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Nearly Two Score!

With last week's issue the Catholic Journal enters upon its thirty-ninth year of journalistic life.

Nearly two score years! Many many changes have been seen in men, in society, in invention, in industry, in politics.

In material sense; electric lighting, electric trolley cars, the telephone, the automobile, the airplane either were not thought of or were in embryo when the Catholic Journal began publication in 1889.

In profane or secular history: we have gone through two wars. The Spanish-American tussle changed the map as it affects the Atlantic and Pacific ocean territories.

Church progress: When the Catholic Journal was launched, Holy Mother Church was not the commanding figure it is today.

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Not Nice.

When the women were given the ballot many of us expected an elevation in the political tone and morals.

In this respect we are disappointed this year. Most of the whispering nastiness afloat in the campaign of 1928 emanate from women—regrettable, too, from women who are supposed to be educated, cultured and refined. It is a woman assistant attorney-general who is trying to embroil a religious sect in sectarian politics, the "female fire brand," at Dr. Henry Van Dyke, Protestant and ex-minister to Holland, styles her. It was a woman hailing from "the First Families of Virginia" who circularized her fellow women of Virginia to "save the country from being Romanized and run ridden". It was women who started and circulated the lies that Governor Smith is an habitual drunkard. And it is women who are circulating nasty, mean insinuations about the wife of Governor Smith.

These women, instead of manifesting any sorrow when caught in their whisperings, rather are proud of their position and appear to resent any objection to their plan of campaigning. "Sure, the Governor's a wet and all weis are souses and bumps".

We are proud to say that we have not heard any hint of partisan politics from a Catholic priest; no heard a hint that any Catholic woman has ever whispered any catty insinuation against the wife of the Governor's opponent.

Discuss the real issues of the campaign but for pity's sake leave our mudslinging. Both candidates are reputable, upstanding men. Either of the candidates' wives are as eminently fitted to grace the White House as any of their predecessors.

Prejudice.

The "L. C. B. A. Leader" sees the real crux of the "whispering campaign of 1928 when it says:—

There is much talk of religious prejudice and bigotry at this time and there are those who believe that they are serving their country by keeping alive a spirit of intolerance unworthy of the present day and generation. Where there is prejudice and bigotry there is no true religion nor is there a desire to seek and abide by truth. When George Washington said, "True religion affords government its surest support," he put the stamp of disapproval upon bigotry.

The practice of stirring up religious strife for political purposes is a blur on our civilization. To win a desired goal by trampling upon the rights of religious freedom guaranteed by the Constitution is not a victory. It disqualifies the party for the great trust sought. A candidate who is willing to let his supporters make an issue of religion lacks that type of statesmanship that should mark him as a leader. The political party that stoops to such deplorable methods is not worthy of trust or support.

Catholics have contributed to the nation's progress at every angle. They have served in every office of honor and trust except that of the presidency. They have practiced the true spirit of religious tolerance. They rightfully resent the effort that is being made to discredit their fitness for service in the highest office in the gift of the American people. They welcome the opportunity to prove to the world their tolerance of all creeds and their desire to be governed by the golden rule.

Wildness Near.

The "Times-Union" calls attention to an apparent modern incongruity in this short editorial:—

We usually think of the "open spaces" as lying exclusively west of the Mississippi. The eastern seaboard, to our notions, is built up solidly.

Yet the other day an airplane came down near Port Jarvis, a matter of 50 or 60 miles from New York City. And the country thereabouts is so tangled, so unsettled, so wild, that it took searching parties a solid day to force their way through the underbrush and forest and get to the wreckage.

We don't ordinarily realize that there are such wilds so close to our biggest city. Land sells by the square foot in Manhattan; yet 50 miles away it lies in waste, uncultivated emptiness, a wilderness that it takes a day to traverse.

Strange, the way we huddle our houses together when there is so much vacant land next door.

That Governor Alfred E. Smith is popular with all classes of Rochesterians was demonstrated by the wonderful reception he had last week.

Harry B. Crowley, well-known Rochester Knight of Columbus and former assemblyman, has been nominated by the Republicans for State Comptroller.

Senator Griffin appears to forget that while Catholics send their children to Catholic schools they support these schools and in addition pay just as much for support of the state schools as do their non-Catholic friends.

Two Torrents.

In Israel Zangwill's "Italian Fancies", recently published, appears this passage:—

"There are two torrents that amaze me to consider—the one is Niagara, and the other, the stream of prayer falling perpetually in the Catholic Church. What with Masses and the circulating exposition of the Host, there is no day nor moment of the day in which the praises of God are not being sung somewhere; in noble churches, in dim crypts and underground chapels, in bells and oratories. I have been in a great cathedral, sole congregation, and lo! the tall wax candles were lit, the carved stalls were full of robed choristers, the organ rolled out its sonorous phrases, the priests chanted marching and bowing, the censor swung its incense, the bell tanged. Niagara is indifferent to spectators, and so the everfalling stream of prayer. As steadfastly and unremittingly as God sustains the universe, so steadfastly and unremittingly is He acknowledged, the human antiphony answering the divine strophe. There be those who cannot bear that Niagara should fall and thunder in mere sublimity, but only to such will this falling thunder of prayer seem waste."

