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Looking Ahead

Rev. Dr. George Johnson, of the Catholic University of America, in the course of his address before the Catholic Educational Association of the United States on "The Need of a Constructive Policy for Catholic Education" voiced a feeling that is on the increase among thinking friends and critics of the present educational policy in the public school system of the United States:—

"Public education in the United States is pasing through a crisis," Dr. Johnson declared. "It no longer knows of whose spirit it is, nor whither it is tending. While the American people by no means have lost faith in education, there is every evidence that the thinking populace is losing faith in the kind of education the schools are providing.

"Catholic educators in the United States are not in sympathy with everything that is being attempted in the secular school. They feel there is a lot of loose thinking back of the whole movement. They remark the readiness with which American school men accept the mouthings of every sophist that happens along. They note how little real education is effected by the extension of education opportunities; they are disgusted with the materialism that pervades so much current educational doctrine."

Dr. Johnson urged that Catholic schools be quick to adopt the best of modern educational methods and to undertake research work for the purpose of bringing about further improvements.

Modesty

There is one place where the edicts of Dame Fashion are not respected when they violate rules of modesty and decency. That is the Vatican at Rome as shown by the following despach from Rome to the National Catholic News Service:—

The Holy Father again has renewed his condemnation of immodest, un-Christian fashions, on the occasion of receiving a large Spanish delegation of pilgrims which included many ladies and young girls of the aristocracy.

His Holiness invited his guests to join in a crusade, by example and word, against the prevailing tendency of today to go beyond the limits of modesty in dress. Enthusiastic applause greeted his words, and there is confidence that they were received and understood in the proper spirit.

Similar admonitions were given by the Pontiff only recently, when he received a pilgrimage of ex-pupils of the Dames du Sacre Coeur who came to Rome for the canonization of St. Madeleine Sophie Barat, foundress of the congregation. The pilgrims were warmly exhorted to practice Christian modesty. He himself, he said, had been obliged to close the doors of his paternal house to some of his daughters, good in other respects, who failed to show that great sentiment of the Christian woman, modesty! He had not repented of this severity; some were offended at first, but his position soon received general applause, not all of it from Catholic sources.

In conclusion, he said, he was confident all those present would consecrate themselves to this purifying mission of modesty.

But how do the race suicide advocates hope to keep the world populated? Or do they propose to regulate births just as farm animals are regulated? Do they propose to forbid Catholics to have children? Do they propose to kill children after they are born, if the population of a country is too great, as well as kill them before they are born?

Henry Ford is the leader in a movement to erect a lasting memorial to Rev. Peter C. Yorke, editor of California.

Race Suicide

Mrs. Margaret Sangster proponents of race suicide are invading Great Britain. In a recent issue, the London "Outlook", a non-Catholic review, issues a warning to the Anglican leaders who are arguing about birth control, that as the result of their indecision the Catholic population is going up all over the world while the Protestant population is going down.

This comment follows an outspoken address by the Anglican Bishop of Birmingham, Dr. Barnes, who, speaking at a health conference in Brighton, urged that steps be taken to secure a decrease of what he called "reckless child bearing."

Here are some of the surprising statements of that Anglican churchman:

"Human welfare is now being menaced by human fecundity."

"Civilization is in danger of being choked by its own human waste products."

"There is a limit of population which these islands can safely bear."

"There is a dispute as to the means which should be used to secure a decrease of reckless child bearing, but surely all must agree that it is gravely wrong that children should swarm in overcrowded slums."

Speaking of the conquests of medicine, Dr. Barnes said victory would be disastrous to public welfare unless the desire for many children was held in check.

A Protestant vicar of Brighton on the same evening repudiated the views of the Bishop "in the name of the Christian religion.

The London "Daily Express," a paper which has lately been alarmed at the decay of Protestantism in these islands, regards the Bishop's pronouncement as lamentable, and says that it goes far to explain the irresistible growth of the Catholic tendency in Ireland and Great Britain.

