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Private and Public

Attacks upon the private schools made in Oregon, Washington and Michigan have attracted the attention of a number of leading secular publications.

The attempt made in Oregon to abolish the private school in that State has been imitated in other States, notably in the state of Michigan.

What is sought by such a measure is in effect what has been attempted by a decree of the Soviet government in Russia, announced early this year, absolutely forbidding any teaching outside of the government schools.

In Russia there is an open, official attack upon religion. By banishing the teaching in the public schools and by preventing the formation of private classes or private schools, the government is attempting to stamp out religious instruction altogether.

There is, of course, no such motive to be attributed to the anti-private school movement in some of our commonwealths, but the result will not be far different if it succeeds; for there can be no strictly religious teaching in the public schools, and unless there are private schools or classes organized at private or Church expense the children are untaught except by their parents.

It is absurd to accuse private or parochial schools generally of being un-American. No more democratic spirit is to be found anywhere in America than in many of them.

There are a menace to the common good only as they draw away from the public school the financial and moral support it should have, or if they do not maintain the standards prescribed for the public schools.

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any financial support, in every State, so far as we have knowledge, Catholics pay their full quota of taxes to support the public or state schools.

In reality, the Catholic schools save the non-Catholic taxpayers much money. But this does not weigh with the bigots. Many of them pay no taxes whatever. Many of them are thieves in fact and in thought.

That is all there is to it.

His Own Man Signs are multiplying to this net effect: Calvin Coolidge intends to be his own boss after March 4, 1925.

This does not mean that he has not been his own boss since he assumed the Presidency but until now he has regarded himself as the residuary legatee of Warren G. Harding and his policies of his predecessor.

On November 4, however, the people of the United States issued their mandate to Calvin Coolidge that he is to be their President after March 4, 1925, and that hereafter they will hold him responsible for the administration of national affairs for four years from that date.

Therefore, it is but natural that the President feels he must think for himself, pick out his own Cabinet, chart his own political map and steer his own political ship.

Well: It is high time that common sense and decency and reverence for traditions played a greater part in our public life. Such things have been well-nigh forgotten in the last few years.

Exile Returned Probably, the testimony of the late Father Maturin, son of a Protestant minister and for 27 years a clergyman for the great mass of voters, the elites with that of most converts to Catholicism is looked upon not Holy Mother Church and it is reproduced herewith.

"It is only as the years go by that one realizes how far one has traveled from one's former standpoint, and how the general public standards how great the change is. I do not mean requirements, as their parents mean so much the details of faith, as desire for them and are willing to provide at their own expense.

There is a strange sense of coming to land, and amongst a people to whom you always belonged, though you did not know it.

There are a few prize "dumb bells" in the world but the prize one of all has been held up to ridicule by the Baltimore "Review" in the following paragraph:—

An anti-Catholic correspondent in a letter to the Pittsburgh "Observer" makes the direct accusation that Pope Pius XI has issued an order that all Catholic football players must go to Notre Dame next year.

There's A Difference

The difference between Saturday night and Sunday-at-Church expenditures is set forth, facetiously but truly, as follows by the Detroit "Michigan Catholic":—

The attendance at the later services on Sunday is made up largely of young folks. Some of them work late Saturday nights and others attend theaters, etc. It is only natural that they seek to sleep long Sunday morning; and we have no quarrel with them for coming to a late Mass, if they hear it properly.

Truly the "Union and Times" well says:— Catholics believe the ordinary method of propagating Christianity is by PREACHING, not by reading or circulating the Bible.

Says a Catholic contemporary:— "Representative Hill's legal action will accomplish more in increasing respect for law than any single factor since the American people began, covertly, to brew and distill their own intoxicating beverages."

LaFollette's overwhelming defeat has scotched, if not killed, the swing of the pendulum toward government ownership of railroads in the United States.

Two to one was the crushing defeat by the intelligent electorate of Michigan to the constitutional amendment to eliminate and prohibit Catholic schools in that state.

Rochester may yet rival New York and Chicago as the home and producer of opera—and sung in English at that.

The Ku Klux Klan would have preferred to see Al. Smith defeated for Governor, even if the Roosevelt platform did denounce the Klan.

The American Jewish Congress, composed of 250 leading Jewish organizations has been organized to give battle to the Ku Klux Klan.

A referendum to force the Catholic cemeteries of San Francisco to locate outside the city limits has just been decisively defeated, thanks to the vigorous efforts of Archbishop Edward J. Hanna.

Good reading matter is an essential in every home. And in the Catholic home one component essential of good reading is a Catholic paper.

For the first time in years the Lord Mayor and both sheriffs of London are Catholics.

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