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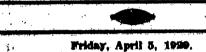
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HARNESSING THE SHANNON

Ireland is harnessing the River Shannon. The waters of this great river, furnishing sweet music for Ireland and Irish hearts from time immemorial, will soon be furnishing light for homes and for factories, and poetic with the real, giving Ireland something more than the music of rushing waters and the mystery of mingling waves.

It was of the River Shannon that Sir Aubrey De Vere, son of Curragh Chase, County Limmerick, wrote so beautifully:

"River of billows, to whose mighty heart The tide-wave rushes of the Atlantic Sea: River of quiet depths, by cultured les,

Remartle wood or city's crowded mart; River of old poetic founts, which start From their lone mountain cradles, wild and free, Narand with the Towns, lulled by the woodlark's

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educational system, with the tyranny of bureaucracy, is upon us. Proposals leading to colorless uniformity and sheep herding would tend to reduce all local, traditional manners, customs and convenience to a common-level.

"Upon this issue may depend the breakdown of centralized government in Washington, which has undertaken too much. And upon it may depend also the decay of community responsibility, which undertakes too ittle.

Mr. Child's reason for opposing centralization is that a centralized government is an easy prey for communism. On this point he ays:

"Only when it is necessary for one to observe constantly the strategies of communism does one discover that centralization in government, instead of being regarded by communism as a permanent stronghold against the red revolution, is regarded as a temporary obstacle much less difficult to attack than a social and economic and political system working in small units.'

Mr. Child supports his theory by quoting nterviews which he had with Krassin of Russia and an Italian communist of the pre-Mussolini period, both of whom told him that it was the American system of private initiative which constituted the great obstacle to communist advance in America.

And it is the American system of private initiative that will fight with undaunted determination_every_effort to take-away from the States and from the people themselves the right to plan, control, supervise and administer their own educational affairs. President Hoover's words will be comforting to those who believe in this system, and they will expect that it will continue to be followed.

RELIGION NOT NEGLECTED

The New York State Department of Education recently conducted a survey for the power for traffic and for industry. Thus is purpose of learning, if possible, how many the Irish Free State stepping proudly out of of the 65,000 employed boys, between the the romantic past into the practical present; ages of fourteen and seventeen years, who and thus, with tender hand, is it linking the are attending continuation schools in the State, are receiving religious instruction in church, Sunday school or elsewhere. To get some light on this subject, the departmentinserted a question on religious instruction on a questionnaire that was sent to these

boys. The answers to the religious question were most gratifying, and were apparently a big

surprise to the Department of Education, which pronounced the survey a "remarkable Paris on Easter Sunday. Mr. Herrick had maining twenty-three per cent., or approximately one boy in four, said they were receiving no religious instruction of any kind. The assistant commissioner of vocational education, Dr. L. A. Wilson, had this to say about the survey :

The second second second Catholics Pray for Public Officials

"We pray for His Excellency, the Governor of this State, for the members of Assembly, for all judges, magistrates, and other officers who are appointed to guard our political welfare; that they may be enabled, by Thy powerful protection, to decharge the duties of their respective stations with honesty and ability. We recommend likewise to Thy unbounded mercy, all our brethren and fellow citizens throughout the United States, that they may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the observance of Thy most holy law; that they may be preserved in union, and in that peace which the world cannot give; and, after enjoying the blessings of this life be admitted to those which are eternal." (Extract from prayer in ordinary Catholic prayer-book)

Ensign William G. McCrea, hero of recent explosion on U. S. S. Mississippi, and great-great-great nephew of Robert Livingston, one of the original signers of the Declaration of Independence, was a Catholic.

Cardinal Gibbons wrote, in his "Retrospect of Fifty Years":

This nation of over one hundred millions reads with gladness and piety the annual formal message of our President, wherein God, Providence, Praver. Christianity are formally allowed and commended to every citizen. The American heart is, therefore, a religious, nay, a Christian heart; and in that heart lies the panacea for the crescent ills of our political life." How good it is, then, to read of the sim-

le, even humble reverence with which Calvin Coolidge turned to God in the first moment of that wonderful hour when-he-became President of these United States. No wonder he succeeded. No wonder he had power.

AMBASSADOR HERRICK

It is gratifying to note the widespread respect and sincere affection that is held for Ambassador Myron T. Herrick, who died in showing". Seventy-seven per cent. of these been the American Ambassador to France boys said they were receiving religious in- for nearly a score of years. He had the struction in one way or another. The re- confidence of the French people. They knew him to be honest, sincere, upright, painstaking and courteous; and, above all, humanely kind, faithful to his duties and loyal to his country. He had grown into their lives and hearts. They loved him. In death now, they honor him and mourn him as if he were

in these years that their characters are strength to the French nation. He was a

war he accepted the responsible task of look-

ing after German and Austrian interests in

France. He did this work faithfully and

trying periods of its history and has won not only for himself, but for the land he represented, universal respect and even affection.