The article in "The Outlook" congests there are more varieties of opinion on this matter among the clergy than among the laity, and urges the Anglican Church to make up its mind as a body what the official attitude is to be.

No Uncertainity In Catholic Church

The artcile in "The Outlook" continues: "The Roman Catholic Church, as is well known, has made up its mind quite definitely on the subject; and I invite the attention of the Bishop of Birmingham and the Dean of St. Paul's—both of whom are advocates of birth control—to the fact that one result of this attitude is that the Catholic population is going up and the Protestant down all over the world. I do not in the least suggest, of course, that the Vatican was influenced by this consideration in its attitude (which, so far as I understand its premises and arguments, seeme to me logically flawless), but it is of some practical importance.

"If the Catholics are going to produce children and the Protestants are not, then it does not really matter very much how loudly the Protestant hierarchy denounce the lay world for breeding from its worst stocks. The time will come when the Catholic survivors will rewrite history in very different terms, and the Protestants, having birth-controlled themselves out of existence, will find it difficult to answer."

Parents' Share

Not at the door of the youth of today but at the door of parents is to be placed the blame "If marriage be without honor, the state without moral force, the school powerless to stem the pagan tide, and the Church reduced to a Kiwanis society", the Rev. Daniel Richard Sullivan, president of Seton Hill College, Greensburg, Pa., told the graduates of Duquesne University in his baccalaureate address at the commencement there.

North America was colonized at the time of a pagan revival, Dr. Sullivan declared, and while the development of atheism was retarded while the continent was subdued, it is now going forward again. He admonished the youth of today that while their fathers might be responsible for what their offspring are today, on the new generation lies the responsibility of what their children in turn will be tomorrow.

"The foremost duty of intelligent men today is to dig again the wells Philistines have filled", he said, "to restore the ancient landmarks of the moral world, and to remove the rubbish with which they have littered the road to life." He pleaded that his hearers undertake the task, to avoid leading a new generation to ruin.

The Geneseo Normal School controversy is an earnest of what may be expected if the city manager plan prevails and the city manager tries to dismiss present city employees. The Courts will be asked to grant injunctions. The newspapers will protest against dismissal unless a full and public hearing was given those sought to be separated from the city service. Those dismissed will claim they are let out "because they believe in evolution or doubt the efficacy of prohibition laws. Just think it over!

Have you followed the news service of the Catholic Journal? Is there any important Catholic news item that is omitted, either local, national or foreign?

Credit Due

Two weeks ago, we referred to a notable address by Father Gillis, of the Paulists, before the Converts' League of New York in which he emphasized the increasing use of "advertising space" in the newspapers to correct erroneous impressions about and to combat malicious attacks upon the Catholic Church.

There is another phase of Father Gillis' address. It is now apparent that the Klan is passing in the South. Perhaps, a large share of the credit therefor is due the virile Laymen's League of Georgia. Again we quote from Father Gillis:—

"Another phase of the apostolate of the Press is one that has been used with most conspicuous ability by Mr. Benedict Elder of Louisville, who persistently writes to the daily papers of his city, setting them right, politely, wisely, discreetly, whenever any statement misrepresenting Catholicism appears in their pages. It is no small task, for the newspapers are notoriously careless and uninformed about Catholic doctrine and Catholic history, but Mr. Elder keeps relentlessly on their trail. They have come to fear him and respect him. If we had a few such scholarly gentlemen, with an equally ready pen, in every city, we might almost succeed in working the miracle of making the newspapers reliable in Catholic matters.

