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"Little Flower"

Devotion to the Virgin of Leseux, recently canonized and popularly known as "The Little Flower" is a welcome oasis in the veritable Sahara of worldliness, extravagance and craze for material enjoyment that exists today.

It proves that there is a growing sentiment in favor of a return to sanity, modesty and quiet living even in this age of amusement riot.

And indeed, even the most ardent devotees of the "self-please cult", at times, is brought up by a round turn of conscience and impelled to reflect "What is it all for? Of what real good is it?"

Let us learn from "the Little Flower" that self and self alone is not all there is. That there is a life beyond this and that our earthly stay here is but a preparation for eternity.

Nonsense

Under the caption "Laws", the Rochester "Democrat & Chronicle" pointedly tells the world what foolish, ill-balanced, inconsistent laws and regulations are leading up to. Our contemporary says:—

Long and seriously the City Council of Haverhill, Massachusetts, debated the need of measures to insure restful sleep at proper hours for all the children resident in that honored town. It was finally enacted that the curfew should be restored to use, but not in its erstwhile form; no bell should toll, but the steam siren of the huge factories should toot mightily and long at 8:45 P. M., standard time.

Again the town fathers of Haverhill debated and decided the question of the management of the clock—the composite clock—of Haverhill. It was decided that daylight saving was a boon not to be denied to Haverhill and clocks were ordered set ahead.

In Haverhill the laws made by the City Council are obeyed to the letter; this is a matter of pride to citizens of the town; so the curfew whistle blew shrilly and the clocks were set ahead.

Now take note of these carefully considered pieces of legislation, as they work together for good for the people of Haverhill: A petition which has been signed by most of the people of Haverhill has been presented to—may forced upon—the City Council demanding that one or the other or both of these laws be nullified and that promptly.

For says this petition, the child health and happiness, and contentedly the comfort and complacency of all parents, are directly threatened by present conditions. The whistle which blows on standard time blows at 9:45 P. M., Haverhill time, and children who, without curfew supervision, have been wont since birth to retire to slumber long before 9:45 P. M. are now roused in terror from their sleep by the mighty toot of legal authority.

There is something in this Haverhill experience akin to the general and varied experiences which we are having with our laws. Individually they may work after a fashion, but collectively they play a lot of mischief.

Coincidence

It is, perhaps, only a peculiar coincidence that there has been but one English speaking Pope, rather than one English-born Pope—Adrian IV. But it is really curious that the only memorial in England to Pope Adrian IV is to be in an Episcopal Church, Abbots Langley in Hertfordshire, where it is said he was born. However, there are a great many of the Episcopalian churches in England that were originally Catholic but confiscated during the reign of Henry VIII.

Be that as it may, the Episcopalian recognize that Nicholas Breakspear, who afterward wore the triple tiara as Adrian IV was easily the most distinguished native of the village and so a tablet to his memory was unveiled in St. Alban's today.

Who knows: Perhaps, the next English speaking Pope may be a native of America.

Safeguards

The Catholic Journal does not always agree with the Hearst newspapers but it is in accord with these sentiments expressed in a recent editorial in the Rochester Journal and Post Express:—

If it is desirable that local government should engage greater interest among citizens, then the inclusion of the initiative and the referendum, so far as now possible, in the new charter to be proposed for Rochester, is wise.

Experience elsewhere with these devices has proved that, though they may be frequently used at first, they tend to fall into disuse save on rare and provoking occasions.

But like their companion device, the recall, they represent a useful safeguard. The fact that they can be used if necessary helps to make the need infrequent.

Practically all new city charters, where state constitutions permit, sanction all three. They have value not only when large groups of citizens are disaffected at what the local governing bodies do or omit to do; they are equally helpful to local officials themselves.

For they permit a thorough testing of community opinion on issues in doubt.

Believers in representative government want it to be representative in fact, not arbitrary.

The initiative, referendum and recall help to prevent it from being misrepresentative.

Under them, nothing can be put over on a betrayed or non-consulted majority.

Under them, any considerable body of opinion in the community can invoke a showdown.

Admirable

County Judge Philip H. Donnelly starts his judicial career in a modest, without many and forcible statement. After rectifying the steps leading up to the law passed by the Legislature of 1925 creating the new and additional county judge and Governor Smith's appointment of himself to be first incumbent of the new position, Judge Donnelly goes on to say:—

"It will be my earnest endeavor to co-operate to the utmost with Judge Gillette in the work of County Court. I will do my best to remain at work and be available to the members of the bar at all times to render them the service to which they and their clients are entitled.

"I propose to co-operate at all times with the bar of Rochester and I think that with both the bar and the court working together, we shall be able to bring about a condition in Monroe county where litigants may feel that they can have their cases tried within a reasonable time and where determination can be made promptly."

May be, the recent hot wave may convince some scientifically-minded persons that there is an Omnipotence that is greater than mere finite man.

