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MONSIGNOR ARTHUR A. HUGHES

Sunday morning, at an hour when he was wont to lift his voice in praise and prayer to God, the Right Reverend Monsignor Arthur A. Hughes closed his eyes in death and yielded to his Creator the immortal part of his being. Wednesday. morning, surrounded by his brother priests, and with a great congregation of the religious and laity paying him the beautiful tribute of prayer softened by tears, he was laid at rest in the consecrated ground of Holy Sepulcher Ceme-

Close to two score years he served as a priest at the altar of God. He did more than serve-he lived the priestly life, loved and clung to the priestly ideals, and in word, work and character was a true priest, an inspiration and example to man, and a joy to God. His early years were given to service in St. Patrick's Cathedral md St. Mary's, Geneseo. For eighteen years past he had been rector of Holy Rosary Church, Rochester. The fine-new church-convent- rectory and school, all uniform in art and in architecture, are clos quent in giving voice to his zeal and his capability. But he builded better and nobler things than buildings-character. Faith, hope, love and service of Christ. The splendid congregation he leaves behind him at Holy Rosary Church is eloquent of these things. He was their leader and inspiration; he was their pastor and guide; he was their comrade and friend. He knew each and all, and with the welfare, temporal and spiritual, of each and all, was he concerned. He was concerned as a devoted father might be with his children, and in prayer and by example did he guide them aright. The Holy Rosary parish-school reflected the love of Monsignor Hughes for children. It was well built, equipped with great care, provided with every convenience, well lighted, and well ventilated and conducted. He had pride in that, and a great love. There was system, and excel-lence, in all his work. His parish was well organized, his people loyal and devoted, and there was harmony of work and effort productive always of the best results and of the happiest relations between pastor and people. In all this work, planning and performance he was the simple and unassuming priest, following the divine injunction: "Lay up to yourselves treasures in Heaven, where neither the rust nor moth doth-consume, and where thieves do not break through, nor steal." The interest in Monsignor Hughes in education did not end with his own parish. He was a trustee of the Gatholic Summer School at Plattsburg, New York, and president of the Rochester cottage of the school, and was most helpful in his work for this great national educational project. He traveled a great deal, and studied while he traveled; drank deeply into his soul the beauties and the spiritual atmosphere of lands and of peoples, and came home always with new ideals, new inspirations, new hopes and aims, and with greater love and appreciation for mankind in general. For many years Monsignor Hughes had been Faithful Friar of the Rochester Fourth Degree Assembly, Knights of Co-lumbus. He had keen interest in the work of this organization, and pride and joy. By the members he was greatly beloved. His work here reflected the priestly excellence and zeal shown in his pastoral activities. High honors came recently to Monsignor Hughes Bishop O'Hern, appreciative of is work as a priest, appointed him a member of the Diocesan Board of Consul-Pope Plus XI named him a Domes-tic France, with the title of Right Reverend Appaience, and he was to have been invested in the near future with the in-Personally Monsignor Hughes was most fixed Kindly, pleasant, sympa-Nepron and anxious to do worth-initial vitanevar and wherever op-offered, he won quickly the will be missed and mourned by

Dear St. Joseph

Dear St. Joseph, pure and gentle, Guardian of the Saviour-Child, Treading with the Virgin Mother Egypt's desert bleak and wild.

Dear St. Joseph, spouse of Mary, Blest above all saints on high, When death's shadows round us gather, Teach, oh teach us how to die.

He who rested on thy bosom Is by countless saints adored; Prostrate angels in His presence Sing Hostinna to their Lord.

Now to thee no gift refusing. Josus stoops to hear our prayer; Then, dear Saint, from thy fair dwelling Give to us a father's care. -Selected

many people, most of all by those who were his own before the altar of God. These, and others, will pray from him, and will walk and work with him in the great and beautiful garden of God where we commune_with the Saints. Mourning him, they will be gladdened by the thought that he was faithful unto death, and with the hope that God will give him the crown-of

etérnal life. For love is stronger far than death And who can love like Thee. My Saviour, whose appealing heart

Broke on a Cross for me?"

DR. AUSTIN O'MALLEY

Dr. Austin Q'Malley, one of the foremost Catholic writers in America, was laid at rest last week, his life's work done. For some time he was professor of English Literature at Notre Dame University, and he was author of several excellent books, an authority on Dante and a noted linguist. His life, work and character were an inspiration to his fellow-religionists in America, and he will be missed and mourned by many people.

