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THE MIDDLE AGES

Usually when non-Catholic speakers have occasion to refer to the Middle Ages, they characterize them as the "Dark Ages."

"I am not a Catholic at all but there is one thing about the Catholic Church that has always tremendously interested me."

"When everyone 'goes in' for wisdom in the way men once went in for glory of war or pious sainthood, I believe that for the first time in modern history we shall begin to be civilized."

Mr. Martin appreciates the glory of the Middle Ages and hopes that it will again be the aura of a future period.

AN ASSET, NOT A LIABILITY

"I received all my education, with the exception of my law course—there was no Catholic law school here when I was a young man—in Catholic schools, and I have never found my Catholic training a liability; rather have I found it an asset."

Supreme Court Justice Victor J. Dowling of New York City, one of the foremost jurists and one of the finest citizens in the entire State of New York, made the above statement last Sunday morning at the dedication of a new \$400,000 parish school in his home parish in New York city, with Cardinal Hayes officiating.

It has come to be quite a common habit for some Catholic people to say that Catholic schools have no standing in the business world of to-day. They use that statement as an alibi for sending their boys and girls to schools where not only their faith, but their moral characters are often endangered.

Justice Dowling spoke the truth when he said a Catholic training is an asset, not a liability. There are spots here and there in America where a Catholic training may be a liability. But these spots are small—small in size, small in intellect, small in citizenship, and in accomplishment. A Catholic is better off away from such places.

The average employer of help to-day, in all kinds of businesses, will tell you that it is hard to find young men and young women who work honestly, faithfully, diligently, and with a sincere interest in the welfare of the business of their employer.

Senator Charles McNary has asked Senator William E. Borah to furnish him with the results of his activities in Washington to express the views of the people of Oregon and to send the empty pockets of the Capital Hill.

A Song of Hope

Children of yesterday, Heirs of to-morrow, What are you weaving? Labor and sorrow.

Children of yesterday, Heirs of to-morrow, Lighten the labor And sweeten the sorrow.

Children of yesterday, Heirs of to-morrow, Look at your fabric Of labor and sorrow.

WADING THE CREEK ALONE

The Rev. Dr. Charles Francis Potter of New York City, formerly a Universalist preacher, set out to wade the creek alone last Sunday morning.

Dr. Potter declared that the chief of man is to improve himself. He said God did not create the world and man, but that the world and man evolved.

Dr. Potter calls his new religion "Humanism," apparently because it sets the human above the divine. Man should create his own religion, he says, and when he does this free of fear of God, then civilization will jump towards perfection so rapidly that we shall all become dizzy with the contemplation of it.

We are mentioning this gentleman here not because there is any substance to his theories, but to show what happens to a man whose education and training carry him away from God instead of towards God.

Just sit down with yourselves, you Catholic fathers and mothers, and picture the home-coming of your children with a philosophy like that of Dr. Potter, with a religion like that of Dr. Potter, and try to imagine how you would like to have your children live in a world without God, in a world that "evolved" of its own accord, and then give a little thought to what they will do in a hereafter that has no Heaven! Better do it now before it is too late.

THE SUN SHINING THROUGH

Thirty thousand men marched in London the other day in celebration of the centenary of Catholic emancipation. They traversed a route two miles long, from St. George's Cathedral to Westminster Cathedral.

On the previous day 15,000 Catholic children marched in procession from the Thames embankment to Westminster Cathedral, where they also attended Benediction in the open air.

At a Pontifical Mass, celebrated on a Sunday morning on the Westminster grounds, the Cathedral choir, high up in the air on a roof, sang the Mass.

Thirty Catholic societies of National importance held meetings in the vicinity of Westminster Cathedral during the period of the Centenary celebration.

The Rosary, Why Catholics Say It

The Rosary used by Catholics in their prayers is a string of beads, divided into five equal parts, each commemorating some great event in the life of Christ.

THE MONTH OF OCTOBER IS ESPECIALLY DEDICATED TO THE ROSARY

Next to the religious significance of all this, the important thing is that during all of the celebration, during these mammoth processions, and throughout the numerous meetings, with many thousands of Catholic visitors flooding the city, not one unkind word was uttered against the Catholic people or the Catholic Church in the city of London.

"The impressive ceremonies that are taking place to celebrate the centenary of Roman Catholic emancipation are memorable for many reasons. One is that they are being held with the entire good will and the understanding sympathy of the Protestant community.

"Nobody now thinks of membership of the Roman Catholic Church as incompatible with absolute loyalty to the Sovereign of these isles. A cleansing gale from the sea has swept away the old fears and prejudices.

Truly the sun, darkened for long years by bigotry, is shining through the religious skies in England. It is a pleasant sight, and beautiful. Good to see, neighbor trusting neighbor, friend confident of friend, and all religions glad of that great act of statesmanship, justice and liberation which restored Roman Catholics, long disfranchised, to their full rights and liberties.

MARRIAGE DOWN; DIVORCE UP

Marriages in 1928 were 4,371 less than in 1927, although the population of the State was nearly one million more in 1928 than in 1927. The total numbers were 111,318 in 1928; 118,719 in 1927.

