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ATTENTION CATHOLIC PEDAGOGUES

The Teaching of Religion is a much-discussed topic. Some say you can; others say you can't. Who knows? The answer from the Catholic's view-point might be somewhat biblical: "Come and see."

The Archbishop of Birmingham has just sanctioned a revised scheme of religious education. Children will not be taught the printed Catechism before they reach the age of eleven years.

To pupils from the ages of eight to eleven the prayers will be taught, further hymns, including the Latin words of the Benediction hymns, the sung responses at Mass, the easier parts of the Common of the Mass.

The admission to his superintendents of education is most fitting the Archbishop and worthy of the attention of all Catholic administrators: "What I ask of the diocesan inspectors is to inspect; and, therefore, I fully approve of your desire to substitute ordinary methods of inspection for the systematic examination of all the children."

REMOVING BIGOTRY

The Catholic Laymen's Association of Georgia recently held its 14th annual convention, in Savannah, Ga. When this association was organized, bigotry was rampant in the State of Georgia.

Thanksgiving

Thanks be to God on this glad day, For time to work, and for time to play. Thanks be to Him for skies of blue— And for friendship so good and true.

Thanks be to Him for His sunlight, And for sweet sleep and rest at night. And when the night is passed and gone— Thanks be to Him for each glad dawn.

Thanks be to Him for health and strength, And for our lives whatever their length. Oh! He is kind to one and all— He even marks the sparrows' fall.

Thanks be to Him for blooming flowers, To gladder make our earthly hours, Thanks be to Him when Summer's old— For the pretty leaves of red and gold.

Thank Him for His most tender care, As we adown life's pathway fare. While on this earth He lets us stay— Let each day be Thanksgiving Day.

—John A. Twamley.

The Catholic Laymen's Association

A little handful of earnest men at the start has accomplished this. Accomplished it by kindness, by perseverance, by honest explanation of the truths and teachings of the Church.

Admiral William S. Benson was one of the speakers at the recent convention. Admiral Benson, be it known, was commander-in-chief of the United States Navy in the World War.

"Never, in my judgment, was the world more in need of the Catholic Church than it is today. The patrimony of Catholic teachings which Protestants took with them when they left the household of the Faith in the Sixteenth Century they have spent and dissipated.

"Catholics should attempt to win the confidence and good will of these people. They don't dislike us for what we really are; they dislike us for what they erroneously conceive us to be.

"The most potent influence in impressing those outside the Church is good example. And there are other ways in which we Catholic laymen can further the apostolate to the millions of our fellow Americans who misconceive the doctrines of our Church.

BRING YOUR TOOLS

Let us admit it. Some of us do find the time of Sunday Mass long. But have we tried to examine our souls and see why the time of Mass seems long to us—to me, the reader, if I am one of them.

Perhaps we are like a plumber the writer heard of. This is not any reflection on plumbers for there are thousands of good honest plumbers and perhaps just a few not quite so honest. This one was phoned for because a pipe had burst and a flood of water was pouring all over the floors and over some new rugs.

We go to Mass. We have our hands in our pockets, those of us who have pockets; and those who have no pockets have a vanity case or some such contraption to polish up a bit in the vestibule before we enter the house of God.

This is not meant to scold. We fall into habits of this kind, and when our attention is called to them we wonder that we fell. We gave ourselves credit for having more sense.

Church Should Help America

"All intelligent men are agreed, and we ourselves have with pleasure intimated, that America seems destined for greater things. Now, it is our wish that the Catholic Church should not only share, but help to bring about, this prospective greatness.

(Letter of Pope Leo XIII, to U. S. Bishops.)

"TAY PAY" O'CONNOR

A golden link, uniting the Ireland of fighting days with the Ireland of peace and progress, is missing from life. "Tay Pay" O'Connor, father of the British House of Commons, noted writer, brilliant orator, gifted humorist, capable editor, politician and statesman died this week.

Ireland was counting her famine-dead by the millions when "Tay Pay" was born in Athlone in October, 1848. Bitterness, discontent and rebellion against British tyranny and coercion filled the whole atmosphere of his youth.

But out of all this "Tay Pay" grew to love peace. He was above all else a student, a writer, a thinker; not a Fenian, not an organizer. At the age of nineteen he was a reporter on a Dublin paper.

But Charles Stewart Parnell was in the British House of Commons, stern, severe, ceaseless in his work and his planning, to force needed reforms from unwilling British rulers for his beloved Ireland.

