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### This Helps

Dr. Hubert Work, the new Postmaster General, is a medical authority of high standing. As told in last week's news article in the Catholic Journal, he is a member of the American Medical Association; a member and past president of the Medico-Psychological Association; a specialist in mental and nervous diseases.

The birth control mania does not like Dr. Work. In his capacity of physician he has opposed their infamous propaganda. In his new capacity of Postmaster General he is enforcing the Federal law that bars their literature and commercial devices and includes both in the classification of obscene and indecent matter, prohibited for transport (a title through the mails and by express).

The Voluntary Parenthood League has attacked Dr. Work by letter and in the press. Having the law on his side, Dr. Work is in stronger position than when he was only a physician.

If the law is enforced, the birth controllers will find it difficult to reach the gullible would be purchasers of illicit goods.

### Insurance

George Fitch has penned a quiet boost for life insurance in the abstract, not just an advertisement for some particular life insurance company in the course of which he says:—

Many a man has left 100 relatives in this lugubrious vale and has gone on and worried because he fears his widow will not be able to command high wages over the washtub. But the man who leaves a \$10,000 insurance policy in a cool, dry place while he goes on has nothing to worry about but his own future. The insurance policy will get up early in the morning after the funeral and take care of the family with striking success.

Insurance is sold by bland, quiet men and is frequently bought against the earnest wishes of the purchaser. Paying premiums on a life insurance policy is about the lowest form of entertainment next to having teeth filled. Many a strong young man has declined to pay out the equivalent of 2,000 good cigars each year for a fortune which he would have to die to collect, but later on in life, when he is spavined and rickety and the insurance agents pass hastily by on the other side of the street, he becomes pensive and worried; and still later, when America has an ache of its own and the Grim Reaper is hounding up his scythe on the other side of the but I don't believe that any religion, he wonders, with some bit-ness, how long his life savings you get politics and religion mixed of \$72.45 will support the sorrowing widow in affluence. Then he dies, and, although he has never taken out a policy, the loss is reported above as "fully covered by insurance." One of the easiest ways to secure sorrow at one's work is to become a total loss.

### Waste Of Time

Bishop Burt is going to Rome to "convert" the Italians to Methodism. Of course he is seeking collections of money to forward this laudable design.

Just for the edification and enlightenment of Brother Burt's fellow-Methodists before they decide to spend too much of their money, let us quote the noted Jesuit professor, Father Mandato. He wrote as follows from Rome in 1910 and conditions in Rome in 1922 are no different from 1910:—

"The number of so-called converts to Methodism is very small. Methodists count as converts all those who through curiosity fill their houses and then their halls and chapels. Their work of perversion is chiefly among the children and the youths of the poverty-stricken. As to grown-up persons, they make among them very few proselytes; most of those they seem to win over are people who formerly had no religion or were firebrands of social or political revolutions, joining the Methodists in order to shout in company against Pope and Church. Some families I know are bound to go to the Methodist church because the fathers are employed in the Methodist printing house or some other Methodist institution. The Society of the Preservation of the Faith' is very efficient in counteracting the Methodist propaganda. Methodists are making no real progress; rather they are losing ground. As to gains to Methodism from schools and refugees—the efforts of the Methodists are directed especially towards the children of the very poor, to whom the bait is held out of free education and the teaching of English in attractive and comfortable quarters. But even those children are withdrawn so soon as the parents are made aware of the perils to which their faith is exposed, or similar advantages are offered to them in Catholic institutions. There is also the Crandon International Institute for girls of the better people, but generally the girls who go there for schooling do not frequent their worship and remain as they were, Catholics or Jewesses, or of no religion at all, according as they have been previously brought up by their parents."

