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CALLING THE POPE A LIAR

Protesting loyalty to the Pope, Fascism in Italy, with Mussolini at its head, calls the Pope a liar.

Protesting fidelity to religion, Fascism in Italy, with Mussolini at its head, closes fifteen thousand Cartholic clubs and crushes a Catholic society organized for the promotion of religion and the love and service of God.

Protesting friendship for religion, Fascism in Italy, with Mussolini at its head, attacks churches, clubs and clergymen, and denounces the Vatican as a "forstate."

Protesting a great desire to benefit and strengthen Italy, Fascism, with Mussolini at its head, muzzless all newspapers, jails or wexiles 'political opponents, and has been charged with the naurder of men too brave to run and too atrong to be tolerated.

Catechism and Commounion—for that let the priests work; that's religion," says this blatant, boastful friend of religion and of mank ind. "The rest is politics, and politics—that's me."

For that I let the priests work"—as if he had anything to say about the work of priests, their duties or their ideals.

"Catechism and Communion—that's religion," this belittling, blasphemous mouthpiece of Pascism, masquerading as Catholic, shouts to the world. As if that covers the whole field of religion. As if religion could be placed upon two fixed spots and told not to move forever, while he, the great I Am, the new Gaesar rat-tling his mighty sword, takes all the youth lan of the land and trains them, mind, body and soul, to walk, work, think and act as he desires, whether it be for good or evil, the elevation or thre degradation of humanity!

And to accomplish this purpose he opens his blatant mouth and shouts to the world that the Pope, the auccessor of St. Peter, the head of the Church founded by Jesus Christ, is a lizar, and that the Encyclical just issued by him contains false statemental.

Let the Christian world judge between the man who throt les liberty of thought and of the press in hais native land, and the man who, raising a benevolent hand, blesses the world and urges all to pray for the consummation of peace, justice and truth in all lands and among all peoples. The verdict will not be wrong.

DISCRIMINATION IN SCHOOLS

The American Redention of Teachers, at its recent annual convention in Chicago, adopted a resolution opposing discrimination against teachers on religious or racial grounds. That resolution, while a landable thing, will be about as effective as a Fourth of July oration. If the Federation would adopt a resolution making it mandatory for every member to report at once to proper authorities all cases of racial or religious discrimination, the Federation would get somewhere in putting an end o this discrimination.

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Incompleteness

Nothing resting in its own completeness, Can have worth or beauty; but alone Because it leads and tends to further sweetness, Fuller, higher, deeper, than its own.

Spring's real glory dwells not in the mean-

ing, Gracious though it be, of her blue hours; But is hidden in her tender leaning Toward the summer's richer wealth of

Dawn is fair, because her mists fade slowly Into day which floods the world with light; Twillight's mystery is so sweet and holy, Just because it ends in starry night.

Life is only bright when it proceedeth Toward a truer, deeper Life above: Human love is sweetest when it leadeth To a more divine and perfect love.

Childhood's smiles unconscious graces From strife that in a far-off future Hes; and angel glances veiled now by life's sorrow. Draw our hearts to some beloved eyes.

Learn the mystery of progression duly:
Do not call each glorious change decay:
But know we only hold our treasures

When it seems as if they passed away. Nor dare to blame God's gifts for incom-

In that want their beauty lies; they foward some infinite depth of love and Bearing onward man's reluctant soul,

-Adelaide A. Procter.

the girl's relative, begged him not to make any more trouble about it and promised to put an end to that sort of thing in their school. The relative let the matter drop, but the girl hasn't got a job yet.

Most girls complete their normal or college courses under circumstances that call for exacting and sometimes pathetic financial sacrifices. When such girls receive their diplomas and licenses to teach, and are told they are not wanted because there is racial or religious prejudice against them, that is a terrible shock to the girl's faith in humanity and to her belief in the fairness and justice of American principles. The thing itself is contemptible, is victously un-American and un-Christian. We care not who the trustee is, whether Catholic or non-Catholic, any man holding office in a public school who uses his office to fit his prejudices should be held up to the scorn and contempt of the community, and should be removed from his office at once. We hope the American Federation of Teachers will do something more than pass resolutions in this matter. Action is badly needed, and at once.