"In Georgia, the Laymen's League has actually wrought a seeming miracle, an almost incredible revolution, by the same means; patient, polite, painstaking letters writing to the papers. In 1916 Georgia was a horrible example of unfairness to Catholics. To quote from a report of the secretary of the League, 'There was only one newspaper in the whole state of Georgia that was fair to us. . . . Catholics were villified on nearly every political soap-box in the state. They were boycotted. The Veasey Bill providing for the inspection of certain institutions, and admittedly aimed at converts, was passed after a series of anti-Catholic orations almost unparalleled in the history of supposedly Christian Commonwealths. . . . Today, the newspapers are as free from matters objectionable to Catholics as are any in the United States. Objectionable articles have dwindled from as many as a hundred a week, to an average last year of two a month. Many papers, formerly very critical and hostile are now friendly. Catholics are no longer boycotted.'

"The corroding influence of irreligion and infidelity must be constantly counteracted. Religion, deep and broad, is needed today as never before.'

We note by the Catholic Summer School correspondence that our old friend, Bishop Conroy, of Ogdensburg, is the same cheerful optimist, the same democratic comrade, withal upholding always the high dignity of his position.

Rochester may be an air mail station if we get busy and provide a suitable landing field.

Says the Times Union: "It is doubtful if a better city manager plan ever was written (than the one proposed for Rochester). Probably correct. But suppose Mr. Rochester voter does not want a city manager charter but prefers a better charter of the type now in vogue?

President Coolidge evidently intends to be the boss of his administration.

Will James J. Davis be the Coolidge candidate for Governor of Pennsylvania?

Pope Blesses Those Working For Return Of Separated Groups

New York, July 25.—The work of the Catholic Union for the return of the Orthodox and other separated Christians of the East has received the reiterated hearty approval of Pope Pius XI, says a cablegram received here from the Rev. Augustine Count von Galen, O. S. B., Director of the Union. Dr. von Galen's cablegram is from Rome, where he has just had an audience with the Holy Father on the organization's work. He recently was in the United States, where he enlisted the aid of the American Hierarchy and established a branch of the Union.

In addition to his renewed commendation, the Pontiff gave his special blessing to all members and benefactors of the Union, said Dr. von Galen.

Although little more than two years old, the Catholic Union already has branches in many countries and has the support of a large number of the most powerful prelates and laymen throughout the world.

New Vice-Rector Of American College

New York, July 24.—A cablegram has been received here from Rome announcing the appointment of the Rev. Joseph A. Breslin, D. D., of St. Joseph's church, 61 Sixth Avenue, here, as vice-Rector of the American College in Rome, it was announced this week.

In addition to many years of service at St. Joseph's, Father Breslin has been Chaplain of the 9th Regiment. In the World War he served as chaplain of the 28th Infantry.

Weekly Calendar Of Feast Days

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

Sunday, August 2.—St. Stephen, Pope and Martyr, was chosen to fill the Chair of Peter May 3, 253, succeeding St. Lucius. The controversy concerning the rebaptizing of heretics caused considerable trouble during St. Stephen's reign. In 257 he was killed by the satellites of the Emperor while seated in the pontifical chair.

Monday, August 3.—The finding of St. Stephen's relics. This festival, in honor of the holy protomartyr, St. Stephen, was instituted by the Church on the occasion of the discovery of his precious remains. They were found under the ruins of an old tomb at a place called Caphargamala, near Jerusalem, in the year 415.

Tuesday, August 4.—St. Dominic, founder of the Dominican Order. When only twenty-five years old, Dominic became Superior of the Canons Regular of Osma. Together with his Bishop, he went to France, then torn by the Albigensian heresy, and one of the results of his efforts to defend the Faith was the establishment of his Order. He died in 1221.

Wednesday, August 5.—The Dedication of St. Mary at Nives. One of the Patriarchal Churches in Rome is St. Mary Major, another name for which is St. Mary ad Nives. The last mentioned name had its origin in the popular tradition that the site was selected by the Blessed Virgin, who manifested her choice through a snowfall which descended on the spot in the middle of summer.

Thursday, August 6.—The Transfiguration of Our Lord. On this day the Church commemorates the occasion when the Savior took St. Peter and Sts. James and John, the sons of Zebedee, to Mount Tabor and there appeared to them in all His glory.

