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**Up And Doing**

In view of the insidious attacks now being made on the Catholic faith, the Catholic Church and, especially here in the United States, on the Catholic schools, it behooves us to be on the alert.

We have read of the vicious attacks on the Catholic schools in Michigan, Oklahoma, Oregon and Washington in the Central and far West, following closely upon the outbreaks in Georgia, the Carolinas and Florida. We think they were only sporadic outbreaks but their effect is felt everywhere. The Eighteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution was slipped over by first one State then another passing a prohibition amendment until the required number of States had acted.

The next amendment to the Constitution of the United States will be one prohibiting the creation, maintenance or operation of any other than the state schools--perhaps they will be Federal schools in that case. Think that's a silly suggestion? Not so silly as you think. New York State won't stand for it? Yes, it will, just as New York had stood for the Eighteenth Amendment. Why are Masons holding closed door meetings in their lodge rooms "to discuss the progress of the public schools?"

**Intolerance**

Speaking before the Calvary Baptist Church in Washington not so long ago President Harding said:

"There is no relationship here between Church and State. Religious liberty has its unalterable place, along with civil and human liberty, in the very foundation of the republic. Therein is shown the farseeing vision of the immortal founders, and we are better people and a better republic because there is that freedom. "I fear it is forgotten sometimes. In the experiences of a year, in the presidency, there has come to me no other such unwelcome impression as the manifest religious intolerance which exists among many of our citizens. I hold it to be a menace to the very liberties we boast and cherish."

Following this up Representative Walter M. Chandler, in the halls of the Congress denounced propaganda of intolerance seen in many parts of the United States. He then went on:--

"Mr. Speaker, I am neither Catholic nor Jew. I am a Presbyterian Protestant, and I hold the tenets of my faith as dear as does any man. But I despise radical intolerance and religious bigotry, and I hate persecution as I do the spirit of the devil and all his ways. I believe that the best hope of this republic lies in the maintenance forever of the groundwork of religious freedom upon which the fathers founded when that foundation crum-

bles I believe that the republic will crumble with it.

"Civil liberty was born in America. It was born in Catholic England, at Runnymede, in 1215, more than 300 years before Protestantism appeared upon the earth, when Catholic barons wrung from King John the famous Magna Charta, the foundation of all Anglican and American civil freedom.

"America's distinct and priceless contribution to the political civilization of the earth was in the gift of religious freedom to mankind; in other words, in the framing of a government that separated Church and State forever, and made individual judgment and conscience the test of man's rights of faith and worship in matters of religion.

"In closing, Mr. Speaker, I wish to make vigorous and earnest protest against the anti-Catholic propaganda in many sections of the country that is becoming a menace to the peace of the nation, that is furnishing a solemn mockery of our boasted religious freedom, and that would destroy the cornerstone of the republic if allowed to become effective. As a Presbyterian who believes that there can be no religious freedom for the Protestant unless there is equal religious freedom for the Jew and Catholic, I protest against the widespread anti-Catholic agitation in America.

**"What Does It Feel Like?"**

In response to this question put to him by Bishop Fallon, of London, Ontario, Shane Leslie, the noted poet and prose writer, a convert to the Faith, told as follows what it feels like to be a Catholic:

"You ask for my sensations rather than my opinions, my sentiments rather than my reasons. When kind friends asked me, 'Why the hell did you become a Catholic?' I answered, 'Exactly, and hell is a damned good reason.' When they said, 'Why on earth does an educated man do it?' I would only reply, 'God only knows,' which is about true. My feelings on entering the Church were deeply moved morally, aesthetically and historically. I felt as though my accounts were being beautifully audited, and, though morally bankrupt, I was starting afresh with a little credit out of the divine treasury of Holy Church. Aesthetically, whereas I had hated Protestant services, when I became a Catholic I felt all the ecstasy liturgy and plain song can bring, and began to wish to take Orders. I felt I should like to be a Trappist or a Dominican, or upon some such exalted spiritual height. I felt terribly disappointed when my vocation turned lay, and I became an ecclesiastically minded scribbler. Historically I could always feel I had lined up with antiquity. I was part of the Catholic Christendom, which had made Europe and by which alone Europe could be remade. But my strongest feeling, then and today, was an acute desire to die in the Catholic Fold, and be laid in an anonymous but consecrated monastery corner."

Rochesterians should take to themselves the lessons of Safety Week. Do you recall a more listless political campaign than the present one. Is Lloyd George's political leadership ended for good and all? Fraternal orders have their place in the community. But that place is not to stir up religious unrest. We read of many converts to the true Faith every year. The National Council of Catholic Men in the United States has a mission. It is to be hoped the organization will rise to the occasion.