Ordination of priests at St. Patrick's Cathedral last Saturday by Rt. Rev. Philip McDevitt recalls a scholarly superintendent of Catholic schools who preached the sermon at Bishop McQuaid's funeral.

New York State's convention of the Knights of Columbus brought together a splendid aggregation of Catholic men. If we mistake not, Charles R. Barnes, of Rochester, was practically the sole survivor of that splendid "Old Guard team" that toured the Empire State a quarter of a century or more ago under the leadership of that sterling American Catholic gentleman, John J. Delaney.

While it must be done, the foreign citizen must not be blamed if he objects to some of the questions of the census enumerators. The poor foreigner has been exploited, registered and finger-printed that he is suspicious of new questioners.

Thomas R. Marshal

It is refreshing to note the well-nigh universal commendation of Thomas R. Marshal, twice vice-President of the United States because he was a shining exemplar of the not too prevalent type—the old-fashioned American gentleman.

The Rochester "Herald's" tribute to Mr. Marshal sums it up so well that we reproduce it here as follows:—

"Hoosier traditions of simplicity and ready wit were well exemplified in the life of the former Vice President. Like most of those sons of Indiana whose careers have shed luster on the name of their native state, Mr. Marshal exalted Indiana and its customs above all else. Notwithstanding that fervor of local patriotism, when Mr. Marshal was transplanted through political preference to the national capital, he straightway became a popular idol. Never loquacious, he became more silent than usual under the restraints of the Vice Presidential office. Yet that his silence was due to no lack of thought was apparent from time to time in the flashes of wit and wisdom with which he illumined the proceedings of the Senate.

Of extremely democratic views, as Vice President Mr. Marshal did not yield readily to the diplomatic dictates of Washington society. He was different from the political company in which he found himself. Yet none were more polished in manner than he could be if he chose. He preferred to be different, and in his preference lay the charm of his personality and character.

Struggle as he would to hide his identity beneath the august dignity of his high office, the world of Washington soon found him out and made a beaten path to his door. No man in recent administrations has been more popular as a Vice President than was Mr. Marshal, the simple, shrewd Hoosier. He trumpeted no great reforms, yet he made the machinery of the upper chamber move as it has not operated since his time. He understood the limitations of the Senate and allowed for its peculiarities, and he obtained results.

This world would be vastly better off were there more men of the stamp of Thomas Riley Marshall, both in and out of office.

It is not so much fun being the Prince of Wales when one has to be togged out in heavy full dress uniforms in torrid weather such as we have just experienced.

Municipal ordinance and custom may set July 1 as day to open city bathing beaches but when Nature sends a blistering heat wave on June 1, all rules and regulations fall.

We note our old friend, Father Timmons, is one of the Buffalo pilgrims to the Jubilee in Rome.

That Oregon decision by the United States Supreme Court spells the end of the sub-cellular organizations that would eliminate the Catholic schools of the United States.

LET US PRAY

By Rev. F. X. Lasance, author of "My Prayer-Book," etc. Imitation leather. Retail 25 cents.

A prayer-book for adults at a quarter a copy—one expects to see another of the brittle, tawdry, cheap-looking books that are usually offered when an inexpensive binding is desired. Yet this has a neat binding of limp imitation leather, is carefully printed, and is generally attractive.

The name of Father Lasance is sufficient guarantee that the contents of the book are selected with discrimination.

Gleaning through the book, it becomes apparent that Father Lasance, while eliminating all non-essentials, has included everything likely to be of service to the average layman, and as a result the book will actually be used by its owners. More than that, the prayers chosen are certain to stimulate genuine devotion.

The book gives the Ordinary of the Mass in Latin and English, and all the usual prayers, litanies and devotions. It contains as well a generous offering of indulgenced ejaculations, and a brief quoted reflection for every day in the month.

Published by Benziger Brothers, 36-38 Barclay Street, New York.

Advertisement for Summer Colds and Father John's Medicine. Text includes: 'Summer Colds QUICKLY YIELD TO FATHER JOHN'S MEDICINE PURE FOOD OVER 60 YEARS OF SUCCESS'.

Weekly Calendar Of Feast Days

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

Sunday, June 14.—St. Basil the Great, was a native of Asia Minor and came of a family noted for its piety and devotion to religion. Two of his brothers became bishops, and are numbered among the Saints. St. Basil is known as the Father of Monastic Life in the East. He was chosen Bishop of Caesarea and in this office strenuously combated the Arian heresy. He died in 379 and is venerated as one of the Doctors of the Church.

Monday, June 15.—Sts. Vitus, Crescencia and Modestus, martyrs. St. Vitus was born of a noble family and was instructed in the Christian Faith by his Christian nurse, Crescencia, and her husband Modestus. When he was persecuted by his pagan father and by the city authorities, Vitus and his two companions fled into Italy, where, during the persecution under Diocletian, they received the crown of martyrdom.

Tuesday, June 16.—St. John Francis Regis, was a member of the Society of Jesus. He preached the gospel for twelve years and brought many thousands to the Faith. Many miraculous incidents are related of his life and works. He died in 1641.