Friday, August 7.—St. Cajetan, was a native of Vicenza, born in 1480 of pious and noble parents who dedicated him to the Blessed Virgin. He became the founder of the Theatines, the first community of Regular Clerks, and was the originator of the Forty Hours Devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, which he devised as an antidote to Calvinism.

Saturday, August 8.—St. Cyriacus and his companions, martyrs. Cyriacus was a deacon at Rome in the reigns of Popes Marcellinus and Marcellus. Together with Largus and Smaragdus and twenty others, he was martyred during the persecution under Diocletian.

Priest Tactfully Conveys Lesson To Protestant Teachers

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

London, July 10.—School teachers who know nothing about the Catholic Church are uneducated, Canon King, a well known London pastor, told a congregation of non-Catholic teachers who attended a special service this week.

With considerable tact the Canon told the teachers a story, and thus did not address them directly.

"A few weeks back", he said, "I had the privilage of knowing fairly well a prominent Board of Education inspector. His friendship and confidence enabled me to speak to him freely. In the course of our conversations I found he know comparatively little of the Church of which I am a member, and I said to him: 'How is it that your knowledge of the Catholic Church and of its teaching is so deficient and elementary?' Whether you like it or not, the Catholic Church is a great, functioning, world-wide conspicous institution.

"You may dislike all its works and its pomps, but like the great mountains of the country, or the rivers or lakes, the Catholic Church is there, and you ought to know as much about it as an educated man is supposed to know of any conspicuous fact.

"Now it ought to influence and impress you that if you go into a Catholic elementary school and speak on the Catholic Church, you would find before you talked ten minutes that you would becontradicted or corrected by poor, bare-footed children from the fourth standard and upwards. You see how your education on a vital matter of public life has been neglected." ' I think he agreed with me.

"Another fact I pointed out to him was this: that if he did make up his mind to study something about Catholicity, he took the ways and means of doing so which were contrary to those taken with regard to any other subject.

"If you want to study medicine or astronomy, engineering or chemistry, you will ask and provide yourself with the best authorities on the subject; but in your study of Catholicity and the Catholic Church, what source do you approach? Usually the escaped nun and apostate monk, or the recognized hostile critic whom those concerned do not admit or accept as an honest witness.

"In the teaching profession results of that kind are perhaps in the elementary schools not quite so conspicuous, but in other departments of educational life it is regrettable that we should have teaching which is either untrue or deficient."

Hidden Chalice Used In Persecution Days Found Under Roofing

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

London, July 10.—A pewter chalice used by hunted priests in England's dark days of persecution has just come to light in the rectory of the historic church at West Grinstead, Sussex, where the sanctuary lamp was never extinguished during penal times.

About thirty years ago a silver chalice of English make was found between the walls of the rectory.

The new find is a chalice about six inches high on a broad circular base, having a hemispherical bowl surmounted on a squat circular stem with a flattened circular knob. On the base is scratched a rough consecration cross.

Experts have given the opinion that the chalice is of seventeenth century French make. This view coicides with the history of West Granstead, for during penal times, from 1640 onwards, many priests, several of them afterwards martyred, made the rectory at West Grinstead their first halting place after landing at Shoreham from France. They used to say Mass in the old chapel, often in the dead of night, and always at the risk of their lives.

Father P. C. Hughes, the present pastor at West Grinstead, states that he found the pewter chalice when repairing the floor of the secret chapel under the roof of the rectory. He discovered it tucked away under the floor between a joist and a strut near the entrance to one of the hiding places.

"If this old chalice could but speak," he said this week, "it would probably tell us that one day, nearly 300 years ago, a zealous priest, newly ordained in France, was saying Mass up in the old chapel when suddenly the priest-hunters, armed with a warrant for the arrest of a Romish priest, broke into the presbytery and at once began their cruel search.