**Our Duty**

Special correspondents in the poverty-stricken countries of Europe, tell that there are about 300 agencies distributing "relief" and not one of them of Catholic organization or management. And how well they make their relief dovetail with their proselytizing propaganda is told by the special correspondent who is investigating conditions in Poland. "In Catholic Poland," he writes, "one sees at its best, or its worst, the work of the American Protectors. The two 'Y's' hold forth in impressive style and the Methodists are spending much money in aiding these stricken Catholics who are not much better off than their fellow-Catholics in Austria. The Methodists appear to have more money in Poland than the others put together. And they spend it with a reckless abandon which is dazzling to the eyes of a hungry Pole. In one place in Poland that I know of those who attend a Methodist service are paid the magnificent sum of \$1.00. Those who are particularly zealous receive at stated intervals the sum of \$20.00, while those who consent to be married according to the Methodist rule and ceremony receive what a Polish friend of mine called an 'entire outfit' and \$50.00. In Poland, the Methodists conduct two orphan asylums for Catholic children. On the walls of one of these there used to hang a picture of the Virgin of Czestochowa and a Catholic priest was invited to say mass for the little ones on Sunday. Hence the Methodists complain when the Cardinal Primate of Poland charges them with being anti-Catholic. It is high time the Catholics of the United States did their part. Let us be on the alert and put a quietus on bigoted propaganda.

Just suppose: That the Catholic schools in Rochester were closed and all their pupils turned into the public schools some Monday morning? Will Babe Ruth rejoin the movies? Now that a colored gentleman has captured the pugilistic championship, it would be a fine thing if an American darky recaptured it. There are so many masses in Rochester each Sunday that there is no excuse for being late. Let us hope there will be no entrance of bigotry in the elections in Rochester this fall. The mild fall of 1922 is a treasure trove to those with empty coalbins. Let us hope it continues. Governor Miller certainly does not intend to speak his full mind. Rochester's telephone muddle certainly does not clarify easily. Has Mr. Eastman met his first impasse?

If you do not advertise in the Catholic Journal you are overlooking one of the best advertising mediums in Rochester. In these days you need a good Catholic paper in your home to keep abreast of Catholic news and information. Serious illness is about the only valid excuse we can think of for missing mass. What has caused the sudden interest in Bible reading in the schools of Syracuse? At Techny, Ill. The new Lamp of Faith was hung in the church for the first time at the opening of the Forty Hours' devotion which took place on Friday morning.

**Weekly Calendar Of Feast Days**

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

Sunday, October 29. -- St. Narcisus, Bishop, was consecrated Bishop of Jerusalem about the year 180. One Holy Saturday when Paschal feast, the Saint told the faithful to draw water from the neighboring well and praying over it told them to pour it into the lamps. It was changed into oil. The Saint was falsely accused by three enemies and withdrew secretly to the desert. But when his accusers were confounded and suffered the terrible penalties they had called down upon themselves if their accusations were approved untrue, God called Narcisus back to Jerusalem to resume his office.

Monday, October 30. -- St. Marcellus, the Centurion, Martyr, was thrown into prison because while a captain in the legion of Trajan, he refused to take part in the impious celebration of the birthday of the Emperor Maximian Hercules. He was beheaded October 30, 298.

Tuesday, October 31. -- St. Quintin, Martyr, was descended from a Roman senatorial family full of zeal for the faith, he made his way into Gaul attended by St. Lucian of Beauva. Quintin established himself at Amiens where he was imprisoned and after being cruelly tortured, was beheaded in 287.

Wednesday, November 25. -- All Saints. The Church pays day by day a special veneration to some one of the holy men and women who have helped to establish it by their blood, develop it by their labors, or edify it by their virtues. But, in addition to those whom the Church honors by special designation, or has inscribed on her calendar, how many martyrs are there whose names are not recorded. How many humble virgins and holy penitents! How many just and holy anchorites or young children snatched away in their innocence How many Christians whose merits are known only to God and who are themselves known only in heaven! These remember us in their intercessions and we should not forget them.

Thursday, November 26. -- All Souls. When our Lord inspired St. Odilo, Abbot of Cluny, towards the end of the tenth century to establish in his Order a general commemoration of all the faithful departed, it was soon adopted by the whole Western Church and has been continued unceasingly to our day. Let us then ever bear in mind the dead and offer up our prayers for them. By showing this mercy to the suffering soul in Purgatory, we shall be particularly entitled to be treated with mercy at our departure from this world.

Friday, November 3. -- St. Hubert, Bishop, in his early youth was passionately devoted to hunting. Moved by divine grace he renounced the world and was ordained by St. Lambert, Bishop of Maestricht. When the latter was murdered in 681, St. Hubert was chosen to succeed him. He preached the Gospel in the remote places of Ardennes and God blessed him with the gift of miracles. He died May 30, 727.

Saturday, November 4. -- St. Charles Borromeo. In 1560 Charles Borromeo, then twenty-two years old, was created a Cardinal and by the side of his uncle Pius IV administered the affairs of the Holy See. He was largely responsible for the success of the Council of Trent and for the administration of the council's decrees. As Archbishop of Milan he remained in the city throughout the great plague, in constant attendance on the sick and dying.

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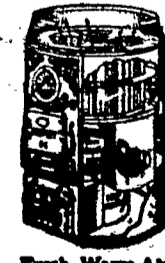
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