Dr. O'Malley was a brilliant writer, and many of his epigrams will be remembered. Below are given some selections. from his "Keystones of Thoughts":

'Exclusiveness is a characteristic of recent riches, high society, and the skunk.' 'A charitable man is like an apple tree

-he gives his fruit and is silent; the philanthropist is like the successful hen.

"Private interpretation in religion is like cutting your own hair."

"Atheism is a disease of the mind, aused by eating underdone philosophy." "Busy souls have no time to be busy-

bodies. "Talent apprehends, genius comprenends."

"The Reformation tried to cure a sore hoof on the Pope's bull by cutting off the whole leg."

"You can neither gather wool from an ass nor truth from a sensualist." "If you are without an enemy in the

What St. Joseph Teaches Us-

The mere fact that St. Joseph was the foster-father of our Lord Jesus Christ. the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the head of the Holy Family, suffices to make us realize how holy, how pure, how just, how prudent, how gentle, how kind he must have been; serves alone to inspire us to have recourse to him in all our necessities with the utmost confidence, and to seek his intercession that we may live a holf life and die a happy death . . . Devotion to St. Joseph means love of God's will. This was what made Nazareth, with all its poverty, the happiest place on earth. Joy in our state of life, contentment in labor, patience and cheerfulness in privation-and all this for Jesus Christ's sake. This is what St. Joseph teaches us.-Father Dignam, S.J.

OUR MISSIONARY WORKERS

The Rev. John J. McCreary, S.T.L., Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in the Diocese of Syracuse, recently gave an address on "The Church and Her Missions" over a nationwide hook-up on the Columbia Broadcasting System. This was the first mission. adrress on a nation-wide hook-up ever given in the United States, and it attracted a great deal of attention. Father McCreary, eloquent orator and zealous priest, handled-his subject in a masterfulway, and brought home to his millions of hearers the fact that the Church of Christ-is primarily-a-mission-oganization following everywhere in the world the mandate of. Christ:

'Going, therefore, teach ye all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Eather, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching-them-to-observe-all-things-whatsoever I have commanded you: and behold I am with you all days, even to the con-summation of the world. For you snall be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, and in Judea, and Samaria, and even to the uttermost parts of the earth."

Upon the shoulders of all of us this obligation rests, Father McCreary says. From it no one is excused. Then he asks how is this duty being performed, and gives us the following interesting facts:

The 1930 report shows that in the foreign mission field are 13,500 Bishops and Priests; 5,000 Brothers, and 28,000 Sisters, a total of 46,500 religious workers. Aids to these, as lay missionary workers, are 51,500 catechists; 38,500 teachers; 25,500 baptizers; 225 physicians, and 385 trained nurses, & lotal of 117,000 lay workers. Religious and lay workers combined number 165,000. These missions are spread over Slatountries, with a Catholic population of 13,500,000. The activities embraced are as follows: 45,800 churches and chapels are served; 31,500 schools, from elementary to college and university, are conducted; 700 hospitals, with an enrollment of 3,000,000 patients a year, and 1,-850 dispensaries, giving yearly more than 11.000 000 treatments, nameaned 1,525 orphan asylums, with 81,242 children; 300 homes for the aged, with 11,300 inmates; 81 leper asylums, with 14,060 patients, and over 2,000 other institutions, caring for more than 120,000 afflicted, are supervised. A temendous work manned by a comparatively small staff. A tremendous work, we might add, manned by the spirit of Jesus Christ. The Damiens and the Duttons of our day and age have the same inspiration and the same ideals as the Patricks and Augustines of other ages. The same crown awaits them, and the same goal is in sight. They are carrying out the divine command: "Going, teach ye all nations," and every one of these 165,000 mission workers is an Apostle of Christ, even as was Paul of Tarsus, It is good to have a man like Father McCreary bring the story of the Missions home to us. For the Missions need our interest, our help and our enthusiasm. The Diocese of Rochester, like the Diocese of Syracuse, has its own Propagation of the Faith Society, ably supervised and well directed, as have Dioceses all over America. These societies work for a common cause and a single ideal-the salvation of immortal souls the whole world over.

FROM THE HANDS OF MONKS

Thoughtless people, without knowledge of facts, often speak sneeringly of "the Dark Ages." Thoughtful people, with knowledge of facts, pay fortunes for the treasures of these ages. The New York Public Library, for instance, recently paid the sum of \$61,000 for a copy of the Psalms used in the Offices of the Church. This book was written by an Augustinian monk about the year 1310. It was written by hand, and the pages are beautifully decorated with miniatures that are a joy to all who love excellence in the artistic. It is considered one of the finest books of its kind, in the world, and the New York Library is proud to be its owner.

