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REV. EDWARD J. DWYER

Fifty-five years of life, twenty-six of these as a priest of God—then the great mystery of death came to the Rev. Edward J. Dwyer, rector of St. Ann's Church at Palmyra, N. Y.

Quiet, unassuming, kindly and thoughtful, solicitous always for those in sorrow or in trouble, Father Dwyer walked the pathway of priesthood from Alpha to Omega.

At rest now from the cares and the sickness that burdened him, he will be remembered with enduring affection by many, many people.

WE HAVE PROGRESSED

We have progressed. The village of Danvers, Mass., once known as Salem Village, just celebrated its tercentenary. The celebration opened with "Witchcraft Day," on which honor was paid to the memory of the poor unfortunates who were put to death in Salem in 1692 for witchcraft.

Charles S. Tapley, her lineal descendant in the eighth generation, was in charge of "Witchcraft Day," and Mrs. Lawrence W. Jenkins, another descendant, was the "witch."

The Nourse House, built in 1686, was thrown open to the public during the day. The program included a pilgrimage to the little cemetery in the clump of pines west of the farm house, where Rebecca Nourse was buried.

It is almost impossible to believe that such a crime could be perpetrated by Christian people in the name of justice. Cotton Mather tells us in his book, "The Invisible World," published in 1689, that nineteen persons were accused of witchcraft in New England, and that the accused were pressed to death.

1,600 FREE VACATIONS

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, of Brooklyn, announces that it is ready to provide sixteen hundred free vacations, at the Bishop McDonnell Vacation Camp, Commack, L. I., for poor Catholic children, and each year it brings a small army of them out of the tenements and slums of a great city into the sunlight and serf at the camp.

This is a splendid work, and a work that wins ready response of funds from hundreds of generous people. May this camp flourish and prosper for many a year to come.

CATHOLIC DAILY TEN YEARS AGO

The Catholic Daily Tribune, published in Dubuque, Iowa, a city of less than 50,000 population, is ten years old. It is the first and only Catholic daily newspaper published in the English language in America.

Most Rev. Pietro Fumasoni-Biondi, D.D., Apostolic Delegate—its new service is splendid, and amply serves to keep its subscribers abreast with the times.

Patrick Cardinal Hayes—The Tribune has fully justified the wise judgment of its founder and won commendation on all sides.

William Cardinal O'Connell—The Catholic Daily Tribune, the only Catholic daily newspaper in America printed in English, deserves support and encouragement.

And enthusiastic messages from scores of Bishops and Archbishops throughout the country, and from many prominent lay people. Ten years of work, of financial sacrifice, of mingled fear and joy, of hope and dread—surely they have been worth while.

MRS. ROOSEVELT SPEAKS

Very many people remember the charming graciousness of Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, wife of Governor Roosevelt, at the recent centennial celebration of our Mother of Sorrows Church on the Latta Road.

Mrs. Roosevelt spoke recently at Chautauqua, N. Y., as a guest of the Chautauqua Women's Club. Like her husband, she, too, emphasized the necessity of more thought and care for the spiritual side of life.

"We must aim for spiritual growth which will keep abreast of mechanical progress," she said, "or else the present civilization will collapse, as have all others before."

Discipline, which in previous generations took a decidedly physical form during a person's youth, is now felt later in life, she said, and formed its most prominent manifestation in the increase in the number of divorcees.

Divorcees, according to Mrs. Roosevelt, are the result of lack of self-discipline when dissension rises in the life of married people and the first love is worn off.

The modern home lacks religion, Mrs. Roosevelt said, and she urged the women to do everything possible to bring into the home "religion which will give us the feeling that there is a reason for making the best of ourselves."

More and more is it becoming evident that people in public life are viewing with alarm the deplorable lack of religion in the modern American home. They speak for it, they cry out for it, because they know it is the ultimate salvation of the human race, and the ultimate salvation of the American nation.

"Witchcraft," and thousands of persons were burned to death at the stake, or hanged, on suspicion that they were witches. Some writers claim that as many as thirty thousand were hanged in England alone. Legge, a Scotch writer, says that at least 3,400 suspected witches were put to death in Scotland in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries.

The Catholic Church

has been the pioneer of Church unity. She looks with dismay and regret at the multiplicity of Christian denominations, and invites them all into that unity for which Christ came into this world, suffered and died. I Cor. 1, 10: "Now I beseech you, brethren, through the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that ye be perfected together in the same mind and in the same judgment." GOD SPEED THE DAY!

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY WAS FIRST GRANTED IN AMERICA BY A CATHOLIC. LORD BALTIMORE, IN 1649

NO MANNERS

It was Sunday morning. The place was the church. Mass was being celebrated and a large congregation was assisting. Just after the priest's Communion there was a commotion. Three young men rose from squatting on the edge of their pews and started for the door.

