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To Catholics

It is a popular excuse with those Catholics who send their sons and daughters to the non-Catholic higher educational institutions that while the Catholic religion is ignored, these institutions are not godless and that the training of the Catholic boy and girl in the parochial and Catholic high school is sufficient.

Even the non-Catholics are awake to the fact that the average latter day college professors—we will not say educators or scholars because they are neither, albeit they have achieved a certain measure of notoriety and publicity by bizarre utterances and methods—are doing their level best to break down all belief in religion. William Jennings Bryan has been making a survey of the average colleges of the United States and he finds that the report of the growth of radicalism, not only in economics but in religious belief is not unfounded. Mr. Bryan finds that a young lady educated in one university told her father "no one believes in God now"; a professor in another university begins his lessons in geology by telling his students to forget all they learned in the Sunday school; a professor in another college tells his class that the Bible is a collection of myths; a young man in South Carolina traces his atheism back to two teachers in a so-called "Christian College"; a professor in another university combats Christianity for a session and then puts to his class the question whether or not there is a God, and is happy to find by the class vote that there is no God!

Does not all this furnish the very best argument why a Catholic parent should send his sons and daughters to a Catholic university or college? What avail prestige in athletics? What does it profit to gain admission to high class college fraternities and lose one's soul?

What It Means

Writing on the battle of the movies against censorship by state and national authorities, Joseph Scott of California writes as follows in the "Columbiad": "My judgment is that the Knights of Columbus could do most effective work in an educational way by stimulating from time to time the rank and file of their membership to assist the moving picture people in helping to protect their own industry financially and at the same time develop powerful influence for good through this wonderful invention.

The time was when only the children could be brought into the moving picture theater for steady amusement, but now we hear from all sides that the adults are sometimes leading the way in the evenings to the movies. Some pictures, like "Over the Hill," which has a special appeal to the older folks, are jammed to the doors for the most part by those whose paths have gone up the hill, and who can get a better

conception of the lessons of such plays than those who have never seen the other side of the decline.

I realize, of course, that the main difficulty in this work of co-operation is appearing to boost one particular production to the detriment of some other picture which fails to secure commendation. But I would think that the Knights of Columbus might do as a clean-cut newspaper does—ignore the bad picture entirely and urge the support of the healthy work that comes from the brain of a clean-hearted scenario writer and that is directed by a whole-some fellow who wants to have nobody around him but men and women as actors who can interpret his ideals.

In other words, it is the same old game—the fight between good and evil for the things of the spirit as against the things of the flesh, for the ideals of our own Church against the power of darkness, and for the welfare of our beloved country against the evils that may engulf it unless we Knights of Columbus stand as the watchmen on the tower and give warning of the dangers that threaten, and stand as a phalanx in the front ranks of its defense. The Knights of Columbus stood for ideals and self-sacrifice and service during the war. That record is engrossed in the pages of our country's history. Let us not turn away from our duty in time of peace.

Let us, through education of the public and co-operation with the high-minded promoters in the moving picture industry, help to keep the home clean, public opinion true and fair-minded, and thus contribute another chapter in the work of our Order that should rank with the achievements of our war activities.

Men's Retreats

One of the splendid devotions becoming very popular is the "Week Laymen's Retreats." Even the business and professional men are finding that it does them good to take spiritual inventory and trial balance as they do in their private business. And they find it a splendid plan to retire from all business, social and even home cares for a few days and give all the time to casting up of accounts, as it were, with their God.

For several years past there has been held at St. Bernard's Seminary in Rochester one of those retreats early in August just before the priests of Rochester and Syracuse Dioceses make their annual retreats and the Seminary opens for the yearly course.

This year there will be another of those "Laymen's Retreats." There should be many Rochester men in attendance.

Not Inconsistent

Some shallow-minded men sneer at belief in religion and in God as inconsistent with scientific knowledge, research and development. We are indebted to the "Ave Maria" for a summarization of an article by a Protestant writer, Dennert, dealing with this subject. He has made an exhaustive study of the religious opinions of three hundred famous savants. During three centuries he selected the most illustrious men distinguished in botany, geology, medicine, etc.