CATHOLIC POETRY SOCIETY

Now none of us need sing alone. We have a Catholic Poetry Society, and a good one, too. Formal announcement of it organization has been given to the world. The president is the Rev. Charles L. O'Donnell, C.S.C., president of Notre Dame University. Vice-presidents are Theodore Maynard, Agnes Repplier, Joseph Campbell and Aline Kilmer. All of these are names that suggest poetry with heart appeal. There are twenty-eight "academy members," and five on the executive board. Among the names we notice old friends-T. A. Daly, Denis A. McCarthy, William Thomas Walsh, John Jerome Rooney and

This Society has, among other aims, those of synthesizing Catholic poetic tendencies and movements, of recognizing poetic achievements by Catholics, of encouraging poetic efforts, of being a medium for discussion and criticism of contemporary poetry, of publishing, in periodical and book form, the work of its members.

A survey made by the Committee of Organization revealed the fact that there are fifty and more Catholics in the United States who have published volumes of poetry, or whose published poems in the better periodicals would fill a volume or

An examination of the files of the Catholic World, America and the Commonweal led to the conclusion that there are, each year, more than eight hundred persons who submit their work to these periodicals for publication.

The Catholic Poetry Society aims to include all of these poets in its membership. Over and above these, it seeks to enroll those younger aspirants of college grade, and those older people who have poetic ambitions but who, through timidity or other reasons, do not seek the publication of

their verse. Membership, therefore, is open to all Catholics who are interested in poetry or sympathetic to the cultural program to be

pursued by the Society.

A magazine devoted to poetry will be published, featuring original poems of members of the society. Annual dues in the society will be one dollar per year; sustaining memberships, twenty-five dollars, and patrons are expected to contribute five hundred dollars each for poetry foundation work. The address of the society is: Catholic Poetry Society, 327 West 108th Street, New York City, N. Y. There was a time when Catholic poets

wrote for love of melody, and died for want of food. That time is no more. The status of poets everywhere in America has improved vasitly in recent years and their hank accounts, too. This new organization will be a great help to Catholic American writers in many ways. We look for it to succeed, and to do a notice and worthy

One Fold--- One Shepherd

Catholics pray constantly that all Christians may soon be united and have "One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in all." (Eph. 4,5-6) The Catholic Church invites all Christians to return to that great Mother Church, which teaches today the same unchanging faith taught by Christ, and the Apostles. (John 17, 11), "Holy Father, keep them in Thy name which Thou hast given me; that they may be ONE, even as we are."

THE FIRST HOSPITAL IN THE NEW WORLD WAS A CATHOLIC HOSPI-TAL IN MEXICO CITY, IN 1524

STANDING UP FOR DECENCY

It is heartening to read how various Protestant organizations have been standing up of late in a vigorous way for the sanctity and safety of marriage. Not in the memory of this generation has their been such a concerted and determined movement in this direction. It is pleasant to think that the recent encyclical of Pope Pius XI on "Christian Marriage" came at a crucial time in the downward swing of the morality of the Nation. The loosejawed Lindsey, the noise made by the socalled birth-controlists, the aggressive propaganda everywhere in favor of a freeand-easy morality—these things nauseated decent people of every religion. and had them in such a frame of mind that when the Pope's encyclical came, it came as a beacon light of hope for the preservation of the good old-fashioned Christian ideals. It was read and it was welcomed by all people, and time and again since we have seen the light of its influence shining upon the work of organizations not connected with the Church.

The latest to act along these lines is the Christian Endeavor Society. At its international convention in San Francisco this week Reno and its rapid-fire divorce mill were denounced with vigor and vengeance. "A blot on civilization," "a distinct menace to the American home," "a disgrace to the nation," "a menace to the ideals and concepts for which this country has always stood - these are some of the expressions used by Christian Endeavor speakers in discussing Reno. To all of these we join in a vigorous "Armen," with the hope that the Christian Endeavorers will treasure always in their hearts a safe and enduring love for the sanctity and safety of marriage. It is good to have company when one is in the front trenches, fighting for

WANTS STUDENTS' PRAYER BOOK

A new prayer book for boys and girls of secondary school age was urgently advocated by the Rev. Sylvester P. Juergens, of Maryhurst Normal College, Kirkwood, Missouri, at the recent convention of the National Catholic Education Association in Philadelphia. He pointed out that, at a minimum, "every year during thirty-seven hours in church our students in religion must shift for themselves. The least we can do for them is to provide a suitable text, one graduated to their mental and spiritual capacity, one that will be a practical guide to prayer.

