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Sacred Heart

June is the month dedicated by Holy Mother Church to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and special devotions are held in all the world in honor of the Sacred Heart each day of the month.

There is no more beautiful devotion or one that should appeal to us more than that to the Sacred Heart. The Savior gave himself up to the torturers and executioners that we might escape the inexorable penalty accruing to mortal sin and the torturers pierced His Sacred Heart.

Every mortal sin committed pierces again the Heart of Jesus as did the spear of the Roman soldier and the June devotions do much to alleviate the sorrow that Jesus feels over the sins and faults of humanity, collectively and individually. Besides, participation in the June devotions are a help to us and there is no one who does not need Divine Help every minute and to obtain that help we must pray constantly, consistently and persistently.

Let us not forget the Sacred Heart devotions during this month of June.

Reforesting

When the students began to talk about the folly of destroying all the trees of the country ruthlessly and promiscuously to furnish commercial material like lumber, wood pulp for paper and the "board lumber" like beaver board and plaster board, the "practical men" pooh-poohed. They were not to be blamed to much because so many theories and fads proved worthless, in a practical and commercial sense. So, when the students proposed to cut only the mature trees leaving the younger ones standing and then to replant the already destroyed areas, the practical men laughed the idea to scorn, at first.

But there were curious and broad-minded practical men who did not push aside entirely the theories of the students. They had come to realize that if the ruthless cutting of trees continued, it would not be many years before the country's available supply of lumber and wood products would be exhausted. This would seriously cripple the woodworking, furniture, paper and other industries and make their operation more expensive as freight, duties, etc., would send the cost of imported wood soaring sky-high.

So the practical men hitched up with the students and already it has been proven that reforestration is a perfectly practicable proposition. It has also been demonstrated that the practice of burning over the lumbered areas, unless it is proposed to turn them into agricultural areas, is wasteful and absolutely stops the growth of new timber for generations.

And so today the forest fire patrol and the government agents to stop promiscuous tree cutting and forest fires, either accidental or set to burn over timbered areas, are welcomed even by the big lumber companies and up-to-date corporations are co-operating in reforestration.

Our Point Of View

While the Rochester "Herald" usually treats all problems from a broad-minded, sane point of view we are more than pleased to find the following editorial in a recent issue as it follows so closely the Catholic criticism of the tendency of modern educational methods:—The cartoonist makes sport of what this or that inanimate object (thinks about,) and his efforts are usually productive of merriment, for they betray a shrewd appreciation of the conventional amenities. But the fraternity of cartoonists fail in one important respect. They do not always get at the heart of some of the problems which puzzle the thoughtful.

For instance, what does the youth think about when he is starting out on a course of action destined to bring him to prison doors, forever stain his character, and destroy the peace of mind of his parents, his brothers and sisters? It is clear to any mind that he does not think of these possible calamities. The cartoonists wisely, or unwisely, avoid these problems, though it is possible that by "playing them up" conspicuously they might do a vast amount of good.

What is to come from the modern method of handling youth? The State, or Society—it would be nearer the truth to say Graft—is trying to assume the responsibility, to the elimination of the parents. A reading of the record it is making is apt to convince one of its miserable failure.

Greatest Distinction

We have already referred to the splendid article in the May "Columbiad" on Cardinal Gibbons by former Justice Morgan O'Brien but we cannot refrain from reproducing herewith the concluding paragraphs:

"With all his activity as a prelate of the Church, with all his eager interest in the affairs of the nation he loved so well, he found time to write several books, most prominent among which are "The Faith of Our Fathers" and "Our Christian Heritage." In my opinion these are the best books written in my day. Nothing can be brought up in connection with our religion but what it can be found in his books. They are simple, interesting, logical, readable, strong and rugged. In his books we see a man, a man of splendid intellect, attempting to do no more than to state frankly and fearlessly what our Church is. His books are indicative of the man and the Cardinal. Though he walked with Popes and Presidents, though he was the recipient of honors from foreign lands, not the least of which was his being made a Grand Officer of the Legion of Honor by France in 1918, though he was often the center of attention among the great, he was ever simple and frank and open, a great Cardinal, a true priest, a staunch patriot and a lovable man."