"His memory will be a rich inheritance to the City of Cleveland as well as to the United States at large."

SOMETHING NEW

A course in Pastoral sociology or Parish activities is being offered in the summer session of the University of Notre Dame. As the prospectus reads, the purpose of this course is to prepare young priests for spe--cial tasks that will-confront them in presentday parish work. This Pastoral sociology program consists of four required courses, the strength and power to succeed, for he three of which, "Parish Recreation, Policies reached his hands, clasped in prayer, not to and Programs", "Charity, Social Work and man, but to God, for this strength and this Social Problems", and "The Country Parish", provide graduate credit. The lectures on "Rural Parish Matters" will be under the direction of the Rev. Edwin V. O'Hara, who has the national reputation of a specialist in this field of work. The fourth course, for which a choice of two courses is offered: "The Parish School", "Parish Bookkeping and Finance", carries with it no graduate credit.

Indeed, this is something new. Bishops, priests and people should welcome this undertaking. We wonder whether this offer should come from a university or whether it would not be more practical for our seminaries to offer such courses. Certainly Notre Dame is doing an original piece of work by setting the example. There must be a de-mand for work of this kind in both the about the survey: "I am especially gratified to know that our continuation school boys are receiving re-ligious instructions regularly, because it is strength to the French nation. He was a they nonor him and mouth him as it he were mand for work of this kind in both the graduate and undergraduate schools. We feel certain that some day in the very near future our seminaries will offer their young candidates at least general courses in Parish School", "Parish Finance", and "The Rural Parish." No one questions the good work our priests have already done; but how much more efficient and sure would not all this work be if the young candidates had at least the fundamentals of such branches of knowledge.

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peared incredible. One hopes that when his life comes to be written, the chronicle will end with his own wish for Bishop Galvin: "May his work expand and flow on forever like the waters of the Han, and his zeal for the salvation of souls illumine the world like the light of the sun,"-The Commonweal.

SPREADING CATHOLIC TRUTH

Is it easy for non-Catholics in the United States to obtain knowledge and understanding of the teachings, the discipline, the practices of the Catholic Church?

The accuracy of the answer which the average Catholic would return to this question would depend largely on his txptrience and locale. If he has spent his years in one of our great urban and cosmopolitan centers, he will think of the large proportion-perhaps preponderance-of Catholics; of the many churches and schools; of the scores of other outward manifestations of Catholic life all around him, and wonder how any one outside the Church could be wanting in interest or in information regarding her.

The question would receive quite another answer from a Catholic who lives in any of the many sections where Catholics are but one in a thousand of the population and where there are but few Catholic churchesand no Catholic schools, no Catholic societies. and no Catholic papers. And such is the condition in many parts of the United States.

Is it possible, then, for non-Catholics living in those regions to learn anything of the Catholic church and her doctrines? Can they be blamed for the misconceptions and prejudices they harbor with respect to the belief and behavior of Catholics?

There is an obligation on the part of Catholics to acquaint these millions of their non-Catholic fellow-citizens with the facts about the Church. If enlightenment won't make them Catholics, it ought to make them better Americans, and foster more friendly relationships between those of different religions who must mingle as neighbors under the same laws and the same flag.

The priests in this country are almost too few to minister to the religious needs of the Catholic population. They can scarcely be expected to leave their present field for the realm of apologetics, but many of them could direct the laity in the work of explaining and defending the dogmas of the Church Indeed, this work is one of peculiar appropriateness for the layman and the laywoman. It is they that live and labor in the midst of their non-Catholic countrymen. It is they that first hear the charges against their Church and the sincere inquiries concerning her message. It is they that most deeply-and, whether favorably or adversely,-impress by their example the non-Catholics who surround them.

It is to bring the Catholic laity to the task of educating non-Catholics regarding the teaching of the Church that the National Council of Catholic Men has inaugurated an apologetical movement in which all of its affiliated organizations are urged to cooperate. In this undertaking the Men's Council stresses the use of the radio as a means reaching the millions of non-Catholics who dwell beyond contact with the sons and daughters of the Church. The radio is a way of approach to great numbers who are inaccessible even to the printed word. Letters received by the sponsors of various Catholic radio programs tell of the interest which the statement of the Catholic case arouses among non-Catholic hearers-some of them many miles from the station. In conjunction with the employment of the radio, the Men's Council announces, there will be a widespread and continuous dissemination of apologetical literature, the encouragement of forums, and the use of the press. Such an apostolate should produce the better understanding of the Catholic faith and viewpoint we so earnestly desire non-Catholics to have. With such an ideal combination of need and opportunity before them, and means so ready to hand, it is difficult to see how the Catholic laity can withhold the co-operation which the Men's Council solicits.