The contrast between the years, while not startling, are significant. They show an inclination to get away from matrimony,

both by not entering into it at all, and by getting out of it after getting into it. The trend of the times is away from family cares; away from safe and sane living; away from anything and everything that interferes with the new freedom certain people like to talk and write about when they are trying to alibi themselves for getting away from God.

Divorce has been increasing steadily in America for years. The principal cause is lack of a proper understanding of the meaning of marriage. Millions of our young American people have never been taught that marriage, as Cardinal Gibbons emphatically states in "The Faith of Our Fathers," is "the most inviolable and irrevocable of all contracts that were ever formed.

Millions of American people do not like this doctrine. It sounds harsh. It closes the door on gross licentiousness. It safeguards the home. It protects the children, and it protects the wife and mother. It elevates marriage to a sublime state of sacredness that is not pleasing to the person of loose morals.

The inside of Prohibition is rapidly becoming the outside. What with Mabel Wilbrandt's articles, telling how politics, hypocrisy, treachery and graft are the hand-maidens of this noble experiment; what with Senator Howell of Nebraska telling how U. S. Senators toast new arrivals and wish happiness to old pals over glasses of bootleg bliss, and many other things of like nature, it is hard to tell which is the inside and which the outside.

Greater New York Catholics have a fine habit of honoring their own in a big way. William E. Kelly, Kings County Clerk and former Postmaster of Brooklyn, was buried from St. Gregory's Church. Ex-Governor Alfred E. Smith and Mayor Walker headed a procession of 1,500 men from Mr. Kelly's home to the church.

WAYSIDE WHEAT

By the Managing Editor

An Associated Press dispatch tells us that net profits for the year of \$4,117,668 are shown in the annual statement of Hiram Walker-Gooderham & Worts of Toronto, Canada, an increase of \$675,290 over last year.

William F. Kenny, millionaire contractor, bosom friend of Al. Smith, and great business man, won more fame through the shears of his barber than in any other way in life.

Governor Chase S. Osborn of Michigan, writing to the official organ of the Catholic Laymen's Association of Georgia, in protest of an editorial that had criticized him severely, said among other things:

"I respect the Roman Catholic religion, I detest the abuse of it (political and otherwise) by such men as Al. Smith and Raskob—one a Democrat and the other a Republican. I would only have your church be a church, and not a political machine."

Our old friend, Col. P. H. Callahan, of Louisville, Ky., has been made Chairman of a new organization—the Co-Operative Committee for Prohibition Enforcement, with headquarters in Washington, D. C.

What we are more interested in than the organization itself is the company Col. Callahan is keeping—Bishop Cannon, Jr., F. Scott McBride, Bishop McDowell, Bishop Nicholson, all of the Methodist Board of Moral, Politics and Bigotry, and Mrs. Ella A. Boole, President of the Womens' Christian Temperance Union.

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Sunday's Liturgy

By DOM ERNEST KILZER, O.S.B.

October 6 The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

Our life upon earth is an exile from heaven. The Mass of today is filled with sentiments of hope and longing for deliverance from our earthly bondage.

In a spirit of penance for our sins and repeated unfaithfulness to God we must patiently bear the hardships of our banishment which befall us by God's permission (Intrors).

The Collect summarizes in a few words the needs and the petitions of the entire body of the faithful. Today it is a prayer for the pardon of our sins and for that tranquility in His service, which is the fruit of a peaceful and quiet conscience.

that their sojourn here is only temporary. He exhorts us to "walk circumspectly, not as unwise, but as wise, redeeming the time." Time is not our own. It has been given us by God as a means to gain heaven.

The gradual of the Mass expresses confidence in the loving care of God and a longing for Holy Communion, which is the food of immortality, a pledge and foretaste of eternal life.

the holy Sacrifice the Gospel becomes a reality. Christ descends upon the altar and gives everlasting life in the Holy Eucharist, which is "a healing medicine" for the diseases of our soul, a means to purify our hearts from vice and the tendency to sin (Secret). Before the end of the period of banishment in this world we must be cleansed of our sins.

Our exile here on earth is lightened by the hope of heaven. Holy Communion keeps alive in us this hope. It will "comfort us in our earthly life (Communion), only on the condition, however, that we are at all times observant of God's commandments (Postcommunion).

Deadly Snake Slain By Priest In Church

Seguin, Texas, Oct. 4.—A deadly copperhead snake, more than four feet in length, was killed in the sacristy of the Mexican Catholic Church here by the Rev. E. Wegener, pastor.

Father Wegener saw the reptile when he entered the sacristy and killed it before it could attack him. It was embalmed and placed on display in the town, where it attracted much attention.

Loyola Names Professor Chicago, Oct. 4.—The appointment of Professor Paul Kiniry to the department of history was announced today by the Rev. Frederic Stedenburg, S.J., dean of the downtown college of Loyola University. Professor Kiniry comes to Loyola University from the University of Wisconsin where he took his degree.