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Her Little Acolyte

The purple monsignori Are splendid to behold; The bishop in his glory Goes by in cloth of gold.

No 57 Varieties of Catholicity

It is just as easy to distinguish the true Church of Christ as it is to tell a Rolls Royce from a Ford.

NICHOLAS OF CUSA, THE FATHER OF MATHEMATICAL MECHANICS, WAS A CARDINAL

A PROBLEM FOR HOLLYWOOD

Information with regard to the throwing out by Canadian and Australian censorship boards within the last sixty days of more than 150 Hollywood-made pictures

Practically every leading American producer is represented in the list of pictures which have come under the censorship ban, emanating from Quebec, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Ontario, Australia, and even Great Britain.

In this connection it is important to remember that these 150 pictures were "kicked out" in toto, no attempt having been made to excise particularly offensive scenes and subtitles.

Another consideration that comes to mind is, this: Every picture listed has been shown to American audiences and with no such radical condemnation as was expressed outside the United States.

This situation should be a cause for worry not only on the part of the motion picture industry, whose box-office receipts have been seriously interfered with by the action of the British authorities

Are our American standards of entertainment lower than those of our Canadian neighbors, and are we on the whole indifferent to the moral offense contained in a great deal of the output of the motion picture industry?

The present situation as regards commercialized entertainment is undoubtedly not receiving the attention which it should, either from our American civil authorities or from those who are directly responsible for maintaining wholesome standards of entertainment in the legitimate and motion picture theaters.

WAYSIDE WHEAT

By the Managing Editor

Judge McCormick of California, a member of President Hoover's Law Enforcement Committee, in a recent statement, gave sharp emphasis to the fact that unlawful acts of prohibition enforcement agents, such as breaking into private homes without search warrants, would have to end at once.

We have expressed in this column on other occasions a genuine admiration for the sound common sense and clear-cut Americanism of Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University.

It usually reflects merely the demand of the fanatic for the punishment of violators of some particular law in which he is interested. If law enforcement meant the enforcement of all law, then the social order, at least in the United States, would quickly be afflicted with paralysis.

"There is no ground whatever for the conventional statement that violation of one law, or disrespect for it, leads to the disregard of all law. The contrary is the case. Lawlessness is selective, and unbroken human experience goes to prove that a man may hold one law in utter contempt and yet have high respect for the great body of law of the land in which he lives.

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stitutional limitations by the United States Senate in order to gratify its whims or to flatter its vanity, and when one observes the courts themselves whittling away at the foundations of the law and government from fear of noisy and pestiferous groups, and yet all of these all the while proclaiming the supremacy of law and demanding law enforcement, one recites to himself these words of John Bunyan:

It would be well, we believe, for all right-thinking Americans to ask not "What is the matter with law-enforcement?" but to ask "What is the matter with the laws that are not being enforced?"

We have come to a fine pass in America. One of the first questions asked of a new Senator or a new Congressman, is: "What is your religion?"

When Patrick J. Hurley was appointed Secretary of War recently, such writers as David Lawrence—always fair and impartial—thought it of enough importance to discuss Mr. Hurley's religion. When Patrick J. Sullivan was appointed U. S. Senator from the state of Wyoming, to fill an unexpired term, he was asked the question almost upon his arrival in Washington.

Now he is one of the leading men of his State, successful, prosperous, married, and the father of four fine girls, all of whom have been educated in a Catholic College.

The Catholic Church has worked hard, and fought hard, for many years to have Catholic orphan children brought up in the faith; and, when placed in homes, to be placed only in Catholic homes.

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some magnificent edifices, striking evidence of the love of the people for the Faith.

THE MIRACLE OF A COMMON FAITH

His Eminence, William Cardinal O'Connell, Archbishop of Boston, recently celebrated his 70th birthday.

"There are 15 distinct nationalities and races besides our own within the boundaries of the Archdiocese of Boston—Irish, English, French, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Lithuanian, Syrian, Greek, Maronite, German, Belgian, Cuban, South American and even Chinese.