But for all his Parliamentary experience, for some particular purpose. What do you want? Have you dead relatives? We all have the dead to pray for, and we all want many things.

By Dom Celestine Kapsner, O.S.B. Pilled with this thought at the beginning of Mass, we are greeted, not with thoughts of anger, but with the consoling message of peace.

As we put aside our daily toil to-day, the Lord's day, and pass from the external world to offer up the supreme sacrifice of the Mass, a strong feeling of our destiny comes upon us.

Once more we have lived in the Spirit of the Church the full life of the gentle Savior. We have been witnesses of His ascent into heaven, we have been enriched with the graces of the Holy Spirit, and now we meet Him at His final coming with great power and majesty to judge the living and the dead.

his heart was always in literature. He wrote unceasingly, and always painstakingly—beautiful English, vigorous style, appealing rhetoric. His humor was unfailing, whether writing or speaking.

In 1886 a constituency in Liverpool, England, Irish to the core, took "Tay Pay" to its political heart, and from that day to this, in sunshine and in storm, until death did them part, he represented that constituency in the House of Commons.

Age and infirmities crept upon him, as they do upon all men, and a few months ago his friends gave him a most generous purse, that he might spend his declining days in quietness and rest, free from labor and from financial worries.

FOR RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE

Five-hundred Catholics, Protestants and Jews attended the sessions of the seminar conducted by the Calvert round table of Boston during the past week. Religious tolerance was the subject under discussion—how to live together in harmony; how to prevent bigotry, narrowness, false propaganda, religious misunderstanding, and the many other things that provide seed for the professional distributor of poisonous intolerance.

The speakers at one of the sessions were President A. Lawrence Lowell of Harvard University, the Rev. Michael J. Ahern, S.J., of Weston College, and Rabbi Harry Levi of Temple Israel, Brookline.

President Lowell asked this question: "Is mankind doomed forever to have its love linked with its hatred, its best with its worst propensities?" He answered it by saying: "What is needed is to arouse religious fervor without religious rancor, religious sympathy, not religious antagonism. An attempt to prepare the way for a better state of that kind is the mark set here."

Rabbi Levi described the meeting of members of the three religious groups as a day for humiliation, not jubilation, because it had "taken so long to come."

Conscious of the weight of such a judgment, we shrink back into our lowliness and plead more sincerely with the Lord to accept our offerings and prayers favorably and to change our minds and hearts in accordance with His wishes, so that we may not be too much attached to the fleeting things of time, but look forward to the glory that awaits us in heaven (Secret). The great truth of the final judgment, that fittingly closes the liturgical year, arouses within us a deeper appreciation of the value of the Mass; for the Mass is the great source of encouragement and consolation. Christ in the Mass makes up for our frailty and weakness and gives us confidence to continue the

WAYSIDE WHEAT

By the Managing Editor

Mexico is emerging from its nightmare of darkness and irreligion. More than a year ago the Rev. Jose deGarcia was arrested for the great crime of baptizing a child in the home of its parents.

Pope Pius XI has 530 subjects in the Vatican State. There are 389 Italians, 118 Swiss Guards, 11 Frenchmen, five Germans, two Spaniards, one Norwegian, one Austrian, one Netherlander, one Ethiopian, and one American.

God's work; God's ideals and teachings, and from this little State, with its tiny handful of inhabitants, there will go out over all the world an influence greater than that ever obtained by sword, bayonet or cannon; greater than that of the mighty armies of Frederick the Great, of Napoleon, of Marshal Foch, or Marshal Von Hindenburg.

Father Ahern declared the groups should use a filter over their hearts and souls to see and understand each other "in their true light."

The Calvert Society to combat bigotry was organized a few weeks before the late Presidential election. It published one series of advertisements during the campaign, and was promptly accused of using religion to advance Alfred E. Smith's interests.

Denver, Nov. 22.—The new Price Memorial College's junior building for boys, constructed at a cost of \$125,000, has been dedicated here by the Rt. Rev. R. A. Gerken, Bishop of Amarillo, where the structure is located.

College In Amarillo Dedicates Building

The building was built with a fund donated by Mrs. Catherine E. Price, who wished to erect a suitable memorial for her husband, the late Lucien B. Price, merchant prince. Upon receipt of her gift, the name of the college, formerly St. George's, was changed.

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Sunday's Liturgy Nov. 24 Twenty-fourth Sunday After Pentecost

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