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"With prudent counsel from men of good judgment and of experience in business affairs, and with the approval of the Diocesan Board of Censors, we have constituted The Catholic Courier & Journal as the official Catholic newspaper for the Diocese of Rochester. We ask God's blessing on this undertaking, that it may serve to bring to our people timely information on religious topics, instruction in the doctrines of the Catholic faith, and the dissemination of the official messages of the Diocese, and we would urge all to be numbered among its subscribers."

MOST REV. JOHN FRANCIS O'HERN, D.D., Bishop of Rochester. March 16, 1929.

RELIGION IN COLLEGES

The religious atmosphere is so lacking in the average college to-day that virtually all students, no matter how brought up, lose a great part if not all their regard for religious teachings within a few weeks after entering college.

The above statement was made by the Reverend Dr. Arthur Lee-Kinsolving, rector of Trinity Church, Boston, in an address in New York City the other evening at a dinner meeting of the Union Theological Seminary. He spoke before a group of more than two hundred pastors of churches of various denominations other than Catholic. He made a determined plea that the various churches get together and do something definite for the religious guidance of college students.

The plea by Dr. Kinsolving was not made in a critical way, but as an expression of fact, outlining a condition that calls for prompt action and helpful work. Time and again this paper has called attention to the lack of reverent religious atmosphere in the average secular college, and to the danger of perversion of faith to the Catholic student in such colleges. The danger is dominant and real. It is emphasized here not by a Catholic who might be considered over-solicitous, but by a non-Catholic clergyman who is sincerely solicitous for the religious welfare of college students. He knows the atmosphere cold, indifferent, critical. He knows the conditions—almost a complete lack of interest in religion, or of concern for its teaching.

Catholic parents all over America will soon be selecting colleges for their boy and girl graduates of high schools in June. They had better give serious thought to the spiritual atmosphere of the colleges they select; more thought to that, even, than to the classical atmosphere. For what will it profit them, or their children, if they gain a great amount of secular education and suffer the loss of their faith, with the consequent danger of utter loss of their immortal souls? The declining years of many a pious father and mother have been saddened beyond expression by the apostasy of their children, due in large part to school and college atmosphere without religion. The mistakes of some should be a warning to others, and the utmost care should be taken in the selection of schools or colleges for the boys and girls of America.

"Full many things are good for souls in proper times and spheres: Thy present good is in the thought Of the Eternal Years."

On June 24, Catholic laymen of the Diocese will go into spiritual retreat at St. Bernard's Seminary. For a week-end, men who choose to go, will forget business cares, and grief and will participate in exercises beneficial to their minds, bodies and souls.

THE CATHOLIC SUMMER SCHOOL

Recent publication of the Catholic Summer School program for the coming season called attention to an institution that has accomplished immeasurable good for education and for religion. Opening on June twenty-seventh, and closing on September second, this school will furnish cultural, recreational and religious programs that will appeal to and inspire some of the best minds in America. Situated at Old Haver, on Lake Champlain—one of the most beautiful spots in America—the school invites and obtains the cooperation of Catholic minds the country. Its lectures cover a variety of subjects and are among the best in

the land. "Washington and Lenin," by the Rev. Edmund A. Walsh, S.J., of Georgetown University; "A Quintette of Modern Novels," by the Rev. John A. Delaunoy, C.S.C., of Washington; "Dramatic Reviews, the Spirit of the Present in the Drama of the Past, and Great Messages in Great Literature," by Frederick Paulding, Litt.D., of Rutherford, N. J.; "The Catholic Mind in Europe To-day," by George N. Shuster, managing editor of The Commonwealth; "American Poets," by the Rev. Michael Earls, S.J., of Holy Cross College; "A Month in Mexico," by our old friend Dr. James J. Walsh of Fordham University—these and many other subjects await patrons of the Catholic Summer School.

Good recreation, healthful sports, the comradeship of cultured Catholic souls, numerous daily Masses, sweet communion with God, rest and repose from the world—all these await the men and women who will go to Cliff Haven in the sunny summer months. The beloved Rt. Rev. Msgr. Arthur A. Hughes of this city, at rest now with the Lord, was a frequent attendant and a great champion of the Catholic Summer School. Its work is far-reaching, its influence for good is beneficial to the soul.

Men who attended the recent diocesan convention of the National Council of Catholic Men imbued with the spirit manifested at the sessions in Geneva will be reporting to the seventy-two lay societies at their various meetings, what was discussed and proposed. It is hoped that the meeting will have a far-reaching effect in carrying on the program of Catholic Action so admirably launched in the diocese by the N. C. C. M.

THE THEATER AND THE CHURCH

Speaking recently upon the work of the Catholic Theater Movement in New York City, the Rev. Robert E. Woods of St. Patrick's Cathedral said:

"The theater at one time was closely associated with the Church. We love, it and it can bring us decent, elevated pleasure. But are the themes of to-day's plays dramatic art? It is said that people are different, times have changed in twenty years, and theatergoers are now sophisticated. That word is enough to make the blood of a thinking man boil."