There were no pinting presses in the ear 1310. John Gutenberg-Catholic-inventor of printing, did not invent his movable type until long afterwards. Books, of necessity, were copied by hand. Monks, patient, prayerful, persistent, wrote copies of the Bible and of other books worthy of preservation. The Gideon Society, and other Bible societies, circulating millions of copies of the Bible the world over, would have no Bibles to read, let alone circulate, were it not for the patient and artistic work- of Catholic monks. The Church preserved the Bible, and her children wrote its inspired Epistles and Gospels into books that are priceless now. So, too, these patient monks, preserved for us the treasured classics of the world, the glories of the rich thought of Greece and Rome. As they wrote, they illustrated the margins of the pages. Their work was so beautiful, so artistic, so appealing, that even to-day it arouses the admiration and amazement of the book-loving world.

The book of Psalms, so precious and priceless to-day, is but one illustration of the-spiritual glory of the so-called Dark Ages. Everything done for the Church was a labor of love-a labor that inspired the worker to give his best thought, time and care to the work. Chalices, vestments, ciboriums, altar railings, doors, windows and buildings themselves-all, all bear the same imprint of love and of surpassing skill dedicated to God. No church built in as ever been called

TELEPHONE MAIN 1567

ST. JOSEPH

March nineteenth is the feast of St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, foster-father of our Saviour and patron of the universal church. Though little is actually known about the life of St. Joseph, we may be sure he was in every way worthy of the great honor bestowed upon him by God. Humble, pious, kindly, solicitous always for the comfort and happiness of his Virgin spouse, and for the welfare of the divine infant entrusted to his care, he was an ideal father in an ideal home. He was by Mary's side on that wonderful first by Mary's side on that wonderful first Christmas night of long ago; he was by Mary's side on that desolate flight into Egypt, that the infant Jesus might escape the murderous wrath of Herod; he was by her side when they went down to Jerusalem to seek the missing child, and he was by her side all through the boyhood years of the Redeemer of the world.

By common instinct we couple the names of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, when we say our prayers. Many of the most popular paintings of the great artists picture St. Joseph with Jesus and Mary, or with the infant alone. He is always represented as the solicitous and watchful father. There is peace wherever he is, calmness, and the quiet piety of a good soul. We feel a sublime sense of spiritual security when we look upon his serene. countenance, and our lips move instinctively in prayer to him.

Our Holy Mother Church, eager to en courage us in helpful prayer, has indulgenced the pious ejaculation: Jesus, Mary Joseph! It has indulgenced, too, this sweet prayer-to the Holy-Family: Jesus, Mary, Joseph, I give you my heart and my soul; Jesus, Mary, Joseph, assist me in my last agony : Jesus, Mary, Joseph, may I breathe forth my soul in peace with you

... It would be well if we would all take St. Joseph as the patron of a good life, as well as of a happy death. He who walked and watched with the infant Saviour; he who looked not for the comforts and blessings of the world, but for spiritual perfection in his work and in his life-surely, he has great influence with Him who came to teach us perfection. His prayers and his friendship will mean much to us, and we should turn to him as Mary turned to him, as the infant Saviour turned to him, with confidence and with every hope that he will be our protector and our mediator. 'Patron of all who work in humble ways'

Pray that from pure and earnest motive I

May fill with patient toil the moments flying:

Patton of hapmy- death-hody when not days

Have reached their term, be thou, dear Joseph, nigh,

With Mary and with Jesus, while I m dying."

It is pleasant to recollect that St.

world, you may be a lamb or an ass but you are not a man."

"Writers on the spiritual life are constantly mistaking the liver for the devil." "An agnostic is a street-fakir that

shuts his good eyes and holds out the placard: 'I am blind.'"____. "Persecution is as necessary to religion

as pruning to an orchard." That the saints were usually in ill-luck

does not canonize you."

"Those that say they despise riches are saints of liars.'

"Truth lives in the cellar, error on the door-step.'

"If you are liberal intellectually to a religion that is not your own, your religion is a sentiment, not a belief.'

"Cunning is a short blanket-if you pull it over your face, you expose your feet.'

"You cannot chase a dollar and an ideal at the same time."

"That a mouse of scandal whisks its foolish tail across the church's floor is not sufficient cause for clamorous leaping out of its windows,'

"The fact that you have been knocked down is interesting, but the length of time vou remain down is important."

