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## Sir Esme Howard.

It may be news to many of our readers and also to many others that Sir Esme Howard, present British Ambassador to the United States is a Catholic and comes from a distinguished English Catholic family, one that has given at least one member to the College of Cardinals.

It may interest our readers to know somewhat of this man from his own life. Speaking at a celebration in Baltimore recently of the 292nd anniversary of the landing of the Maryland Colonists, Ambassador Howard said:

"Ever since the advent of Queen Elizabeth to the throne and the continuance of the Protestant succession under James VI of Scotland, who became, at her death, James I of England, the adherents of the Old Faith in England has been subjected to persecution of all kinds, and were not permitted freedom of worship. They were deprived of civil rights, were imprisoned, and fined, and their goods confiscated, while their priests were hunted down, racked, tortured, drawn and quartered without mercy. Two of my own family suffered for the Faith—one died after 10 weary years of imprisonment in the Tower of London where an inscription carved by him on the walls of his cell is still to be seen.

"We may safely say, after reading the histories on both sides, that in the matter of toleration there was in those days little to choose between the contending parties, there was everywhere the feeling that error, which was any belief that was not that of the Government in power, must be stamped out by force. Whether Catholics, or Church of England or Presbyterians or Independents, as in the time of Cromwell, or Lutheran or Calvinists were in power, those who did not agree with the religious beliefs of the reigning governments were generally subject to every kind of persecution that the spirit of intolerance could devise.

"When, therefore, men, for the sake of their religious convictions left their own country as did the Pilgrims who landed in Massachusetts in 1620, or the Catholics who came to Maryland in the 'Ark' and the 'Dove' in 1634, we may feel that while they sought freedom of worship for themselves, it is ascribing to them a virtue which was certainly not of their age, nor of their temperament, to suppose that they wished to tolerate, if they could help it, the same freedom of worship in others.

"There might be certainly some philosophically minded men in all camps who believed that it was better to allow men to worship God in their own fashion than to force them to do so in a manner they could not conscientiously approve, and who considered that men could only really be worthily and properly converted to ideas by persuasion and not by force. But such men were few and far between and did not by any means belong to one party."

Sir Esme then reviewed briefly the history of the colonization of Maryland saying, "It is certainly a most remarkable one and one which deserves to be better known. It is an episode of history which gives Maryland a title to undying fame and to the gratitude of all those who really believe in religious toleration, which before the Calverts' day had not been truly attempted or practiced in any community, whether in the Old World or the New.

"We may ascribe what reasons we like for the religious policy of the Calverts—indeed it is not difficult to see that any man in Lord Baltimore's position who wished to obtain permission to establish an asylum for persecuted Catholics from a Protestant government of those days and in a land surrounded by ultra-Protestant communities would have to walk warily and exercise circumspection and toleration.

And now an enterprising Rochester firm proposes to have sent from Paris by radio-advance copies of the latest model.

## It Works.

Perhaps it may be stated crudely and may not appeal overmuch to literati and split-hair logicians, but the following editorial excerpt from Myles Connolly's page in "Columbia" will be understood by "the Man in the Street":—

An alert young man once faced with the astonishing demand: "Prove Catholicism," quickly replied: "It works." For many Catholics there is no better proof of Catholicism: its works. Arguments from Scripture, history, philosophy have no interest for them. They are content in their Catholicism because for them, at least, it works. For them it has brought consolation, for them peace of mind beyond that of earth, for them it has wrought miracles, for them it has accomplished, time and again, the impossible. Catholicism works. Restless souls, who go hunting through a thousand philosophies and moods for the great truth that will satisfy mind and will, envy the Catholic who lives serenely and contentedly in his satisfying Faith. Proud souls, who would explain all life by reason, ridicule the Catholic who has found beginning and medium and end in Catholicism. The Catholic, they say, is unenlightened, is an intellectual slave, is backward, is an emotionalist. The Catholic, they say, is custom-bound and cowardly. The truth is that the Catholic, roamed abroad in all philosophies though he may, adventure in whatever intellectual worlds he will, can find only one religion that works. The peasant and laborer and scrub woman are not fools because they are not free thinkers. Nor are they less happy because they are not theologians. They have a religion that fulfills every need. And they know that it works.

Once, I saw a poem written by the alert young man I mention above. I forget the exact words, but he will forgive me if I transcribe them thus crudely:

I need not construct Him thought by thought  
Nor take Him to pieces part by part,  
For He has done strange things for me  
And spoken often to me in my heart.

