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ABOUT MIXED MARRIAGES

The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America has just issued a statement denouncing the Catholic attitude on mixed marriages as "intolerable."

The Federal Council of Churches refrained from criticizing the Church itself, but devoted its criticism to the regulations of the Church on mixed marriages.

The Catholic believes in Confession, in Communion, in the Divine Presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, and in many other things not recognized, and often ridiculed, by the non-Catholic party.

It is generally conceded that mixed marriages are unhappy in matters of religion, and that discord is common among them.

The Federal Council of Churches, therefore, has done a good thing from the Catholic point of view in condemning them, no matter what its motives are.

THE GERMAN ELECTION

The recent German election gave emphasis to one fact—that Germany, under conditions which are most distressing, is determined she shall not join the Communist parade of nations.

It is easy for mountebanks to sow seeds of discontent among an overburdened people. Germany is laboring under a heavy burden of unemployment.

The Sister of Mercy

Her face hath caught His shining, Up in the heights, all in the morning grey. Beneath her wimple, white as thorn in May.

the discontented are swayed, and men with wild promises influence such persons easily. Loose-tongued orators are not wanting in such dilemmas.

President von Hindenburg is an old man, and his great broad shoulders are bowed with age as well as with obligations and duties.

The world watched this election with bated breath. If Germany went the way of the Bolsheviks, if she caught up the red flag of Communism, joined hands with Russia and Spain, launched a savage attack upon religion and family life, then might we well feel that civilization itself was on the verge of ruin.

SCUTTLE THE CONSTITUTION... Father Gillis, editor of The Catholic World, has something to say on this subject in the March issue of this able publication.

The word used against Smith this year, Father Gillis says, is "unavailable." On this point Father Gillis says: "Unavailable? A candidate who received six million more votes than the great Woodrow Wilson, and seven and a half million more than Theodore Roosevelt at his highest?"

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The Rosary

Every true Catholic loves to recite the Rosary, that beautiful devotion in honor of Mary, the Immaculate Mother of God. No devotion is more sanctifying than this.

the Volstead act became a law under him, Father Gillis says. So is Franklin D. Roosevelt. So is Newton D. Baker, and so is Albert C. Ritchie.

These are strong words. They are justified. There will be millions of voters who will watch this issue, and watch it with a brick in their pockets and fire in their eyes.

CONDITIONS IN IRELAND... We are not, as yet, alarmed about conditions in Ireland. It is true that DeValera has notified the British Government he will swear fealty no more to the ancient enemy of his land.

After Easter... It would do all of us a great deal of good if we would read and meditate upon the events in the life of our divine Lord immediately after His Resurrection.

A SPLENDID EXAMPLE... This issue of The Catholic Courier & Journal has an article which tells how several hundred men, women and children—the entire parish of St. Michael's at Lyons, N. Y.—received Holy Communion in a body on Easter Sunday morning.

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religion is hard pressed in villages and rural communities. But all over America there are parishes organized like St. Michael's of Lyons, and doing their work with enthusiasm and with notable results.

This paper will be glad to publish at any time full accounts of events that give voice to activities of parishes and of parish societies.

BOOK REVIEWS

"The Samaritans of Molokai" by Charles J. Dutton, Dodd, Mead & Co., New York; price, \$3.00 per copy.

Here is a book one will read over and over, with appreciation and wonder. It tells a story the like of which is seldom lived, and less seldom told.

The story of Damien is a story that grips and holds. Drama is written on every page of his life—drama, self-abnegation, suffering and sweet resignation.

Thirteen years later Joseph Dutton enters the story—Dutton, a soldier in the Civil War, a dashing cavalier, a typical man of the world; fond of society, of parties, of the comradeship of men and women.

All the years of Damien's life and work at Molokai are vividly described in this book—his heroic life and still more heroic death; and all the forty-five years of Joseph Dutton's heroic life, and simple but beautiful death.

One learns much about lepers, about humanity, about religion, its meaning and its beauty. And one gets a splendid insight into the characters of these two Samaritans of Molokai—of Damien, the impulsive, fighting, dominating yet kindly and delightful priest; of Dutton, the convert, quiet, diplomatic, self-sacrificing, and loyal to the soul to Damien.

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.