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Holy Father's Needs

We should give as generously as we can afford to the collection for the Holy Father, which will be taken in all the Catholic Churches of the Diocese on Sunday.

We in Rochester have responded liberally to the annual call for the Community Chest which deals with our own municipal needs. Now let us deal in proportionate generosity with our spiritual needs.

Since the World War many contributors to "Peter's Pence" have ceased or their contributions have lessened measurably.

We in the United States are measurably prosperous; we enjoy religious liberty and freedom of speech. In return, therefore, let us replace the contributions lost to the Holy Father that he may be able to continue his work in foreign missions and to aid suffering and want as well as to support the Church's physical government and administration.

Absurd!

If Hefflin, of Alabama, were not puffed with a monumental ego or possessed of any sense whatever of humor we would commend to him Patrick F. Sullivan's fine example of "reductio ad absurdum" as set forth in a recent issue of the Brooklyn "Tablet".

A non-Catholic friend showed Mr. Sullivan a leaflet in which appeared a what to the non-Catholic friend, was according to the needs of each State.

This striking statement: "Catholics go to confession so that the Pope through confidential agencies, may know everything that's going on."

Mr. Scanlan takes up and continues the story as follows: "That was startling, we told our friends, as we described a typical case of Jim Jones going to confession and telling the priest he ate meat on Friday or committed some smaller offense. Father, when he retired from the church, remembers what everyone of the 300 points confessed even if he does not know their names. He goes to the phone and gets in touch with the nearest Dean or Monsignor and reports the night's business including Jim Jones' 'ate meat on Friday.' The Dean or Monsignor phones to the Chancery where this official has been sitting all night getting reports from the Monsignor or Vicar Fiscal, and hears Jim Jones' 'ate meat on Friday.' All reports being in, the Chancery goes to the Bishop and gives over the information. The Bishop then gets in touch with the Western Union and sends the Diocese report to Rome, including Jim Jones' 'ate meat on Friday.' Pope meanwhile is rather tired as he receives reports from every day night. He comes across Jim Jones' offense and he refers it to the Congregation which takes care of Friday non-observances and it is filed carefully away.

Our visitor after listening to the monologue said: "What would the Pope want with such information?" "Well," said we, "to keep the conversation on an intelligent plane, that's why every Catholic signs his letters MAC—Make America Catholic." "But it's hard to understand," he exclaimed. "It certainly is," added we; "but here is the explanation. These tales are invented for a purpose. They are made up usually by professors of falsehood who sometimes accuse Catholics of being illiterate but act on the premise that non-Catholics are illiterate. They are not meant for you, or anyone else who is intelligent and fair enough to go to Catholic sources for their information before accepting."

"Does pussyfooting pay?" asks a local contemporary. Page Mr. Caillat's investigation is the condition in which one generation pays the last generation's debts by issuing bonds for the next generation to pay.

According to the Boston "Herald", the condition in which one generation pays the last generation's debts by issuing bonds for the next generation to pay.

Clinched.

John Montgomery Stone, in a letter to the New York "Evening Post" presents such understandable arguments against the proposal of the birth controlites and kindred bigots for a Federal Department and Secretary of Education in the President's Cabinet that we reproduce it herewith:

Sir: Continued determined efforts during the past three years of the Coolidge Administration for the establishment of a Federal Department of Education makes one wonder whether President Coolidge, like President Harding, hasn't a Gen. Sawyer, who, instead of bowling constantly for a Department of Public Health, asks for a Department of Education so he can creep into Cabinet hours as teacher.

If all our Presidents have little two-by-four friends for whom they wish to establish Cabinet positions tailored to fit their limited capacities in public life, we will soon have 50 or 60 Cabinet positions, among them being the following Federal department heads: Religion, athletics, transportation, superpower, petroleum, hotel management, Rotary, Klivants, brick layers, carpenters, street cleaners, waiters, cobblers, merchant marine, housekeepers, stenographers and every other walk and trade of life. Perhaps if "Big Bill" Thompson the Builder had won recently in Chicago he would have demanded an Italian plebeian throwers' Federal department with a Cabinet head such as himself or Len Small.

Of course, we taxpayers would be glad to see 50 or so new Cabinet positions established, so the Hiram Wesley Evanses, Nelson Antrim Crawford and Jim Luceys may all have all the honors they do not deserve despite the fact it may cost us a billion or so more in additional taxes. My all means let's have more Cabinet positions. I think Tex Richard should get some of his 600 millionaires to have him made Secretary of Athletics.