During the Mass the trio had paid little attention. Not one of them had a prayer book nor rosary beads. They knelt or squatted, stood or sat and were on the move continually. They made comments on the excellent sermon so that they could be heard in the neighboring pews and they grumbled at its length.

It would have taken less than five minutes for them to have remained in the church for the priest's blessing, and for the prayers after Mass. But those did not count against the bite or strike of some poor fish.

People who are most careful in their dealings with their fellow men, and who resent energetically any offense against the customs of the day and laws of politeness, do not hesitate again and again to violate those laws of politeness which all should gladly observe towards Almighty God.

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ABOUT CONVERTS

The recent conversion of the Rev. Dr. Selden P. Delany of New York City, for thirty years an Episcopal clergyman, recalls the fact that there are more than one hundred former ministers of the Anglican Church who are Catholic priests in England now.

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The apostles of faith, lay and clerical, who helped these men find the pathway which led back to the faith of their fathers should be duplicated the world over. In spite of the apparent drift of the world away from God, and from the things of God, many people believe that never before have so many people shown a sincere desire to find solace in religion and contentment in the truths of God.

CURRENT COMMENT

MOROSE MORONES

These many months past have brought tranquil relations between church and state in Mexico, under the co-operation of the past national administration under Portes Gil and with the seconding of the new regime under Ortiz Rubio, and it would seem that enough time has elapsed to show the wisdom of peace.

Morones should have realized how others see him before attempting to get a following in his attack upon so high a person whose administration was the first that made clear progress away from bloody court martials.—Western American, El Paso.

START WITH THE MASS

American Catholics have the cart before the horse in a lot of things. More organizations have been formed to improve conditions around us among American Catholics during the last twenty-five years than in all the rest of the world in the last thousand years.

When you come to think of it, priests and religious who really get something done for the Christian welfare of others, start every day with Mass by the intelligent offering up of the Holy Sacrifice. They derive the strength, not only to start social action but to carry it through to a conclusion.

ALA BAMA INDEPENDENTS' DAY

Among the activities of the Fourth of July in this country was a political demonstration in Birmingham, Ala., which extolled prejudice on the one hand and moved for freedom on the other. This gathering endorsed the Senatorial re-election plans of J. Thomas Heflin, who believes that no Catholic should be permitted to attain the Presidency.

Especially because the gathering came on Independence Day its contribution to the cause of good government and party reform seems outweighed by the menace which its candidates represent to American ideals. From the time of the Declaration forward religious freedom in this country has been a cardinal belief and engrafted in the Constitution.

Have You a Rose to Spare?

Little Therese, Little Therese, I come with a whispered prayer. Little Therese, Little Therese, Have you a rose to spare? No pale bud do I ask of you, But a bloom that is wondrous fair; Little Therese, Little Therese, Have you a rose to spare?

trary, so wearied and irritated the country that his martyrdom by his party committee in Alabama brought cheers from those who ordinarily would have protested against so illiberal an action. Yet he and his supporters are entirely within their rights in arranging for the voters of Alabama to pass upon Mr. Heflin's desire to succeed himself in the Senate.

WAYSIDE WHEAT

By the Managing Editor

The New York Police Department took 1,961 children from the slums for a trip into the mountains on Tuesday this week, and a bigger crowd on Thursday. Music, comedy, free lunches, a five hours boat ride on the Hudson, and a lot of other good things made the day a glorious one.

Lawrence H. Rupp, of Allentown, Pa., newly elected Grand exalted Ruler of the Benevolent Order of Elks, said to the convention that elected him in Atlantic City the other day: "We are hedged about with laws and limitations. We write our intolerance into our Constitution and into our statutes. What we need is to rebuild the cleansing fires of fraternity on the hearthstone of every lodge in the order, so that the warmth of these fires may be felt throughout the land."

Is golf a profane sport, or is it ennobling to mind as well as invigorating to limb? An Episcopal clergyman in Jersey City blocked the granting of a permit for a miniature golf links adjacent to his church, on the ground that golf "would bring profanity to the very portals of the church."

John D. Rockefeller, Sr., celebrated his ninety-first birthday on Tuesday this week. Probably no American business man ever suffered the abuse heaped upon the head of Mr. Rockefeller in his active years. Long ago this abuse stopped, and for years he has been one of the best-loved of the world's great philanthropists.

"Congratulations on the arrival of your ninety-first birthday. Thank God we have some men in the world yet as good as you. We never needed them more than we do today. Most sincere wishes that you may be blessed with many more."

Something of a shock was caused to Catholic people the other day, when the daily papers published an account of the appraisal of the estate of the late Thomas Fortune Ryan of New York City. The value of the estate was fixed at \$125,000,000. Out of this huge sum he left only \$110,000 to charities. When Mr. Ryan's will was made public after his death it was found that his son Allan received only his father's white pearl shirt studs.