our Own Light Shine

There are many of us who are tiring of permitting the bigots to wallop us and then turning the other cheek. These are advocates of a policy of "stand up and be counted."

These would have us seek out the candidates for office favored by the bigots and ask these if they accepted such indorsement. If reply be in the affirmative, then we should politely but firmly tell such candidate that of course he must expect the Catholics to be against him and assure him he will not be disappointed.

The "Ave Maria" well says:—"It may be a small matter, but those persons who refer to the 'defeat' of bigotry anywhere would do well to employ the word 'repulse,' if only to impress the idea that the bigots will be 'up and at it again' on the first favorable opportunity."

It is one thing for an enemy to be driven back, but quite another thing to be routed. And to be always acting on the defensive is in itself a sign of weakness, however often victory may attend the defence. An aggressive policy is not to be commended, of course; but aggressive movements are sometimes demanded. As the surest way of defeating the opponents of Catholic education, let us show them our strength, and prove that we are not afraid of them."

Baseball will soon take a few months vacation but football, indoor baseball and basketball will still be with us.

The man who gets mad easily wears out a deal of nerve energy and needlessly at that. "Laugh and grow fat" is an old and true saying.

Charles Sumner wrote: "The true grandeur of humanity is in his moral elevation, sustained, enlivened and decorated by the intellect of man."

It is to be hoped that the managers of the Community Chest will exercise the same careful inquiry into the worthiness of the foreign relief work that they do into their whole time applications for relief at home in Rochester.

Every word of the following anonymous tribute to "Fraternalism" is equally applicable to Holy Mother Church:—"Fraternalism never cast a shadow on a home, never wounded a human heart, never wronged a human soul! It is never deaf to the cry of the needy, never blind to the wants of the deserving, and its broad and noble heart very promptly responds to the call of the erring and to a cry for help from any of its kind. It is one of the mighty forces today working toward the upbuilding of the race of men."

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