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Investigate

There were those who fondly imagined that the war had eliminated religious intolerance and minimized all religious prejudice. But it appears there are some bigots who refuse to be eliminated. The Central Christian Advocate published by the Methodist Book Concern of Kansas City in its issue of October 13th had this spiteful fling:

"We do not know as the distribution of this trust fund will ever become a matter of public knowledge. It may not be fully known whether these recent excursions under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus to France, the present of the Knights of Columbus of the statue of Lafayette to Metz, at a cost of \$50,000, are financed by this fund. We do not know whether the pilgrimage of the Knights of Columbus to Lourdes, of which the movies are just now giving our people graphic representations, was financed from this treasury."

The K. of C. fund has reported to the general committee, non-sectarian and non-partisan, that had in charge the collection of the great National War Chest of which the Catholics contributed their full quota; to the National Catholic War Council and to the Knights of Columbus as an order. The funds for the Lafayette statue were subscribed by the members of the Knights of Columbus and no one else. The Knights of Columbus who made the recent European trip paid their own expenses. The editor of the Catholic Journal was invited to go at his own expense.

Possibly a few questions, asked purely as a counter-irritant and with no idea that they are any more truthful than the assertions made by the Methodist paper concerning the Knights of Columbus. For instance:—1. "How much of the proselytizing now being carried on by the Y. M. C. A., the Red Cross, the Y. W. C. A., the hundred and one alleged war relief agencies now occupying Catholic convents and monasteries under pre-emption by the American army commanders and consular agents, all over the war zone except in Germany and in Austria?"

2. Did any of the American War Chest fund find its way into the coffers of the American Methodist Mission in Rome, Italy?
 3. Is not the Methodist "Advocate" seeking to stir up anti-Catholic sentiment and prejudice to promote interest in the appeal for funds to help the Methodists Protestantize the Catholic centers in South America?

We expect to hear an indignant protest against these questions and sweeping denials.
 The tight shoe on one's own foot is far more uncomfortable than on the other fellow.

Then Brother make inquiry before, not after, you print your stories!

Just For Reference

While it is all right to give credit where credit is due and hence to credit the Mayflower group of American patriots with their sturdy battle for independence and equality of opportunity who landed from the Mayflower, it is not wise to overflow with adulation. Whenever so tempted just read over this from Sir Gilbert Chesterton's "History of the United States"—surely an author prejudiced in favor of the Puritan Pilgrim Fathers:—

"At about the same time that the persecuted Catholic found a refuge in Maryland, a similar refuge was sought by the persecuted Puritans. A number of these, who had found a temporary home in Holland, sailed thence for America in the celebrated Mayflower and colonized New England on the Atlantic coast far to the north of the plantations of Raleigh and Baltimore. From this root sprang the colonies of Massachusetts, Connecticut, Vermont and Rhode Island, and later the states of New Hampshire and Maine. It would be putting it with ironical mildness to say that the Pilgrim Fathers did not imitate the tolerant example of the Catholic refugees. Religious persecution had indeed been practiced by all parties in the quarrels of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries;

but for much of the early legislation of the Puritan colonies one can find no parallel in the history of European men. Calvinism, that strange, fierce creed which Wesley so correctly described as one that gave God the exact functions and attributes of the devil, produced even in Europe a sufficiency of madness and horror; but here was Calvinism cut off from its European roots and from the reaction and influence of Christian civilization. Its records read like those of a madhouse where religious maniacs have broken loose and locked up their keepers. We hear of men stoned to death for kissing their wives on the Sabbath, of lovers pilloried or flogged at the cart's tail for kissing each other at all without license from the deacons, the whole culminating in a mad panic of wholesale demonism and witchburning so vividly described in one of the most brilliant of Mrs. Gaskell's stories, 'Lois the Witch'."

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We cannot in truth say that Catholic men and women lack loyalty to our common country. Our flag is their flag; not two flags, one American flag for them and another American flag for us, but one flag, ours and theirs together, the one under which our boys and their boys fought together, with no division in the ranks.

And so it is now, one flag all together because that flag has stood for and now stands for freedom, religious freedom, as well as political freedom. Shall we make it stand for anything less to those whose religion does not happen to be our religion?
 The amendment proposed in Michigan is an entering wedge to just that.

Now that it is all over let us hope that George H. Harvey will retire to a secluded spot and forget to obtrude his insane hatred of Woodrow Wilson on the American public.
 Let us not forget to pray for the poor souls in Purgatory during this month of November.
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 Really, is it worth while to have daylight saving another year—at least as late as November 1st?
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last week are corrected, I am Very truly,
 (Signed) LIZZIE A. GRANGER,
 President, W. C. T. U.

See It Out!

In many ways, the virtue of self-control as outlined in the following article from the "Ligurian":—
 A good old man came to town to see his first show. All through the first and second acts the villain was successful; he grew rich—he was honored—he won the fair lady; while the hero met nothing but discomfiture, disappointment and shame.
 The good man could stand it no longer, and rising he shouted at the players and told them how the villain was deceiving them and they were condemning the hero unjustly.
 Had he waited till the fifth act he would have seen that his interference was needless: for all would be solved in its natural course. As it was, many laughed, others became angry and in the confusion the play was interrupted and the solution prevented.
 So it seems to me, many people, looking about them, and seeing the success of men whose lives are wicked—forgetful of the last act on judgment day—shout their apparent wisdom into the midst of life's drama, instead of waiting till God brings it to a natural close.

An Entering Wedge
 Not all non-Catholics in Michigan were bigoted enough to want the state constitution so as to abolish parochial schools. "Pipp's Weekly" is published by the Pipp family, all Protestants. In a recent issue the Weekly had this to say on the proposed constitutional amendment:—
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Comments on Our Anniversary Issue

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The anniversary number is called the Americanization Issue and contains besides many interesting items of church history a discussion by Rt. Rev. Bishop Thomas J. Shahan on education for American citizenship of the kind whose roots were planted by George Washington and Abraham Lincoln; a charge by General Leonard Wood that the fundamentals of freedom in the United States Constitution can never be changed if liberty is to endure; "The Red Glow of Bolshevism," by David Goldstein; "Five Minute Chats on the Presidents of the United States," by James Morgan; "Problems Facing a Stricken World," by Frank Comerford; "The Problem of Americanization," by Grover C. Huber of the University of Wisconsin; "Common Sense Comments on Health, Happiness and Longevity," by George F. Butler, editorials on "Family Life in America," "Are Religious Influences Equal to the Demand for Unrest," "Stop Talking 'Class'," "Sovietism More Dangerous Than Germanism," "Better Citizenship as the Result of the Homelands Exhibit" and the "Chicago Holy Name Society's Crusade Against Unclean Movies," together with live articles on athletics, motoring and the fashions. — Rochester Herald.

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