In Bad Taste

While it may not be possible for a newspaper or periodical to decline absolutely any particular advertisement, nevertheless there are ways and means to exclude objectionable advertisements without violation of the declaration made to the Post Office Department that "all legitimate advertisements can use our columns.

We note that certain supposedly high class publications are publishing Margaret Sanger's advertisements of her methods to reduce the size of the human family in bold and nasty detail.

Such advertisements insult every Catholic reader of a publication. As a matter of fact they are worse than the old New York Herald "Personals" which James Gordon Bennett was forced to discontinue.

To "Stand Secure"

Hon. Calvin Coolidge, Vice-President of the United States, speaking before the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus in Washington, paid this splendid tribute to the Catholic laymen of this country:—

"Two of the great things of life are piety and patriotism, and these two sentiments go hand in hand. There is no foundation for true piety except that which realizes that it is based on eternal righteousness, and there is, therefore, no true patriotism unless it goes hand in hand with piety, and that your organization exemplifies in every way. It is a practical patriotism in that it reaches out a helping hand to every one, not only for the puopose of taking care of its own, but for the purpose of relieving suffering and destitution everywhere, and giving opportunity to the young men with whom you may come in contact, and standing as an example of what a Christian organization ought to be and what American patriotism ought to be.

"We hear a great deal in these days about un-American activities and of those who desire to disrupt our institutions. So long as we have an organization such as this, representing what your organization represents, and teaching what your organization teaches, our republic, our country and our institutions are going to stand secure.

"I wish you every success in the efforts you are making. You need not have made any excuses for gathering here on the Sabbath Day. Your works are holy works that take on a holier significance by reason of the Sabbath Day."

"I congratulate you on the privilege you have in working together to serve each other—serving your organization, serving the Christian religion, serving our great country and thereby serving civilization at large."

The Catholic Journal extends congratulations to the students of St. Bernard's Seminary to be ordained to the Holy Priesthood Saturday and hopes they will be spared for many years' service in the vineyard of the Lord.

Cardinal Gibbons has joined Newman, Manning, Rampolla, Pope Leo XIII, that group of great churchmen who loomed so high in ecclesiastical circles during the last half century.

Like Bishop McQuaid, Cardinal Gibbons was a staunch advocate of the separation of Church and State. Possibly, had the American plan been put in vogue in France and Italy years ago, the Church would have been spared many hard and lean years.

Rev. John T. White makes the following the text for a plea for Catholic Boy Scout Regiments operating with the non-Catholic Scouts as a splendid anti-bigot antidote:—All the officials at Bear Mountain Camp, Tuxedo, N. Y., in 1920, with one or two possible exceptions, were non-Catholics; yet every one insisted that the Catholic boys be present at Mass every time they were supposed to attend. A Jewish gentleman made the candlesticks, erected the crucifix, aided materially in the decoration of the altar and then played the organ during Mass, so that the Catholic boys might sing their hymns. Not once was a Catholic boy criticized for his devotion to what his Church imposed upon him as his duty, and not once was a Catholic boy ridiculed because of his faithful attendance "at Church."

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MANNA IN THE HOLY LAND

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The manna falls on other vegetables, including grass, but all of it is lost except that which is gathered from the oak leaves. The manna is sweet, and is eaten by the natives as a substitute for sugar or honey. The consul says it is highly prized for its aromatic flavor.

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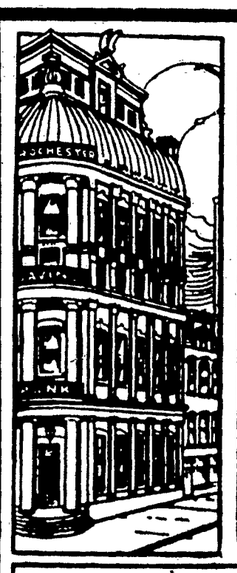

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