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**Further Mission**

In his masterly address before the supreme body of the Knights of Columbus, Archbishop Glennon sketched the past achievements of the Order and then asked: "What is left to do? Part of his answer is as follows:—  
Gentlemen our nation is passing through its crisis just as your Order is passing through its crisis. To come through it successfully the Knights must, in God's name, renew the zeal and spirit of other days. Burnish again your armor so that it shall be bright, so that your presence and power shall be felt in every town and hamlet, so that everywhere the Knights of Columbus shall be a pillar and tower of strength. You must work together as Knights of Columbus. You must put aside personalities for the sake of the cause you serve, or at least you should not ventilate your personal grievances on the public highways.

Your faith, may it never decline, and may it ever find in the Knights of Columbus defenders. Our country, may it prosper, may its citizenship be worthy of it and its discoverer. May the Knights of Columbus preserve it ever as we know it to be, great, glorious and free. A Protestant writer of note, Mallock (before the war) said, "The Catholic Church is the Columbus of modern society which will guide us eventually to the new moral continent which other explorers are trying in vain to reach." The task of the Church to-day is to lead humanity out from the slough of despond, from the dark places where it is, from the despair into which it has fallen—to lift up the widow and orphan; to heat the wounds that afflict the world; to bring back peace and sanity to society. It is the work of the Knights of Columbus to-day and tomorrow.

I have a vision of a great university—the University of Knighthood, with its extension in every village and hamlet in America. I see eight hundred thousand students thronging the halls of this University—the Knights of Columbus studying what means Catholic Knighthood, what means brotherly love, what means service, what means duty to community and service to God. I see that University extending day by day. I see its every student quick to grasp every opportunity for service and making fruitful the efforts of Catholic Knighthood. I see it expand in numbers and power until its influence is felt everywhere—a great University of Knighthood standing strong as the hills, and firm as the faith we hold in Christ our Lord; when that vision is fulfilled, and I hope it will be, we shall have the opportunity of greeting you again and of pointing to the fresher laurels that you then shall wear, transcending in fairness all the laurels that have been bestowed in the years that have gone.

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**Tempest in Teapot**

For these many years we have known that the Methodists were the most open, vigorous and mendacious of all our non-Catholic opponents. They fairly shriek their dislike of anything Catholic—that is they rant at the Church in Europe and in Rochester they roast Cardinal O'Connell and in Boston they are intensely peeved at Cardinal Dougherty.

The real reason is their jealousy. They cannot break down the Catholic Church in the United States which flourishes even in Methodist hot-beds. Methodist business men fear loss of Catholic patronage if they abuse their own Catholic neighbors but they are not afraid to subscribe money for Methodist missionaries to try to "convert" Catholic Italians in Italy. All of which may cast light on the following clever report of the recent Methodist conference in Rochester which appeared in a recent issue of "The Post Express":—

Genesee Conference must have broken its record yesterday in listening to diatribes and joining in denunciations. The day began with a condemnation of the nation-wide poll by the "Literary Digest" and similar polls taken in cities as "unfair and deceptive." This was assented to in a series of argumentative resolutions offered by Rev. Dr. R. S. Cushman of Asbury church. Then W. H. Anderson called the "Digest's" poll the "greatest confidence game ever pulled off," and said he had figures to prove it, so he needs \$250,000 more to fight the insidious attack on prohibition. Next O. R. Miller, who runs the Civic league in Albany, described the administration of Al Smith in 1919-20 as a time when "Christianity suffered extremely" in "the shadow of great darkness." Along about noon Bishop Theodore Henderson attacked two or three popes, two cardinals and the Knights of Columbus, accusing them of repeated lying and chicanery. He took many subscriptions for the sinews of a war against these "foes of Methodism." Then, to make the close of a perfect day, the state superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league launched one of his "butcher cleaver" assaults on Senator Calder and former Governor Smith and excoriated all who advocate a referendum on a modification of the Volstead law as friends of "anarchy and nullification." To make the thing still more complete Rev. Deats Pickett attacked the women concerning whom he said "the old standards for women are passing away under the influence of the new feminism," so he opposed the return of what nobody wants, the saloon.