Wednesday, June 17.—St. Avitus, a native of Orleans, in order to gain seclusion from the world, retired into Auvergne and took the monastic habit in the Abbey of Menat. His fame spread and he was chosen Abbot of Micy but he resigned this office because he desired solitude. For a time he lived as a recluse in Dunots where King Clotaire built a church for the saint and his companions. He died about the year 530.

Thursday, June 18.—Sts. Marcus and Marcellianus, martyrs, were twin brothers and members of an illustrious family in Rome. They were martyred during the persecution under Diocletian. While they were in prison awaiting execution they converted their parents and their wives and also several public officials.

Friday, June 19.—St. Juliana Falconieri, was born in answer to a prayer in the year 1270. Her father built the splendid church of the Annunziata in Florence and her uncle, the Blessed Alexius, was one of the founders of the Servite Order. St. Juliana received the habit of the Sisters of Mary from the hands of St. Philip Benizi. Many novices were attracted by her sanctity and she prepared a rule for their guidance. It was thus that she became the founder of the Mantellate. She died in 1340 after a lingering and painful illness.

Saturday, June 20.—St. Silverius, Pope and Martyr, enjoyed the unique distinction of being himself the son of another Pope. His father was Pope Hermisdas, who had been married before entering the priesthood. On the death of St. Agapetus, Silverius was chosen Pope but was driven from Rome through the enmity of the Empress Theodora. He was banished to Lycia where the Bishop of that place received him with great honors and interceded for him with the Emperor. The latter ordered the Pope restored to Rome but through the machinations of enemies he was, instead, landed on a desert island where he died in 538.

Diamond and Golden Celebration Sunday By East Bloomfield Church

East Bloomfield, June 11.—The diamond jubilee of the inception of St. Bridget's parish 75 years ago and the golden jubilee of the dedication of the present church will be observed Sunday. The Rev. P. A. Neville, pastor of the church, will also celebrate his 30th year in the priesthood and his 27th year as pastor of the church. Mass will be sung at 10:30 with Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Hickey, D. D. of Rochester as celebrant. The Rev. John Nelligan of Rochester will assist Bishop Hickey. Both were present 50 years ago at the dedication of the church. At that time they were students at St. Andrew's Seminary of Rochester and came here to attend the ceremonies.

Among the other priests who will attend are the Rev. Arthur A. Hughes of Holy Rosary Church, Rochester; the Rev. John E. O'Brien of St. Augustine's Church, Rochester; the Rev. John P. Brophy of St. Monica's Church, Rochester; the Rev. Martin J. Clune of Honeyoy Falls; the Rev. John Farrell, M. R., of Lima; Rev. William H. Darcy of Canandaigua; the Rev. John A. Grogan of New York, a cousin of Father Neville's, and the Rev. Eugene Regan of Buffalo.

St. Steven's sanctuary choir of Geneva, a choir of 40 male voices, will sing the mass.

DEATH OF MRS. J. D. MURA

Catherine Kreiger Mura, wife of Joseph D. Mura, died Thursday afternoon, June 11, 1925, at Dr. Lee's Hospital, aged 67 years. She is survived by her husband; five sons, Walter D., Florian R., Herbert P., Charles H. and Albert J. Mura; one daughter, Mrs. Urban Wegman; one sister, Sister M. Albertine, of St. Joseph's Order, and two grandchildren. She was a member of the Sacred Heart Society, Arch Confraternity of the Holy Family, the Orphan's Aid Society, the Mission Society, and the Catholic Women's Club. The funeral will take place from the family home, No. 37 Weld street, on Monday morning at 8:45, and 9 o'clock from St. Joseph's Church. Interment at Holy Sepulchre.

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Advertisement for Mrs. Hackett Awarded Certificate For Work On Behalf Of Aged. Text includes: 'Mrs. Hackett Awarded Certificate For Work On Behalf Of Aged Milwaukee, June 6.—Mrs. James H. Hackett, formerly third Vice President of the National Council of Catholic Women and former Director of that organization for the Province of Milwaukee, has been awarded a Certificate of Civic Service by Marquette University.'

Advertisement for Diamond and Golden Celebration Sunday. Text includes: 'Diamond and Golden Celebration Sunday By East Bloomfield Church'

Advertisement for Compulsory Teaching Of Religion Favored After School Survey. Text includes: 'Compulsory Teaching Of Religion Favored After School Survey New York, June 6.—Plans for "a united movement" to bring about general compulsory religious education were discussed at the meeting here of the Universal Christian Conference on Life and Work, a non-Catholic organization. This body has recently completed a survey of the country's school system which, it is said, indicates that the state is a "fosterer of non-religion or atheism."

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Advertisement for Pearse Council To Meet. Text includes: 'Pearse Council To Meet Padraic Pearse Council, A. A. R. I. R., will have a business meeting Saturday evening at 8 o'clock at No. 46 North Fitzhugh street. A dance will follow.'

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