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Will Change?

Rev. Samuel Bowlby of the "National Lord's Day Alliance" at the International Presbyterian Convention, attacked Sunday movies and called upon Will Hays, the movie czar, who was at the convention in capacity of delegate, to eliminate the Sunday shows and leave the Sabbath for the Churches.

If the people at large would substitute Church for Sunday evening movies, we fancy public sentiment soon would force closing of the movies on Sunday where they are now permitted.

But the people will not flock to the Protestant Churches on Sunday evenings, even if they are turned into amusement palaces while the preacher's sermons are either political tirades, sex discussion, social topics or a review of the latest best seller in the fiction market.

The Catholic Churches are filled from four to six times on Sunday mornings to assist at the sacrifice of the mass which is offered in every quarter of the globe, as it has been for the last two thousand years. The priest-preacher expounds the Gospel for the day, the lesson taught by Christ on earth and after him by the Apostles and Bishops of Rome.

The Gospel is the sermon in the Catholic Church and our Churches are filled four to six times every Sunday morning.

After assisting at mass the Catholic finishes the day according to his own bent along the line that the Sabbath was made for man.

Possibly if the Protestant Churches expounded the Gospel Sunday mornings they might see larger attendance. But when they attempt to compete with the theater, the concert and the movie, the professional entertainer, openly advertised as such, is a winner every time.

The new Bishop of Syracuse, Rt. Rev. Daniel Curley, received a royal welcome to his Diocese.

Patron Saint.

In the course of an editorial article, the Protestant "Christian Century" of Chicago is quoted as follows:—

The Pope has nominated St. Francis de Sales to be the patron saint of journalists, and no editor, however perplexed, could ask for a gentler, wiser guardian spirit. He was a real saint, and the famous essay by Sainte Beuve, the best thing ever written about him, reveals a man of radiant personality, of incomparable vivacity, of unconquerable optimism; as generous as gentle; uniting a wealth of human sympathy with a profound spirituality; and, by the test of journalism, a master of a limpid, vivid, enchanting style of writing. If journalists cared much for a patron-saint, they could not ask for a better than St. Francis de Sales. Surely journalists, of all men, need a saint, not because they are unlike other men, but because they see all too clearly what human things are, and their faith is often sorely tried. Any working journalist knows enough of the seamy side of humanity to furnish half a dozen gadfly cynics with quivers full of gibes and taunts. If St. Francis can teach us a gentler habit of heart, more pity and laughter, and a finer art of sympathy, he will be a blessing in Fleet Street, Park Row and South Dearborn street.

Judge Kohlmetz should keep up jail sentences for reckless motorists.

"City of Catholic Charity"

This is the title of a helpful and instructive article in May "Columbia" by Most Rev. Patrick J. Hayes, Archbishop of New York, and the opening paragraphs tell the story as follows:—

One hundred and forty-six thousand, three hundred and twenty persons served during 1923! This is the amazing record of the Catholic charities of New York. The magnitude of these figures appears all the more forcibly when it is recalled that well-known cities have not so many souls in their entire population. Think of this vast number as a city in itself—what we might characterize as "The City of Catholic Charity." Think of it in comparison with thriving Scranton 137,783 strong, Springfield, Mass., boasting of 129,614, or Bridgeport claiming 143,555. Great indeed is the task of Catholic charities, and mighty the strides its conditions occasion.

To accomplish this result fifteen different groups have worked shoulder to shoulder, animated by a common spirit and co-ordinated in their activity by the Archbishop's central organization. The bare recital of results attained by these agencies is an impressive proof of our Faith's vigor and powerful evidence of her vital influence.

Our hospitals cared for 33,171 patients. Our parish visitors, St. Vincent de Paul workers, and Ladies of Charity, carried their benefits to 26,852 individuals requiring family relief. The friendless were sheltered by the Holy Name Mission and St. Mary's Home in nearly 9,000 cases. Twenty-four nurseries provided a refuge during the day for 2,929 young children and infants. Child-caring agencies and special works for children reached no less than 29,855 not to speak of the club activities for boys and girls, which provided healthy recreation for at least 8,200 more. Summer camps were developed and made possible the enjoyment of 6,221; and Big Brother and Big Sister supervision influenced 5,869. Settlement houses were attended by 13,151, and the balance was divided between convalescent homes, girls' residences, homes for the aged, and summer homes.

Behind these cold statistics what a wealth of human interest lies hidden. The distress of long illness; the confusion attendant upon death with its frequent demands for widows' pensions, and the care of children, relief of families deprived for a time of their bread-winners' services—these are but a few of the many sidelights our figures might reveal. The self-sacrifice and ardent zeal of thousands of our consecrated religious and the whole-hearted, practical faith of our people have found expression in these good works. Like the good Shepherd they have gone forth to seek that which was lost; to reclaim that which was driven away; to bind up that which was broken, strengthen that which was weak, preserve that which is fat and strong.

The attention of the investment committee of the Chamber of Commerce is called to the ease with which supposedly shrewd financier's like Charles M. Schwab have been victimized by plausible get rich schemers.

Our Opinion, Too.

It is quite evident that the decision of the United States Supreme Court that the Federal Law prohibiting child labor generally, and especially in the Southern States, is unconstitutional does not meet with general approval. It is also apparent that the decision is giving new impetus to the movement to amend the United States Constitution so that the Supreme Court may not declare Laws enacted by Congress unconstitutional except by a two-thirds vote of the entire court.