However, speaking seriously, it would certainly be a waste of government funds to establish a Federal Department of Education when already every State has such a department. New York State has a Department of Education Building in Albany, housing about a thousand employees, and undoubtedly this building is finer than that which any present Federal department has now in Washington. New York probably spends more on education and its Department of Education than the Federal government can afford to spend on such a department. This money only goes to show how foolish it is in a huge country like the United States to establish a Federal Department to try to cope with so huge a problem, when already the States have broken the educational problem up into 48 sections and are attempting to solve it as it should be solved according to the needs of each State.

A Federal Department of Education would be an intruder in the field. The lawmakers in Washington should see how foolish it is to establish another Federal department every few years. Let the President create some order like the French Legion of Honor and give his personal friends who seek honors if they do not deserve pretty little ribbons and pieces of bronze which cost nothing instead of Cabinet posts which cost hundreds of millions.

Catholic Press.

In view of the annual session this week in New York city, of the National Catholic Press Association, the following editorial from the "Register and Extension", of Toronto, Canada is apropos:—

What is the Catholic layman or the Catholic lay organization doing to advance the interest of religion, through one of its most powerful agencies—the Catholic Press? The answer which you, who are reading this editorial note, give, is the answer which is applicable to ninety-nine per cent. of the Catholic world—nothing.

The members of Christ's Church, outside of the clergy, form the lay apostolate. Christ has laid down a maxims for such to follow, and to instruct the ignorant, is foremost among these, if in temporal things, a forlorn also in spiritual truths.

Schools, churches, missions, have been built for this purpose, but in the words of Pius X, "In vain will you found missions and build schools, if you are not able to wield the offensive and defensive weapon of a loyal Catholic press."

There seems to be an inalienable duty, therefore, for every Catholic layman, to strengthen the weaker links in our press by subscribing, reading, advertising and putting into the hands of others, Catholic newspapers and periodicals, thus welding into a powerful instrument the Catholic press for the welfare, both of the spiritual and temporal, of civilized man.

A fine example of American business man of high ideals and a typical American gentleman was Rufus A. Sibley.

The New York "World" likens Al Smith to Theodore Roosevelt. If the analogy holds Hefflin can't keep Smith out of the White House.

Denounced.

It is gratifying to find such a high class and representative business organization, as the United States Chamber of Commerce sternly rebuking men occupying positions of responsibility in their business world who take part in transactions of a questionable moral or ethical character.

"American business," it is declared, "is jealous of its good name, insists upon protecting its professional status by the maintenance of the highest standards, and intends scrupulously to charge its collective responsibility to that of purging business of all those who indulge in commercial and political corruption and through resort to unclean or unworthy practices bring business into disrepute and shock the sensibilities of all decent citizens."

Another paragraph in the resolution declares that the Chamber emphasizes its principle of business conduct, which provides that "corporate forms do not absolve from the moral obligations of individuals." It maintains that stockholders of corporations owe it to themselves, to the government and to the profession of business, publicly to repudiate those who misrepresent them. Such stockholders cannot accept the profits flowing from corruption and escape the moral stigma which inheres in such profits. Neither can they permit those who act for them to profit personally through corrupt corporate transactions or shield other who do."

Campaign Funds.

If either "Alfred E. Smith" were added wherever "Hoover" appears or were substituted therefor and similar treatment given by addition or substitution of "Democrat" for "Republican" the following editorial in the Rochester "Democrat and Chronicle" would be a fair presentation of the net result of the Senatorial snogage into the cost of the presidential primaries of 1928.—

Expenditures reported as already made or likely to be made on behalf of the candidacy of Herbert Hoover are not excessively large, as such campaign expenditures go, but the totals will sound rather formidable to the public. Mr. Hoover himself testified that he had taken no part in raising funds for his candidacy and there is, of course, not the slightest suggestion that any of the money raised for him came from questionable sources.

The movement for Mr. Hoover has been so spontaneous and has sprung so naturally from the mass of Republican voters that it is regrettable that there should be all this talk about campaign funds. The impression may spread that the Hoover sentiment is an artificial creation, backed by moneyed interests seeking to exploit Mr. Hoover for their own interests, when nothing could be farther from the truth. It is no secret that the so-called "big interests," especially the powerful political interests, are only lukewarm towards the Hoover candidacy.

The testimony of James W. Good, directing head of the Hoover campaign, before the Senate committee was evidenced in itself that the expenditure of large sums for the Hoover candidacy will be unnecessary, as well as undesirable. He appeared confident that Mr. Hoover is much stronger in the West than generally been supposed, and predicted that he would sweep that section. His strength among the populous centers of the East has left no possible doubt as to the measure of his popularity in that quarter.

Dean Gray of the University of Chicago asserts that Americans are greater readers of newspapers than of books. That's what "Big Bill" thinks.

Upton Sinclair is in the Hefflin class. In his latest book he hints that Wall street bribes all American novelists and newspaper writers. How does Upton know all this?