### Go Back 'Ome, Nan

Were she not Lady Astor and were she not the sister of Mrs. Charles Dana Gibson, Viscountess Astor, titled expatriate wedded to a son of the man who forswore his allegiance to the Stars and Stripes for a British peerage, Lady Astor would have been ignored by American press and public. She is not as interesting as the waspish Margot Asquith but she is sprightly and managed to get herself on the first page by clever nothings. No one really took her views seriously until she began to talk about history and religion. Then she began to grow mischievous and showed her wonderful ignorance—or was it the malice of bigotry? For instance just imagine a self-expatriate telling this to the American reporters—many of them Northcliffe pupils or graduates:—

"I wouldn't put anything into a history that is biased," said Lady Astor in her original interview. "A lot of foreigners in America forget the foundation of America. It was founded by Protestants and in the Protestant and the Grim Reaper is hounding up his scythe on the other side of the but I don't believe that any religion, he wonders, with some bit-ness, how long his life savings you get politics and religion mixed of \$72.45 will support the sorrowing widow in affluence. Then he dies, and, although he has never taken out a policy, the loss is reported above as "fully covered by insurance." One of the easiest ways to secure sorrow at one's work is to become a total loss.

When is the Chamber of Commerce's special telephone committee to make its report? It has been at work some months now. We note that many Fourth Degree Assemblies honor the memory of some noted man in the Church by prefixing it to their assembly. Why should not Rochester's assembly be known as the "Bernard J. McQuaid Assembly?"

"I think that's very unfortunate. This is a Protestant country, based on Protestant faith. Catholics are welcome here; let them come. But they must remember that our foundations are Protestant and they can't be changed. I respect everybody's religion, but I don't respect anyone who uses his religion for political purposes."

The remarks were promptly met by a statement by the Knights of Columbus, which was as follows:

"Even painstaking gallantry cannot overlook the insults which the expatriate Lady Astor so gallantly threw at Catholics and Americans of Irish descent in her first elaborate interview after returning to the country she saw fit to reject. When she says 'a lot of these foreigners in America forget the foundation of America,' she not only forgets America's foundation, but she forgets that she, too, is a foreigner, a voluntary alien."

"Lady Astor graciously pro-nounces a welcome for Catholics and ungraciously states that America was founded by Protestants, and in the Protestant faith. It is difficult to accuse a lady of ignorance, but Lady Astor is woefully ignorant of the history of her native land. She has forgotten Columbus, Marquette, Serra and the Carrolls."

"In England the English have the praiseworthy habit of paying not the slightest attention to what distinguished visitors have to say about them, but here Lady Astor's tea-table tommyrot about domestic American questions may create havoc with shallow minds already attuned to violent prejudices. Certainly, with Conan Doyle and this irresponsible lady rampant in the land, the question arises as to whether there should not be a mental as well as a physical quarantine for visitors, however distinguished, so that obnoxious utterances can be left outside the three-mile limit with obnoxious diseases, for both are equally inimical to a country that guarantees the non-pursuit of the pursuits of happiness."

"Lady Astor's comment on the Knights of Columbus history movement is simply impudence, coming from a voluntary alien."

Why do the decent, law-abiding motorists organize a club of their own with the one slogan and aim: to rid the streets and highways of the reckless, daredevil, irresponsible automobile drivers?

The reputable lawyer or doctor has pride in his profession and will not tolerate solicitation of business by "runners"

Recently, the 75th anniversary of the opening of the first scholastic institution of the Christian Brothers in America was celebrated.

The many friends of James Wendell feel that in his untimely death New York State has lost a splendid public officer.

Let the Catholics of Rochester do their full duty toward the Community Chest. Its managers have done their duty toward our Catholic institutions and have not shown discrimination.

Just why Rochester educators who belong to the Masonic fraternity should find it necessary to call a meeting of Masons exclusively to discuss important problems of education" has not been made clear to us.

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There is no closed season for subscribers to the Catholic Journal. Our lists are always open for additions. And with the splendid news service of the National Catholic Welfare Council, supplemented by our parochial correspondents and our special service the Catholic Journal is worth far more than the subscription price.

It is a pious custom which might well be followed by every Catholic to recite five decades of the Rosary every day.

If there could only be a board of censorship over the flood of indecent, trashy, irreligious and obscene magazines that flood the corner newsstands these days!

Paternal organizations are striving to do some good instead of existing merely and solely for amusement and jollification.

To run or not to run in Rochester—that is the problem that confronts the suburban car owners and operators.

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