And now the song of the dynamo will replace the song of the fairles; the hum of proper forward march of prosperity.

Thus does Man, linking hands reverently this. with Nature, take from the soil and the sea, and the stars.

Perhaps the visionary tourist may deplore ome in days not too distant.

FEDERALIZED EDUCATION

Many of us missed one sentence of the inmage, of President Hoover; that

of the United States to had died. Mr. Con Mr. Coolidge tells that he and his wife imand is a recent article mediately dressed, but that before leaving Post, mes, this make room, he knelt down and prayed, and asked God to blest the American people and

to sattern national give me power to serve them.'

molded and they are taught those moral and rock of good sense, sound judgment and unreligious precepts that will guard them in selfish sincerity. In the early years of the later life.

That is just exactly what the Catholic electricity rise above that of the rythm of Church has in mind when it teaches, and inrushing waters, and Romance will recede, sists upon teaching, religious truths to boys well, with kindness and consideration for all great tide-wave rushes of the Shannon's wa- Church, wise with the wisdom of ages, and made a sorry mess of it in the face of the ters, rolling majestically to the Sea through solicitous as any parent for its children, eleven Irish counties, will give the land knows how important it is, how necessary it something more than music and moisture; is, how more than vital it is, to instil into there, and his American sense of justice and something more than poetic beauty and the minds of all her children moral and rerythmic flow of flood and current-it will ligious precepts that will guard them in later ive energy and life for industry; harnessed life. Indeed, in all the realms of education. lightning, for illumination; power for the in all the fair fields of the arts and sciences, there is not any one thing as important as

William Jennings Bryan, writing about his from river and lake, something of the good- experiences in college, declared that this ness provided therein by Almighty God. Nor period of life is a dangerous one for any will the harnessing of the Shannon make young man, that it "is accompanied by some that noble river less dear to the Irish heart. religious uncertainty." "It is just at this Its beint," will not be marred. Its useful- time", he wrote, "when the parental authorness will be enhanced. Running like a ity is weakening, that usually the student racial song through Irish fields, villages and begins in the study of the physical sciences. citics, it will carry a new melody now, a new If he is fortunate enough to have teachers rythm the melody and rythm of Industry. who are themselves Christians, with a spir-It will help keep the sons and daughters of itual vision of life, the effect is to strengthen Ireland at home. It will help keep them his faith, and he advances to a normal rewhere they can enjoy the soul of the Shan- ligious life. If he is unfortunate enough to death of one of its noblest citizens. He was non, hear its music in the hum of their fac- fall under the influence of mind worshippers, tories and share its song under the moon he may be led step by step away from faith was good and noble in the lives of men in his into unbelief.'

A tragedy that has befallen many a young the harnessing of a river so rich in reverent man, and many a young woman. Hence, the memories; so noble in current and curve; so parental solicitude of the Church in the matromantic in history and mystery. But these ter of education. That the attitude of the me practical days. A nation, to live, must State Department of Education is in keeping to forward, not backward. And Ireland, we with the long-established views of the are assured, is going forward in thrift, in Church on this subject is of importance. It adustry, in accomplishment of worth-while shows, at least, that the secular authorities ork, and in bringing the comforts and are beginning to see the folly and the pity identings of life to her people. The har-newsing of the Shannon is but one illustra-nores religious precepts so essential to cor-tion of this fact. Many more are sure to rect life and so helpful to well-developed character. Mayhap, the dawning of a wiser day is at hand in this land of ours.

HE KNELT DOWN AND PRAYED"

Not a few people have wondered why a which he said education "is man so reserved and retiring as Calvin Coolresponsibility of the States and idge made so good a President and held so firmly the confidence and respect of the time will not be comforting to American people. He gives the answer time sought long and earnestly himself. In a recent article in an American hout the centralization of educa-magazine, he tells how his father awakened ir and control under one head, him at a late hour on the night of August Washington, under a Fed- 2, 1923, in their humble Vermont home, and ill these people find comfort informed him, with trembling voice, that Richard Washburn Child, word had just come that President Harding

perhaps, for the benefit of Progress. The and girls in its schools and colleges. The peoples. A less capable man would have mountain of national hysteria that confronted him on all sides. He proved his manhood fair-play. Child of a log cabin, like Lincoln, he grew from poverty into greatness; from obscurity into world prominence. France calls him. affectionately, one of her greatest friends. America honors him as one of her finest

sons. All Europe pays tribute to the manliness of his character, the nobility of his life. Kings, princes and diplomats of the world vie with each other in doing homage to him fided entirely to a native clergy, as the whom they loved in life. From these it is good to turn to an old neighbor and lifelong friend, the Rt. Rev. Joseph Schrembs, Bishop of Cleveland, O., home city of the Ambassador. The Bishon pays him this beautiful tribute:

"The City of Cleveland will, above all others, feel the sorrow that comes from the an outstanding figure for everything that own city.