The original of this poem was immensely better written, but my memory of it will do for my point.

## Not Changed.

It is painfully apparent that the world's war, or the League of Nations or the Prohibition Amendment has not changed human nature or made the whole world one.

Over in England the workers are on a nation wide strike. In France the workers would be in arms were the Government to levy the taxes necessary to pay the French debt and put the country on a sound financial and economic basis. In Germany, it is evident there still exists a lurking liking for the Kaiser and monarch with Von Hindenburg, as President of the so-called German Republic and the refusal of the voters to sanction confiscation of the vast estates of those who brought on the war then abdicated and sought safe retreat in a neutral climate through the Balkans, in Turkey, in Africa, all send forth news of fighting and conflict.

Here in this country, there are thousands who openly voice their contempt for and unbelief in the Volstead law and the Prohibition Amendment. They take the latter as seriously as do the dry Democrats of the South take the Federal constitutional requirement that the negro shall be on the same level, as regards suffrage and the right to vote, as his white brother. There are more murders and crimes of violence in Rochester in a year than almost in the entire Kingdom of England.

What is the cause?  
A weakening of the religious conscience. When a man has persuaded himself into a belief that there is nothing beyond this world he is very apt to seek only the things that appeal to him in this world. Some men crave political, social, financial prestige and exert every effort to gain such prestige. Other men love to kill or maim. Still others live only to gratify lust, or greed or sensual appetite.

If the world is to be safe and sane, there must be an awakening of conscience renewal of belief in a God, loving but just and a fear of the penalties for defiance of God and his laws.

And the Catholic Church offers the only sure and safe refuge. She has not changed in the march of centuries. She is not split into divers warring factions.

The Catholic Church is one, universal, ever the same.

Former Governor Benjamin B. Odell played an important role in New York state politics but like all who play the game too long he was relegated to the rear. In 1900 Mark Hanna wanted Odell to accept the vice-presidential nomination but he laughed at the suggestion. Theodore Roosevelt was nominated and that made him president and assured his lasting fame.

Week end tolls of motor vehicle accidents and robberies sum up an appalling total.

Since January 1st last two hundred and sixty-five persons were killed by autos in New York city!

## Permanent.

We fancy the Rochester "Times-Union" expresses the sentiment of nine-tenths of those who have to use the roads of New York State:—

The advent of spring finds long stretches of the state highways in their usual broken up condition, possibly more badly broken than usual. This applies to the asphalt roads.

Water, when it freezes into ice, increases its volume by about one-sixth, and while the expansion is slow it is quite as powerful as dynamite. The macadam road with much water under it is not strong enough to force the expansion in other directions, and the roadbed heaves. Then in the spring the ice melts so that the sloppy foundation is pounded in by the passing of heavy automobiles and trucks.

The state has spent well over \$100,000,000 to teach its engineers how to build highways. They have turned to concrete, which is standing up much better in the cold climate of the state.

At a high cost it has been learned that roads which last no longer than three or four years are too expensive to build. If a road can not be built to endure a reasonable length of time, it might better not be built until there is sufficient money to construct it in a way to meet the conditions prevailing. In this climate, drainage is of the utmost importance.

The cheapest roads are those built as near to permanence as may be. The state has lost and is losing tens of millions of dollars because this idea has not been uppermost in road construction.

## Let Us Hope Not.

Herbert Janvrin Browne, of Washington, has been sending out dire predictions about 1926. He is of the opinion that it will be a cheerless year, practically no spring, a cold and backward summer, early fall and practically a year of crop failures.

Commenting thereon, the Rochester "Democrat Chronicle" hopes Mr. Browne is wrong but admits that March and April and so far in May have been in line with his forecast. Our contemporary wonders if the day will not come when we can foretell weather cycles as accurately as we do eclipses and such like. It then goes on:—

Of pertinence in this connection are announced conclusions of the Engineering Economics Foundation relative to earthquakes. These scientists make no pretense of being able to predict a "quake of any kind anywhere two minutes before it comes. But, having studied the 137,000 recorded shakings, they declare that the expectancy of earthquakes in this New England, New York, Quebec area is now the greatest that ever existed. Since July, 1924, twenty-one shocks have affected this region which contains one fourth the population of the two countries, Canada and our own, and we have entered a period, they tell us, of maximum seismic activities.