Hurriedly the priest removed the things from the improvised altar, and then like a hunted beast bolted for the hole built for his concealment But before hiding himself he carefully and reverently hid the sacred vessel yet moist with the consecrated species. There it has remained hidden all these long years."

Ladies' Auxiliary Of A. O. H. Elects National Officers

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

Atlantic City, July 27.—Michael Donohoe of Philadelphia, president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and Mrs. Mary F. Horan, president of the Ladies' Auxiliary, will represent the two organizations on the Ancient Order of Hibernians pilgrimage to Rome, it was announced following the final sessions of the conventions held here last week.

Mr. Donohoe was chosen by unanimous consent of the A.O.H. delegates in their last session, and Mrs. Horan was elected at the first meeting of the new national board of the Auxiliary. The pilgrimage will sail in two groups, the first leaving on the Republic on August 12 and the second on the America August 19.

Officers elected by the Ladies' Auxiliary at their last session included Mrs. Mary F. Horan, Pittsburgh, national president; Mrs. Ellen Conroy, St. Paul, vice-president; Mrs. Katie Callahan, Montreal, Canadian vice-president; Mrs. Mary Martin Silk, Spencer, Mass., secretary; Mrs. Adelia Christy, Cleveland, funeral benefit secretary; Miss Alice Ratigan, Detroit, treasurer; Miss Jeanette McDevitt, San Francisco, chairman Irish Crehan, Bristol, Conn., and Mrs. Jennie Brennan, Jersey City, national History committee; and Mrs. Mary directors.

The Directors chosen for the Ancient Order of Hibernians included Charles F. Horan, Los Angeles; Thomas J. Lucid, Jersey City; John J. Donnelly, Bristol, Conn.; John J. Mahaney, Lockport, N. Y., and Patrick J. O'Donnell, St. Paul.

Scopes' Attorneys Sought Testimony Of Priest At Trial

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

St. Louis, July 24.—The Rev. Alphonse M Schwitalla, S. J., Regent of the Medical School of St. Louis University, was one of the scientists invited by the defense to testify in the recent Scopes trial at Dayton, Tenn. Before Father Schwitalla had an opportunity to reply to the invitation, Judge Raulston handed down his decision barring scientific testimony. The priest has not commented publicly on questions concerning which he was asked to testify.

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A fresh Novena to the Saint begins every Tuesday, as most of our readers know, and so these weekly Novenas constitute an endless chain to which we have given the name of ST. ANTHONY'S PERPETUAL NOVENA. There has been a notable increase of petitions come to us from all parts of the United States and Canada during the past six months, and their volume, we are happy to report, is ever swelling to larger proportions. That the efficacy of St. Anthony's intercession justifies the confidence reposed on him by so many thousands of clients, the testimonials which follow serve to show. They are only a small fraction out of the hundreds of such testimonials which come to us every month.

THANKSGIVINGS FOR FAVORS RECEIVED THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF ST. ANTHONY.

E.O.S., Chicago, Ill.; "Six months ago I made a change in positions and was very anxious to better myself financially. I made a promise to St. Anthony's Corner of a ten dollar donation and publication provided he helped me. He surely has, as I never made so much money in and six months of my life as I made during the past six months."

S.E.C., Long Island: "Please publish these favors which I have gained through your Novena to St Anthony. My son has reformed and made his Easter Duty, thank God. Also, I found a package which I had lost. Again, thanks be to God for His blessings."

Mrs. W.A.S., Washington, D. C.: "Kindly accept the enclosed offering for the St. Anthony Bread Fund in thankful appreciation for two favors asked and granted—that my husband would successfully pass the Bar examinations, and that we would sell our furniture. Thanking you for your prayers, I remain."

R.L.D., Woonsocket, R. I.: "Enclosed you will find donation which I promised Saint Anthony if he would get me steady work. Many thanks to Saint Anthony for this and other favors which he has granted me."

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