Real Reason.

Writing recently in the "Christian Herald" of New York, Dr. Frederick Lynch, a leader of Protestant religious thought, advanced the view that it is dislike of the Ten commandments, rather than opposition to theology, that explains the indifference of so-called intellectuals to the Church. In support of his assertion, Dr. Lynch made this interesting statement:

In the summer of 1925 I happened to be in Rome. It was Holy Year, and thousands of pilgrims from all over the world were flocking into the city. Every day at noon the Pope met hundreds of these pilgrims in a hall in the Vatican and preached a short sermon to them. I happened to be present one day, and I was very curious to know what the Pope would say to that dense throng. What he said, in substance, was this: "You will find in every country today groups of men who hate the Christian Church, and are attacking it. They will tell you they are opposed to it or indifferent to it because of its doctrine. Do not let them deceive you. It is not the Church's doctrines or theology that disturbs them; it is her morality that they hate. It is her demands of the pure, unselfish, sacrificial sinless life that keep them out or make them antagonistic—not her theology."

I am inclined to think that the Pope hit the nail on the head. I am more inclined to think so since I down to the first imprisonment of St. Paul at Rome. From St. Paul's attacks on the fundamental Christian Epistles we learn that St. Luke was his faithful companion to the end. He was martyred in Achaia.

Friday, October 19.—St. Peter of Alcantara early in life entered the convent of the Discalced Franciscans. He rose to high posts in the Order but inspired by a desire for penance, in 1539, when he was forty in the priesthood half a century years old, he founded the first convent of the "Strict Observance." Amongst those whom he trained to perfection was St. Teresa. He approved her spirit of prayer and strengthened her to carry out her reforms. St. Peter died while kneeling in prayer in 1562.

Saturday, October 20.—St. John Cantius was born in Kenty in Poland in 1403 and studied at Cracow. For a short time he was in charge of the burden of responsibility, he returned to his life as a professor at Cracow. There for many years he lived a life of unobtrusive virtue, self-denial, and charity. He made several pilgrimages to Rome and died A. D. 1473.

King Alfonso Asks Mass For Madrid Theater Victims

London, Oct. 1.—When King Alfonso arrived here from Scotland and was told by the Spanish Ambassador of the disaster at the Noreadas theater, Madrid, with its as yet uncounted fire victims, His Majesty asked at once to have a Mass said here at St. James' church, the official church of the Embassy.

He himself attended the Mass, accompanied by the Duke of Miranda. On leaving the church King Alfonso drove direct to Victoria station to get the boat train for the continent.

U. S. Visitors Helping Reconstruct Ancient Czechoslovak Chapel

Prague, Czechoslovakia, Oct. 1.—The ancient chapel at Blanka, near Piestany, is to be made over with funds contributed by visitors from the United States, England, Roumania and other countries to the Piestany mud baths, famous for their remarkable cure of rheumatism and gout cases.

The chapel, an architectural relic over 800 years old, stands on a picturesque hillside called Blanka. Its restoration is to be carried out according to the plans of Stefan Brestovani, the architect.

Monday, October 15.—St. Teresa, when a child of seven years, Teresa ran away from her home at Avila in Spain in the hope of being martyred by the Moors. Being brought back she said: "I want to see God and I must die before I can see Him." She became a Carmelite nun and was later called upon to reform the order. She died October 14, 1582.

Tuesday, October 16.—St. Gall, Abbot, was born in Ireland soon after the middle of the sixth century. When St. Columbanus left Ireland, St. Gall accompanied him into England and afterward into France. Being driven out by King Theodoric, St. Columbanus went to Italy and St. Gall to the territory near the lake of Constance where he founded the monastery which bears his name. He died in 646, having declined the dignity of the See of Constance.

Wednesday, October 17.—St. Hedwig, the wife of Henry, Duke of Silesia and the mother of six children, led an humble and austere life amidst all the pomp of royalty. After the death of her husband she retired to the Clisterian convent of Trebnitz where she lived under the rule of her daughter Gertrude who was abbess. She died in 1142.

Thursday, October 18.—St. Luke was a physician at Antioch who was one of the converts of St. Paul. He is best known as the historian of the New Testament. The Acts of the Apostles were written by this evangelist as a sequel to his Gospel. Pope hit the nail on the head. I am more inclined to think so since I down to the first imprisonment of St. Paul at Rome. From St. Paul's attacks on the fundamental Christian Epistles we learn that St. Luke was his faithful companion to the end. He was martyred in Achaia.

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