"He represented his country in one of the the difficult mission field must have ap-

BISHOP CHENG OF PU-CHI

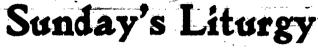
The late Bishop Cheng, first prefect apostolic of Pu-Chi, has left an impress upon the clergy of his country, native and foreign alike, which will only be deepened as it becomes more apparent how closely the Church meets and fits into the spiritual needs and capacity of the Chinese. He will be remembered in occidental lands, too, we trust, long after the apostolate in China has been conbishop who called himself a "little younger brother" of the missionaries. The affection in which he was personally held is well conveyed by Father B. J. Coveney, who descirbes him in the March issue of the Far

Fast, as "a tiny little figure to whose pattering, twinkling, silver-buckled shoes we shortened our strides . . . slim and boyish, eloquent of voice and of gesture, on whose features played a winsome smile that seemed to live in his words." Seeing him thus, the story of his long labors at the desk and in

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

The Catholic paper in the Catholic household is an integral part of Catholic education. Where the Catholic paper is not, and the secular paper flourishes in the home onl, the world's side of thingsis seen. The reading of the Catholic paper cannot be too highly encouraged.—The Guardian, Little Rock.

April 7 Low Sunday



By, Rev. Joseph L. Lord

(Prepared for the N. C. W. C. News [tion-be you also as living stones [their senses but Christ has arisen and] join ourselves with St. Thomas in built up a spiritual house, a holy Service by the Liturgical Press, Collegeville, Minnesota). priesthood to offer up spiritual

The liturgy for Low Sunday is sacrifices acceptable to God by Jesus especially concerned with the neo- Christ."

phytes, the newly baptized, who on Hence they must drink the milk this day put of the white garments which is faith in Christ, which will which they had worn since their enable them to overcome the world baptism the week before. The Church | with Hinr and in Him. By faith we rejoices in her new members, who can do all things in Christ. Thus in having shared together with Christ the Epistic resounds a glorious note in the waters of baptism also have of triumph: "Whatsoever is born of shared in the glory of His Resurrec- God overcometh the world; and this tion. She recapitulates in the is the victory which overcometh the triumph of her Founder on Easter world, our faith. Who is he that morning, and the counsels her new overcometh the world but he that bemembers in their new life in Christ. lieveth that Jesus is the Son of The Church compares the neophy- God?"

tes to new-born babes; and the The Church tells us that our faith milk she gives them to drink is the will triumph despite apparent fail-"rational milk without guile" (In- | ure. To all appearances Christ's mistroit). At the laying aside of the sion had been a fatture. The world white garments she told them in the and the forces of evil had triumphed. words of St. Feter: "Lay aside all Even the Apostles had despired. malice and al gaile and dissimula- Their faith failed at the evidence of

have seen him immortal and impassible.

There can be no failure to those To the world we may seem to have gladness. failed as Christ failed, as His martyrs failed, but the crown of victory will be ours as it was theirs. The Gospel for Low Sunday tells us how our Lord appeared to His Apostles, the doors being shut, and ciedulous Thomas after He had seen Me, Thomas, thou has believed; and have believed."

reparation for our incredulity and of the Sisters of Providence.

has triumphed; "the Prince of life his glorious confession of faith: "My who died now lives and reigns." We Lord and my God." Let us proclaim out faith in the living Christ and. united with Him in His Mystical What an encouragement to us! Body, let us pray to God the Father that the Church, to whom He has who are born of God in holy bap- given cause for so great joy, may be tism and armed with divine faith. granted also the fruit of perpetual

Aged Vermont Nun Dies

Winooski, Vt., April 4.-Funeral services for Sister Marie Georgianna of His gentle rebuke to the in- Gravel, Hospital Sister of St. Joseph, were held recently at the Fanny Alshown him the wounds in His hands len Hospital Chapel, here. Sister and in His side: "Because thou has Gravel had passed her eightieth birthday and had been in poor health blessed are they that have not seen for years. She was born at St. Thomas, P. Q., July 8, 1848, She re-Let us by the grace of God make | ceived her education at the convent