"Older folks, nuns, brothers and even priests would be hard put to it were they obliged to spend that time in church with no more immediate preparation for prayer than the average youth gives to it. What is the use of spending hour after hour in Christian doctrine courses, dilating on the nature of prayer, its kinds, qualities, if our immature young people have no suitable formulas for directing their thoughts at the time when the principles of those carefully elaborated instructions are to be applied?"

He declared that the present "dry-asdust" volumes with which young people are supplied, in general, are inadequate.

Dr. Juergens urged that "a short set of practical principles of conduct for Catholic young men and women" be contained in the volume. He made the suggestion because, he said, "religion may often seem only a system of negations. Some young people seem to see only the "Thou shalt not," and the numerous 'Dont's' of Church law."

GARBAGE BROWSING

Tabloids and their ilk were given a merited castigation at the recent convention of the American -Library Association at Yale University. The castigator was Henry Seidel Canby, editor of the Saturday Review of Literature, and he was speaking to the college reference section of the Association.

"Tabloids and similar publications," said Mr. Canby, "are positively deleterious to mental morale and the requirements of a good life.

'No previous age would have allowed such wholesale demoralization of the intellect and the morals for the sake of private profit as results from the garbage browsing which is going on everywhere now in this country," he said.

"As certainly as good reading educates, this kind of reading de-educates," Mr. Canby asserted. "I do not refer to indecency, or any of the specific charges which moralists might bring against our current writing, but to what seems to me something more serious, the vulgarizing of life and the sensationalizing of all the emotions to the point of degeneracy.

One does not have to go to the tabloids 'garbage browsing." Some of the socalled popular weeklies are just as deleterious. And many movie "dramas" are not dramas at all. Just a hodge-podge of gush and mush, as harmful to the intellect as

y "garbage browsing" in the world.
"Bring up the scandal sheet when you come," the small boy calls to his older sister on a Sunday morning.

"I can't," the sister calls back, "because Ma's showing the pictures to the baby to keep him quiet."

Tabloids, scandal sheets, slushy novels and the like are just as dangerous in any home as gunmen, burglars and libertines. They are of a like nature, only embalmed in ink, while the living models are usually pickled in synthetic gin. The average parent would not think of admitting the living models to the home. Then why admit the air they breathe—the soul-debasing tab-

BOOK REVIEWS

"The Heavenly Road," by Rosalie Marie Levy; fifth and revised edition; published by the author, Box 158, Station D., New York City, N. Y.; 25 cents in paper bind-

This is the story of a young Jewish woman, a convert to the Church in 1912, and the author of several excellent religious books. The book is divided into five parts: History of the Jewish people, and the prophecies concerning the Messiah; Life of Christ; What think you of Christ? Whose Son is He? What was -Christ's mission? What must be your conclusions? It is well written, and the arrangement is excellent. The history of the Jewish peo-ple is told with sympathy, and there are many quotations from the Old Testament.

The Life of Christ is told in parallel columns, one containing the predictions of the Prophets of old; the other, paragraphs from the New Testament about our Saviour, showing how the prophecies were fulfilled in detail. It is an interesting and convincing story.

The other chapters are equally appealing, and are replete with Scriptural references and quotations. An appendix gives a list of converts from Judaism to the Church, and in the introduction the author tells how and when she entered the Church. It is good to read that she was particularly influenced by the sermons of the late Rev. Lewis J. O'Hern, C.S.P., of Washington, D. C., a brother of the Rt.

Rochester. Of Father O'Hern she writes: "In July, 1909; a mission was given by two Paulist Fathers at the Catholic

Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D.D., Bishop of

Church in my home town, and a friend invited my mother and me to attend the evening services. We accompanied her several times, and were especially attracted by the sermons of the late Rev. Lewis J. O'Hern, C.S.P., of Washington, D. C. There was evidently in my mind a growing affection for the Catholic Church. I could not bear to hear anyone speak against it, and, whenever possible, I defended it as well as I knew how."