**The Public**

We have so often presented similar views through the columns of this paper that it is a pleasure to reprint the following vigorous editorial from the esteemed "Western Watchman":—  
Just who or what is the "public" when it comes to a conflict between labor and capital? Has the sympathy, or the antipathy, of that formless being ever been the determining factor in the settlement of a strike? Usually it is thought that the government represents the people at large, and governmental interference is resented ordinarily by both sides to the conflict. Just now it looks as if governmental forces are being directed against the strikers, and intemperate statements are given publication in a way that bodes no good for the reiteration of industrial peace and business prosperity. Mr. Dougherty and Mr. Gompers have come to the front of the stage, but they are not big enough to have the welfare of our country committed entirely into their hands in such a crisis as the present. Until it is made clear that capital has not decreed the utter extinction of unionism the authorities at Wash-

ington would better be very slow in adopting an attitude that can be too readily interpreted as an alliance with big money. A general strike is unthinkable at this stage of human progress, but unfortunately it is not the last nor the worst among the possibilities confronting us at the present uneasy moment. Just now it looks like a long, hard winter ahead for both private and public.

**Beaten Temporarily**

Temporarily, at least, the bigots are foiled in their dastardly attempt to crush out the Catholic schools in Oklahoma. Despite vigorous campaigning by certain Masonic leaders and all the bigots of every stripe, the proponents of the proposition were unable to secure the necessary numbers of signers to their petition to submit to the electorate this fall the proposition to shut up the Catholic schools by a law to compel all children in the State to attend public school and penalizing all parents who send their children to a private school of whatever character.

It is understood similar results will attend the efforts along similar lines in Oregon, Washington and Michigan but that their backers, as well as the Oklahoma bigots, will renew their efforts next year.

It is strange that these bigots cannot see the economic disaster, as well as the positive disregard for the Federal constitutional provision guaranteeing religious freedom to every citizen of the United States, invited by the hint of such legislative enactment as here suggested? If the Catholic schools are closed the backers of the proposition to close will pay additional taxes to educate the Catholic children. It is true that closing the Catholic schools would save the Catholic taxpayer's money; but if they are willing to pay double taxes in order that the spiritual welfare of their children are conserved, why should their non-Catholic neighbors object, even if they cannot comprehend the Catholic sacrifice for conscience sake.

Just let the sober-minded, thinking American read and ponder the following statistics and we feel sure he never will countenance such foolish legislation as we have been writing about:—  
The actual number now in such schools is much larger, for in 1920 there were enrolled in Catholic elementary and secondary schools, according to the Directory of Catholic Colleges and Schools, compiled by the Rev. James H. Ryan, 1,925,511 pupils. At the average cost of \$40.76 per child, given by the United States Bureau of Education as an outlay for current expenses in the public schools, this represents a saving of \$78,483,827 to the public school authorities. At the average cost of buildings and equipment per child enrolled in public schools, it represents a saving of \$215,600,000. The cost of providing buildings and equipment for the Catholic children now attending parochial schools if required to attend public schools would be \$278,368,798.

In round figures, then, the additional financial burden which the bigots would place upon the shoulders of the people would amount to nearly \$400,000,000 for school buildings and equipment alone. On top of this, more than \$150,000,000 annually would be required over and above the present cost of public education. The stupidity of such proposals is indeed fully manifest but the financial cost of bigotry is only one side—the material side—of the loss that successful bigotry would entail upon the American people. The spiritual, moral, and intellectual damage that would follow the abolishment of private and religious schools is far more serious than the waste and loss of money.

Judge Landis now knows of personal knowledge how fickle is a public sentiment, especially of the New York baseball fans.

The campaign of 1922 is in full swing.

President Harding's Cabinet officers are to make speeches for his party. Governor Miller directs that all New York State officers abstain from political work and remain at their desks attending to the State's business.

The Ku Klux Klan will disintegrate if internal troubles persevere.

"Bishop" Henderson, of the Methodist sect, can read an itemized account of the K. of C. war expenditures whenever he wants.

Not alone in the forests but in the factory and in the office should we be careful not to drop a lighted match.

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