MEDICAL MISSION DAY

Catholic Medical Mission Day is being observed to-day, and appeals are being made in many places for donations of medical mission kits. These medical mission kits, containing the most useful medicines, instruments, bandages, etc., are being prepared by the Catholic Medical Mission Board at 8 and 10 Seventeenth Street, New York. A kit will be sent to a needy missionary on receipt of \$25.00 for each kit. Last-year-the-Medical Mission Board distributed 120 such kits and are preparing to send out in the near future sixty more, with many requests remaining unfilled.

Missionaries in many places live and work among people who have no physicians or medical care of any kind. Nuns in mission lands conduct many dis-pensaries for suffering natives, and their work is appreciated in ways well nigh be--yond expression. Most missionaries are trained in the rudiments of general medical care, and if they are provided with mission kits they are adepts in cleansing and caring for wounds, infections, etc.. The giving of these kits, therefore, is a great help not only to the afflicted natives who are cared for, but to the missionaries who find an easy way to the love and appreciation of the natives to whom they minister." It is a work well worthy of commendation and of emulation.

Seventy persons are booked already from Czecho-Slovakia for the Eucharistic Congress in Dublin. The democracy of the Church-as broad as humanity-will be splendidly evidenced at this Congress, and the wonderful hospitality of Catholic Ireland will be evidenced in its greetings to and treatment of all peoples, black or white, who come to its shores for this great religious meeting next June.

stone and mortar." For every church, chapel or cathedral, is of surpassing beauty and artistic excellence. The artists of the Middle Ages have never been excelled in the civilized world, and seldom equalled. Our architects, artisans and artists, after attaining the summit of training in the best schools of our times, go back reverently, and wonderingly, to the work of the Middle Ages, when men and women labored not for gold, but for God. This is why the New York Library paid an enormous price for the book of Psalms, work of one lone monk. This is why the American Government paid an enormous price not long ago for the Gutenberg Bible, work of a Catholic who invented printing and who gave his time and talents to such treasures as the Bible, the Letters of St. Augustine, etc., and to the classics that are beloved by the children of the ages. The Church, then as now, was the champion of education and of art and it is good for us to know these things when we are in the company of persons who speak, thoughtlessly, of the Dark Ages.

President Hoover, in a recent special message to Congress, urges that speedy action be taken to make Washington a model city for the rest of America in the matter of Prohibition. It is a model city now-filled with speakeasles, well supplied with bootleggers, all kinds of booze to be had in any block, and solicitors going into the halls of Congress, from desk to desk, to take orders for liquor while budding Daniel Websters are unleashing floods of oratory on the virtues of Prohibition. It will be hard for the President to get a better model than that.

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 give 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: "Lam interested particularly in _____ Bequests, large or small, are a great blessing to religion, and it is highly edifying to read of them in any will. No Catholic will should be without one or more such bequests. en : :------

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seph's day this year will be the third anniversary of the consecration of our beloved Bishop, the Most Reverend John Francis O'Hern, D.D. When we pray to St. Joseph for ourselves or our loved ones, let us remember in a special way our Bishop. Ask St. Joseph to watch and guard him, and to be his friend and protector all days of his life, that his work may be blessed by the Holy Family, living now not in Nazareth, but with God in-Heaven

CURRENT COMMENT

TO UNDERSTAND ONE ANOTHER

In early March a group of prominent Jews, Catholics, and Protestants assembled in Washington to discuss religious liberty and mutual understanding. Unfortunately we do not have mutual understanding among religious groups today, though we approach it more than we used to do, And, notwithstanding our boast of religious liberty, there are places in the United States where it is merely a form, places where a teacher cannot be employed. where a merchant cannot sell goods, where a woman cannot be elected to a club, without belonging to the dominant religious body.

Such things, obviously, ought not to be, Nothing is more fruitless than religious strife. Might it not be worth while to have a meeting for frank discussion in every town where the problem is found ?---The Household Magazine.

PRIVILEGED EX-CONVICT

William H. Anderson, former head of the New York State Anti-Saloon League, and who served a term in Sing Sing for forgery some years ago, was the only person who appeared before the U.S. Judiciary Committee in protest against the confirmation of the appointment of Judge Benjamin N. Cardoza to the U. S. Supreme Court. Concerning his protest, the New York Sun on February 19th had this editorial:

"Was it the duty of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary to give opportunity to a venomous ex-convict publicly to malign a judge concerning whom no other voice has ever been lifted except in praise? We cannot think that it was the committee's duty, and we do do not believe that anybody in Washington thinks so except perhaps the Senators who still tremble at the name of the Anti-Saloon Longue and the association of bigots upon which the slanderous William H. Anderson lives."