Three years later Miss Levy was bap-"Is Christ God? Is He the promised Messiah?" were the questions that disturbed Miss Levy more than anything else. These questions were answered to her satisfaction before she was baptized, and in "The Heavenly Road" she answers them for others. The first edition of the book, written in 1919, contains the imprimatur of Cardinal Gibbons, and the new and revised edition that of Cardinal Hayes. Eighteen thousand copies have been printed in English, and twenty-five thousand in German, showing that the book has had a special appeal.

'Campaigning for Christ Handbook," by David Goldstein; Thomas J. Flynn & Co., Inc., Boston, Mass.; 339 pages; bound in attractive blue cloth; price, \$1.00.

Mr. Goldstein, formerly an active Socialist, is a convert to the Church, and for years has been a lay apostle in the street, going from city to city and place to place, lecturing for the Church. For a number of years he lectured under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus. Now he is touring America with a "Gospel Wagon," under the auspices of the Catholic Daughters of America, to whom this book is dedicated.

This volume is a handbook of information, covering a variety of subjects, doctrinal and historical, useful to persons taking up lay missionary work. Some of its twenty-nine chapters are entitled: "Religion;" "Evolution;" "The Jews;" "The Inquisition;" "Jesus Christ," "Mary;"
"The Catholic Church;" "The Christian Bible;" "The Sects;" "Matrimony," etc.

This book has the imprimatur of Cardinal O'Connell of Boston. It has much historical and statistical information, well arranged and fairly well printed. Considerable portions of it are in very small type, hard to read, and giving the volume an over-crowded appearance that is not invit-

The purpose of the book, the author says, is to encourage others to do as he has done—to become a lay apostle of the Church on the street, and to provide them with the material they will need to defend the Church from the familiar attacks of her enemies. It is a mine of information. and is a timely book for Catholic layrnen who wish to study the Church, its history, its work and its mission, from many

CURRENT COMMENT

A BRAVE ENCYCLICAL

(From the Evening Post, New York, July 6)

The Pope's encyclical on labor we welcomed as one of the most forthright documents that had ever come out of the Vatican. The encyclical letter, in reply to the Fascist charges against the Catholic Action Societies, is like unto it. It goes directly to the very base of the issue. In answer to Mussolini's declaration that the State must monopolize the education of the young, Pope Pius XI says flatly that "a conception of the State which makes a young generation belong to it without any exceptions, from the tenderest years up to adult life, cannot be reconciled by a Catholic with Catholic doctrine." He declines to have Church and Pope limited to "external practises of religion." There is the issue joined. That it is wisely joined no human power can tell. But with Catholic Austria destroyed by the war, with disestablishment in France and with a republic in Spain, that faithfulest daughter of the Church, it is certainly a brave prelate who will stand forth on such an issue on Fascist Italy. We must admire the fair shot at Mussolini's censorship which the Vatican took in sending the letter outside of Italy for publication to the world at large from London and Paris.

WAYSIDE WHEAT

When we read about cities like Detroit and Chicago being in financial trouble, we have a kindlier feeling for the guy who rents our garage.

The Spanish War veterans are holding their State encampment in Utica, N. Y., this week. We have a friend who were out the seats of six trousers in that war.

"The drummer boy of Shiloh"—Major General John L. Slem, U. S. A.—has followed his daughter, the beautiful Elizabeth Anne Clem, into the Church. Two years ago she became a nun. The other day he was baptized a Catholic a grizzled old veteran of eighty-one. The day Elizabeth became a nun, he said, was the day he decided to become a convert. For sixty years he was a member of the Masonic order and held high offices in that order.

When You Make Your Will

Always, in every Diocese, there are churches and institutions which have heavy financial burdens, and whose work is handicapped by these burdens. When you make your will, the best way in the world to help these needy ones is to insert a paragraph something like this in the will:

"I rive and bequeath to the Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D.D., Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Rochester, N. Y., or his successor or successors in office, the sum of \$ _____ to be used at his or their discretion for the work or the institutions of the Diocese."

If you are interested in some particular church, charity or institution a clause like this may be added: "I am interested particularly in Bequests, large or small, are a great blessing to religion, and it is highly editiving to read of them in any will. No Catholic will should be without one or more men bequests.