W.C.T.U. women in Oregon must be narrow. They tried to take down an Al Smith banner in Portland because "Al Smith is an improper influence upon the youth of today."

James J. Davis, having headed a big fraternity and presided over a Federal Department, now aspires to name a President. Along with his Cabinet colleague, Andrew Mellon, Mr. Davis is a delegate-at-large to the Republican convention in Kansas City.

There have been hints that Charles Chaplin ought not remain in America as he is an irreconcilable alien, while the English people object to the "Sir Charlie" by King George on the ground that the movie comedian is no Englishman but a bloomin' Yankee.

"Does the Church permit broadcasting of the Mass? Writing in the "Question Box" of the Brooklyn "Tablet", Rev. Theodore Molaughlin answers: "It is impossible to broadcast the Mass. The Bishop might permit the music and the sermon to be sent over the radio, but they would not constitute the Mass."

Weekly Calendar Of Feast Days

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 superior. 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 Paris he was noted for his charity and by his eloquence converted King Childbert 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 a persecution 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 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.

Dean Inge's Doubts Provoke Rejoinder From Own Bishop

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) London, May 12.—Dr. Ingram, Anglican Bishop of London, has caused a mild sensation by crossing swords in print with Dean Inge, of St. Paul's cathedral. The Dean writes a weekly article in the "Evening Standard" here, and when he is not making an attack upon the Catholic Church—which is rarely—he often embarrases his own brethren by the expression of individual views.

This week Dean Inge committed himself to this: "When a young man tells his bishop that his belief in the divinity of Christ is independent of the dogmas about the Virgin Birth and the bodily Resurrection, very few bishops hesitate to ordain him."

In the following issue of the "Evening Standard" the Bishop of London, who is Dean Inge's superior, responds: "If my friend the Dean means that the Bishop don't think it matters whether a candidate for Holy Orders believed that Jesus Christ's body saw corruption in the grave, and that there was no 'empty tomb,' then he is absolutely and entirely wrong."

"I do not know many things better than the versatile Dean, but I claim to know more about the opinions and views of the Bishops... and whatever the deans may have done the bishops have not given up their belief in miracles."

Bishop Ingram disposes of his letter that one of the Prayer Book discussions one of the Bishops moved that the story of the miracle of Cana in Galilee should be omitted as a "nature" miracle. The motion was rejected, the Bishop says, by 35 to 1.

This slighting of the Anglican crisis, and the unedifying public dispute on matters of vital belief between a Bishop and a Dean of the same diocese, are merely further evidences of the extraordinary chaos in the Anglican Church.

A great many animals laugh says a scientist. "Many people give them good reason," says the San Diego, Cal., "Union". Such as Hefflin, for instance?

Rochester may well feel proud of 80-year old Samuel P. Monthrop who has been principal of No. 26 School for years and years and still is in the harness.

Says the "Journal-World", of Lawrence, Kansas:—Senator Hefflin seems to be one of our most unfortunate public men. He explains that his threat to have Senator Robinson tarred and feathered if that gentleman repeated a certain speech in Alabama was only a joke. When Senator Hefflin is joking the public takes it seriously. When he's serious the public thinks it's a joke.

Second Mexican Bishop To Die In Exile Is Buried

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) San Antonio, Texas, May 14.—In the presence of a large number of sorrowing fellow countrymen, funeral services with a Solemn Requiem Mass were held here recently for the exiled Bishop of Aguascalientes, Mexico, who died in San Antonio.

The Most Rev. Martin Tritschler y Cordova, Archbishop of Yucatan and a fellow exile of Bishop Valdespino, officiated at the Mass and the Most Rev. Arthur J. Drossaerts, Archbishop of San Antonio, was one of the officers of the Mass. Exiled here, solely because of his health, the Mexican seminarians of Leon sang now proposes to continue his labors as a secular priest.

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Dr. Stonner's activities here were great and fruitful, and the large circle of his friends in Vienna deeply regret the action which he felt it best to take.

News of his withdrawal from the Jesuit Order was received here some time ago, when he himself wrote of almost at the same time, upon their arrival here Bishop Valdespino had been in a critical condition in a San Antonio hospital since before the Archbishop's death.

The Bishop was born in Chalchihuites, in the State of Zacatecas, Mexico, in 1862, the son of a wealthy mine-owner. At seventeen he started studying for the priesthood and at 23 he was ordained. He was consecrated a bishop 26 years ago, and given charge of the Diocese of Sonora in 1913 he was transferred to Aguascalientes. His work was often interrupted by religious persecution, the climax of which came about a year ago when, together with other bishops, he was summarily and illegally expelled from Mexico. Since his arrival in the United States, he had made his home here.