"Fifteen nationalities working together harmoniously under their spiritual chief is really and truly nothing short of a miracle which only a common faith can produce. And yet I want to say it quite literally, because it is literally true. I have never had the slightest difficulty with any or all of these races and nationalities at all.

Heads of nations and diplomats pretend to be seeking for some means to bind the nations of the world together to prevent war and the spirit of war. Here is the answer—the answer they all evade—the miracle of a common faith, love of humanity for love of God; justice and fair play for all peoples, because they are our brothers in God.

CATHOLIC CULTURE IN AMERICA'S CHRISTMAS

Once more the influence of Catholic teaching and culture on the minds and lives of millions who hardly suspect it was apparent everywhere during the recent Christmastide.

First of all, American non-Catholics know the Feast of the Nativity only by the name which proclaims its Catholic origin and significance—Christmas. The Catholic manner of its observance, too, they adopt—midnight services, the singing of ancient carols, the Church's music.

Most striking, though hardly of chief importance, in these evidences of widespread acceptance of the Catholic culture along with the Catholic festival itself, was the nearly universal non-Catholic appropriation of the hymns "Adeste Fideles" and "Silent Night, Holy Night"—the former antedating most of the American Protestant sects which make use of it.

Catholics rejoice at this better spirit, and they are glad not so much because it redounds to the glory of their Church as because it recognizes the Incarnation and

HOW THE CHURCH GROWS

Two new names were added recently to the roster of Bishops of the Church—the Rt. Rev. Bishop Quang Uen Cien, of Shunking, and the Rt. Rev. Francis Wang, of Wanhsien, China.

SCHOOLS, SCHOOLS, SCHOOLS

In Tanganyika, East Africa—a vast territory of 337,000 square miles—there are 2,026 Catholic elementary, secondary and professional schools, with a roster of 80,415 pupils.

Catholics in this territory number 105,000. The amazing thing is that they have so many schools. Most of them are necessarily small, because of the vast territory covered. But nevertheless they have their own schools—schools in which the love and service of God is taught in common with the arts and sciences.

A GREAT TASK COMPLETED

After three years of constant labor, the Rev. Pere Baetman, C.M., has just completed a dictionary of Amarigna, the language of Abyssinia, northeast Africa.

Abyssinia, or Ethiopia, has 350,000 square miles of territory, and a population of approximately 10,000,000 people. It was admitted to the League of Nations in 1925. Its ruler is the Empress Zauditu, daughter of Menelik, and the King Regent and heir to the throne is Tafari Makonnen, who was crowned King Negus last year.

IN THE SOUTH SEA ISLANDS

Most of us know the South Sea islands only in stories of romance, and of travel. When we speak of the Fiji Islands, the Solomon Islands, the New Hebrides, etc., we think of strange peoples and mystic lands; of cyclones and cannibals.

Sunday's Liturgy

By Don Oliver Kapsner, O.S.B.

(Translated for the N. C. W. C. by the Liturgical Press, Collegeville, Minn.) Collect: "O God, who didst constitute Thine only-begotten Son the Saviour of mankind, and didst bid that He should be called Jesus; mercifully grant that we, who venerate His Holy Name on earth, may also be filled with the vision of Him in heaven.

Jan. 5 Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus

Cross Of Priest Mounted At Tyburn

London, Jan. 3.—As a memorial to the late Father Philip Fletcher, pioneer of Catholic street processions in London about 40 years ago, and co-founder of the Guild of Our Lady of Ransom, the original crucifix which he carried at the head of many such processions has been mounted and set up in the martyrs' oratory at Tyburn convent.

Swiss Literature Prize Awarded Catholic Scholar

By Dr. Willy Elmendorf (Berlin Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)

Berlin, Jan. 3.—The eminent Catholic scholar, Dr. Nadler, professor at Konigsberg University in East Prussia, has won this year's coveted Swiss Literature Prize.

Dr. Nadler has rendered a great service to German literature, particularly in the production of his voluminous History of the Literature of the Provinces. In this work, which has greatly interested the literary world, the author has made his first object the presentation of the fundamentals of the province, the atmosphere in which the poet lived and worked. He has established that the province, home of poets,