Mr. Dennert's first period included the fifteenth, sixteenth and seventeenth centuries and he cites 79 out of 82 names as believers in Christianity, taking in Newton, Huggens, Leibnitz, Galileo and Copernicus.

In the second period, the eighteenth century, he cites 5, infidels, eleven whose religious belief is unknown, while 39 admitted the existence of God, of the soul and of Revelation. Among the last were Herschel, Linnaeus, Werner and Boerhaave.

Nineteenth century is the third period, the number of scientists

increases. Out of 163 names cited only 12 were infidels. Indefinite religious convictions were professed by 22 while 124 were believers. The adherents to the Christian faith include Pasteur, Hany, Faraday, J. B. Dumas, LeVerrier, Cauchy, Ampere, Volta,—surely eminent enough to refute the argument that belief in revealed religion is inconsistent in a scientist.

Weekly Calendar Of Feast Days

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Sunday, July 31.—St. Ignatius, founder of the Society of Jesus, who was born at Loyola in Spain in 1491 and served the king as a courtier and soldier until his thirtieth year. Being wounded, he was called by Divine grace to leave the world, and embracing poverty and humility, he won others to join him in God's service, and his companions placed themselves under the obedience of the Pope. Our Lord promised Ignatius that the precious heritage of His passion, a heritage of contradictions and persecutions, would never fail His society. Ignatius died July 31, 1556.

Monday, August 1.—St. Peter's Chains, commemorating the miraculous delivery of St. Peter by an angel, who cut his chains when he had been imprisoned by Herod Agrippa.

Tuesday, August 2.—St. Stephen, Pope and Martyr, who was born in Jerusalem and was elected to the Holy See on May 3, 253. He was beheaded, while sitting in his pontifical chair, by satellites of the emperor, on August 2, 257. This day is also the feast of St. Alphonsus, Ligouri, born in Naples in 1696.

Wednesday, August 3.—The Finding of St. Stephen's Relics, commemorating the discovery of the body of the first Christian martyr concealed under the ruins of an old tomb twenty miles from Jerusalem by a venerable priest named Lucian. Many miracles attended the finding of the body, which was transferred to the Church of Zion at Jerusalem.

Thursday, August 4.—St. Dominic, founder of the Order of Friar Preachers and to whom the Blessed Virgin gave the Rosary, was born in Spain in 1170. His eloquent words rescued countless souls and three times raised the dead to life. He died August 6, 1221, at the age of 51.

Friday, August 5.—The Dedication of St. Mary ad Nives, one of the three patriarchal churches in Rome, the site of which is declared to have been chosen by the Mother of God by a miraculous snow that fell to earth in the middle of summer.

Saturday, August 6.—The Transfiguration of Our Lord on Mount Thabor in the presence of the apostles Peter, James and John.

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Never before has the Summer School been so crowded during the month of July; from the end of June guests have been pouring in, coming in large parties as the month of July progressed; by the third week of this month the school was so crowded that it was very difficult to find accommodations for those who had chanced the journey without making previous arrangements. At the present time all the cottages are booked for the remainder of the season.

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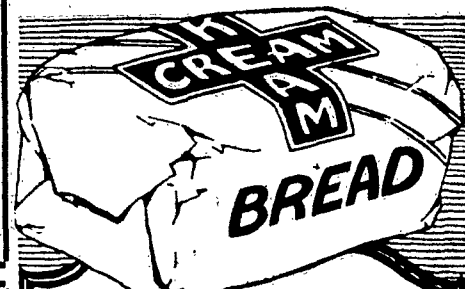
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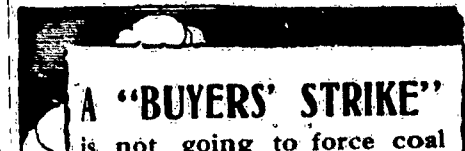
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