Expectancy is not prediction, hence our hearts need not fall us for fear that Mother Earth is due to grumble and wrinkle her skin at any moment and tumble our houses down about our heads. Yet expectancy gives us so much of certitude, as in the life-expectancy tables of insurance companies, that the greatest business of our age is built thereon. Part of the work of this Foundation is to instruct people how to minimize the danger and destruction of "quakes that do come, due to fire, water, broken gas-mains, dangling live wires and the like. For example, as we are told, the natural first idea of people when floors rock under them is to rush outdoors where chimneys, cornices, sign-boards, bricks or other things fall on them with result that subsequent developments interest them no more. The wiser way, however, is to stand in a doorway between rooms in the interior of a building for half a minute or so when the worst of the shock has commonly passed.

Of course, the gloomy Browne knows nothing of "quake expectancy, and we may hope that he knows less about recurring frigid cycles than he pretends to, or thinks he does. Still in view of spring weather thus far, it may be just as well not to be too scrupulous in disparagement of him until the season is further along.

It is to laugh: Renomination of United States Senator James E. Watson as a dry! He also is reported to have had the backing of the Ku Klux Klan.

A condor's egg laid in the Washington zoo is valued at \$750. A diet of condor's eggs would be expensive, to say the least.

It is reported that a daily aeroplane express is planned between London and Paris to accommodate the lady shoppers.

That we are attaining age and traditions is evidenced by the number of priests and nuns who are celebrating their silver and golden jubilees in religious life.

Rochester Diocese will do its share in promoting and maintaining its branch of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

And now watch the undercurrent roll on into a groundswell for the renomination of Governor Alfred E. Smith.

Have you paid your Aquinas pledge yet?

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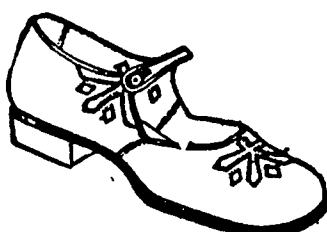
Babe Ruth is still the idol of the junior baseball fans.

Who would not work hard for a few days to pick up \$1,000 for a new name for meat and meat products?

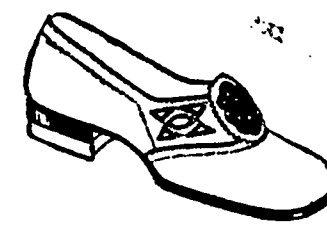
Congratulations to Thomas Dwyer of Aquinas Institute on attaining high place in the Western New York high school oratorical contest.

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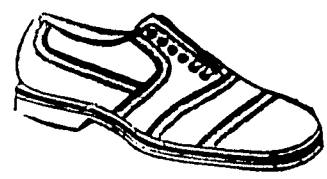
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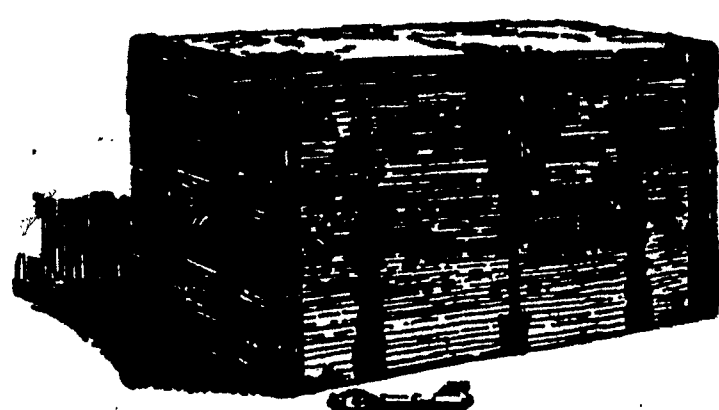


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Clients who have recourse to St. Anthony through this Novena dwell in every part of the United States and Canada, and they number in the aggregate many thousands. Among recent expressions of gratitude to St. Anthony for favors granted, we publish the following:

Mrs. O.C., Montreal, Can: "I have received a very wonderful favor, the conversion of my husband and a happy death for him. I prayed to St. Anthony for this favor for thirty seven years, and the dear Saint did not fail me."

L. F., Windsor, Ont., Can: "I wish to extend my thanks for favors received thru the intercession of St. Anthony. About three months ago I sent my petition to the Graymoor Shrine requesting St. Anthony to find me work that would not impair my health, and a little while later I received an answer to my prayers. I say with you, 'Blessed by the Wonder Worker of Padua!'"

Mrs. J. P., N. Y. C.: "Please publish that my husband received an increase in salary through St. Anthony's intercession. I have wonderful faith in him for he has granted me countless favors. Inclosed find thank offering which I promised."

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