Probably, this phase of public sentiment is reflected by the "Mooseheart Magazine" when it says:—

In view of the fact that our entire future is dependent on the right education and training of the child of today, it would seem that a very liberal and humane construction would be placed on all laws relating to their welfare.

If it is impossible to enact a law safeguarding their futures that will pass muster of the U. S. Supreme Court, then it must be accomplished along educational lines by arousing the American people to the seriousness of the situation.

Perhaps a law declaring it against good public policy to undermine the health of the nation by employing immature children or enslaving women, might stand the test of a Supreme Court decision. We have all kinds of city, county and state health laws, primarily to conserve the health of the community. "Where there is a will there is a way," and it is inconceivable that in the "land of the free and the home of the brave," women and children should be oppressed and ground to death in their fight for a mere existence.

Lloyd George evidently expects another war in the near future. And yet the anglomaniacs want us to enter into an offensive and defensive alliance.

Canada.

Even Canada has her immigration problems as witness the following editorial from the Post Express:—

Canada appears to have a more intelligent immigration system and policy than ours. She knows precisely what class of new citizens she wants, and goes after them; and is equally clear what sort she has no use for, shuts her gates against them and notifies them to keep away. She thus obtains a due proportion of desirables; but the trouble is that she cannot keep them at home. Opportunities over here allure them. The single city of Winnipeg sent us 6,000 of her people last year. For several decades French Canadians have swarmed across our border, preferring work in New England factories to work on farms. Quebec is seeking to check this drift and to recall such of her wanderers as she can. To this end, the province has spent $7,000,000 since 1920 in opening up and colonizing new lands. Only one-ninth of her agricultural acreage has been settled, and only one-eighteenth of it, or 12,000,000 acres, has been improved. She now offers a bonus of $4 per acre for all land cleared, and substantial aid in building roads, bridges, churches, schools and in making community life attractive.

As far as the world needs her products, Canada will bring her idle acres under cultivation. She is fortunate in having them, for that vast potential wealth insures that she will be a great populous prosperous nation in time.

Fred Merkle is popular with the baseball fans, that's certain.

De Valera is still recalcitrant, it would seem.

President Harding evidently wants the world to know he is allied with the dry forces.

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

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

Sunday, May 27.—St. Mary Magdalen of Pazzi was born in Florence in 1566 of an illustrious family. She persuaded her parents to allow her to embrace the religious life and at the age of eighteen was professed in the Carmelite monastery of Santa Maria degli Angeli. She was twice chosen mistress of novices and then made superioress. She died in 1607.

Monday, May 28.—St. Germanus, Bishop and Abbot, was known as the glory of the church in France during the sixth century. Chosen to fill the See of Pasis he was noted for his charity and by his eloquence converted King Childebert who founded many religious institutions and gave large sums for charity. He died in 576.

Tuesday, May 29.—St. Cyril, Martyr, while still a boy, suffered martyrdom at Caesarea in Cappadocia during the persecutions of the third century. He was burned at the stake.

Wednesday, May 30.—St. Felix I, Pope and Martyr, succeeded St. Dionysius in the government of the Church in 269. During his reign Paul of Samosata, Bishop of Antioch was excommunicated for gross heresy concerning the Divine Nature of Christ and the mysteries of the Trinity and the Incarnation. When the persecution of Aurelian broke out St. Felix was among those who obtained the crown of martyrdom in 274.

Thursday, May 31.—St. Petronilla, virgin, is said to have been a daughter of St. Peter who was married before he was called to become one of the Apostles. She lived at Rome and was buried on the way to Andea where in ancient times a cemetery and and church bore her name.

Friday, June 1.—St. Justin, Martyr, born in the first year of the second century, sought the true source of wisdom among the many diverse schools of philosophy. The Scriptures and the constancy of the Christian martyrs led Justin from the darkness of human reason to the light of faith. At Rome he sealed his testimony with his blood surrounded by his disciples.

Saturday, June 2.—St. Pothinus, Bishop, governed the See of Lyons during the persecution that broke out in that city in 177 during which many were martyred.

Belgian Parish Gives Ciborium To London Church For Belgians

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

London, May 14.—The Belgian church in London, dedicated to Our Lady of Hal, has been presented with a beaten silver ciborium by the clergy and people of Hal in Belgium.

There is an interesting connection between this new Belgian church in London, and the ancient parish in Belgium, after whose famous statue of Our Lady of Hal the London Church is named. Ancient Hal, which has just given a ciborium to London, possesses and uses to this day a very fine silver monstrance, which was given to the church at Hal centuries ago by Henry VIII of England.

Plans Exhibit Of Religious Art

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

Paris, May 12.—The Bishop of Le Mans has announced that he hopes to have an international exhibition of religious art in his episcopal city next year, as a section of the General Exhibition of Industry and Fine Arts which is to be held there, covering a period of several months.

We are now located at 113 North Water St.

Auburn Paster To Return From Southern Trip

Auburn, May 21.—This week members of the congregation of St. Mary's Church, the Holy Name and other societies of the church, are active in their plans to give their pastor, the Rev. William Payne, a hearty greeting on his return from winter spent in Florida for the benefit of his health. Tokens of affection will be given, and the welcome will be from the hearts of every member of the parish from children to grown-ups.

Father Payne was for several years before going to Auburn pastor of Holy Cross Church, Charlotte.

Father Payne will stop in New York for a few days and is scheduled to arrive here May 28. He will be met in Syracuse by delegation of church members, and when his car arrives in the city at Grant avenue he will be escorted by members of the Holy Name Society to church, where welcome service will be held.

It is said Father Payne will make a stay at Clifton Springs before taking up his pastoral duties again.

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