Bishop Disapproves Proposals of English Educational Body

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) London, May 12.—The recommendations of the Hadow Committee, set up by the Government to consider possible developments in the education of adolescents, were condemned this week both by the Bishop of Salford, Dr. Henshaw, and Father J. J. Doyle, principal of St. Mary's College, for Catholic men teachers in England.

One of the recommendations is that at the age of eleven children should be taken out of the ordinary public schools and sent to special schools, the object being to train them for any career which they may have chosen for themselves. This would mean that Catholics, not having the money to duplicate each parish school, would have to resort to a group system, and the Bishop of Salford declared that this would eventually kill the spirit of parochial loyalty and the local community spirit, both so valuable to the Church in keeping her members in direct personal touch with her.

Father Doyle condemned the proposals on the grounds that they constituted only a half-hearted attempt to institute a system of secondary education for all children, which educationists generally desire; that the idea of training a child of eleven for a career was useless because the child could not be expected to choose a career at that age; and because the extra year's schooling recommended by the commission would involve enormous expenditure without much hope of a commensurate reward.

Bishop Henshaw also pointed out that the extra year's schooling would be a severe blow to poor parents with large families, who would lose a year's wages which their eldest boy or girl might be earning.

Elphege Daignault Is Excommunicated; He, Others Notified

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Providence, R. I., May 21.—The Rt. Rev. William A. Hickey, Bishop of Providence, has announced that formal notification of excommunication has been sent by the Apostolic Delegate to Elphege Daignault and his 61 associates in the civil suits filed against the Bishop of Providence. He also announced that a warning has been sent to Antonio Prince and Henri Perdrian directing them to make reparation to their Bishop within a month.

Those who disregard the penalty of excommunication will become subject to a new censure, and those who, hiding the fact of their excommunications, presume to receive the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist will commit a double sacrilege, says the announcement.

The letter from the Apostolic Delegate announcing to the individual the fact and reason of his excommunication is concluded as follows: "In communicating this to you I pray that, by the grace of God, you may realize the gravity of your fault and hasten to liberate yourself from the penalty which it has brought upon you."

The letters, directed to persons in 12 parishes, are being delivered by the pastors of these parishes to the excommunicates.

Famous Preacher Did Not Withdraw From the Priesthood

By Dr. Frederic Funder (Vienna Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service.)

Vienna, May 14.—The Rev. Dr. Anton Stonner, who some months ago was a famous preacher in Vienna, has not, as has been stated by secular news agencies in the United States, "renounced the priesthood."

On the contrary, while he has withdrawn from the Jesuit Order, he has not, according to word received here, solely because of his health, he has proposed to continue his labors as a secular priest.

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Notre Dame College

Notre Dame, Ind., May.—What commerce students learn in the classroom can be effectively applied to modern business procedure as demonstrated by junior and senior classes in foreign trade in the College of Commerce at the University of Notre Dame of which James E. McCarthy is dean.

The students of foreign commerce compiled a survey of the business conditions in South America with the view of selling airplanes there. The assignment was made after Dean McCarthy received a request from the Freese and Vogel company, advertising and merchandising counselors of Milwaukee, Wis., for such a study for one of their clients, a manufacturer of airplanes.

After ten days of thumbing the reports and volumes in the university library the notes of the students were gathered together into a report which numbered a score of pages. Besides investigating the extent of competition in South America, the study included the classification of import by nations, a schedule of tariffs and tariff laws, qualifications required of fliers before they are granted licenses, and a review of the interest in flying.

The students discovered that the interest in aviation in South America is now at its height, the achievements of the American aviators being responsible for the boom. When it came to the sale of airplanes manufactured in the United States, however, England, Germany, and other European countries are far ahead of this country.

This survey is one of a number made by the College of Commerce at Notre Dame under the direction of Dean McCarthy to give the students practical experience in dealing with commerce problems.

Notre Dame College

Notre Dame, Ind., May.—Three full years of accounting will be offered in the College of Commerce at the University of Notre Dame with the start of the 1928-29 school year. Dean James E. McCarthy announced. This is one of the steps in the extension program for the College of Commerce being developed by Dean McCarthy and the university administration, of which the Rev. Matthew Walsh, C. S. C., is president, to make the school one of the finest in the United States.

Beginning in September students of accounting will be required to take preparatory work only in their first year of residence. The sophomore year will be devoted to the principles of accounting, the curriculum of the junior year consisting of cost accounting and auditing. Constructive accounting, income tax procedure, public utility accounting, and problems that confront the certified public accountant, are some of the advanced courses to be taught in the senior year.

New equipment, specially designed for accounting work, has been ordered by the university authorities and will be installed in the new classrooms this summer. The additions will accommodate more than 100 new students and will put the accounting department on par with the best in the country.