When the Catholic Theater Movement was started twenty years ago, Father Woods said, only forty out of the sixty new plays produced in New York that year were worthy of approval. There was real need for sane and well-directed criticism of the drama. That need has grown with the years. A flood of obscene plays has descended upon the metropolis. Out of two hundred and twenty-five new plays produced last season, Father Woods tells us, only forty-five were worthy of commendation. The rest were tainted with obscenity, or submerged in filth. The percentage of this class of plays will be even greater this year, he says.

Between December fifth of last year and April fifteenth of this year fifty new plays were produced in New York City, and only four of the fifty were found worthy of commendation. "Subjects considered in the plays of to-day were not even mentioned on the stage twenty years ago," Father Woods said. For thus have we progressed in what writers are pleased to call sophistication, which is an euphonistic word for dirt.

The Church has been criticized, Father Woods tells us, for "meddling with the stage." That the "meddling" is well justified we may understand when Father Woods tells us that "almost every theater is an occasion of sin. There are strong words. But so-called dramatists of the present day are more concerned about the 'daring' of their plays than about their dramatic art. The glory of the stage has been sunk into an oblivion of obscene filth, and drastic action is required to bring it back to clean fields bordered by the flowers of artistic fruition.

Thirty years service in the Knights of St. John were terminated with the death of Alphonse J. Groh. During those years this faithful knight served faithfully and well as a staff officer. His career of humble, efficient service in great Catholic lay body is an example to be held before the Catholic young men in that great Order.

A MALODOROUS REPUTATION

Patrick Cardinal Hayes of New York City, in a recent vigorous protest against the renewal of licenses for burlesque theaters in that city, said:

"New York City—I am ashamed to say it—has a malodorous reputation throughout the country because it is said anything, no matter how foul or filthy, is tolerated on the New York stage."

Cardinal Hayes is right. Everything goes in New York. And this is not limited to the burlesque stage. Dramas that reek in filth; reviews that feature brevity and even absence of garment or garb; bedroom scenes that are abominable; the gin and sin life that knows no law of decency—these are staged and acted in ways that pander to the lower tastes. It is the up-State visitor who is the chief patron of this class of show. He thinks it is thrilling to see and hear things he could not see and hear at home. He wants something to talk about when he goes back to the inviting calm of his home town. He likes to be able to regale his friends with stories of his theatrical adventures in the big city. New Yorkers themselves, as a rule, resent this class of show. They are not parasites of filth, promoters of obscenity, champions of immorality. Hence, there is

God Cares

I sat in the door at eventide, My heart was full of fears; And I saw the landscape before me lie Through mists of burning tears. I thought to myself, the world is dark, No light nor joy I see; Nothing but toll and woe is mine, And no one cares for me.

A sparrow was twittering at my feet, With its beautiful autumn head. And it looked at me with dark, mild eyes As it picked up crumbs of bread; As the words of a bird could be: "I'm only a sparrow, a worthless bird, But the dear Lord cares for me."

A lily was growing beside the hedge, Beautiful, tall and white, And it shone through the glossy leaves of green.

Like an angel clothed in light; And it said to me, as it waved its head On the breezes soft and free: "I'm only a lily, a useless flower, But the Master cares for me."

Then it seemed that the hand of the loving Lord Over my head was laid, And He said to me: "O faithless child, Wherefore art thou dismayed? I clothe the lilies, I feed the birds, I see the sparrow fall; Nothing escapes My watchful eye, My kindness is over all." —Selected.

CURRENT COMMENT

A PHYSICIAN ON BIRTH CONTROL

The editor of the London Catholic Times received a severe shock recently when in perusing a Sunday newspaper which had always been a vehicle of paganism and falsehood, he happened upon an article dealing with the causes of unhappiness among married women, and the reasons why so many wives seek the divorce courts. It seems that this newspaper had sent its representative to a rather prominent physician in London to obtain his views on the declining birth rate, and the doctor's statements were so startling and sensational, to the mind of the editor, that space was given to them in spite of the fact that they were not in line with the general policy of the paper.

This doctor is of the opinion that more marriages are being broken up today because of nerve-racked wives than for any other single reason. The nerve-racking is not due to the stupidity and ignorance of ministers of religion, he assures us, but to the empty cradles so dramatically evidenced by the Register-General's figures. Childlessness, thwarted maternal instincts, and the shelving of maternal duties by mothers, he says, are producing a host of nervous wrecks, neurasthenics, and mentally unbalanced women who are not suitable companions for any kind of normal man.

It might be well for married couples to ponder over this physician's words; and those who believe that they are making married life easy and even pleasant by practicing birth control may find to their sorrow that they are wrecking their matrimonial careers by their failure to bear the ordinary burdens of the married state that are connected with the procreation and the rearing of children.

It is well for humanity that the radicals are discovering for themselves what Catholic physicians have been trying all along to tell them—that nature takes a toll for the violation of her laws. Physicians in this country have been troubled over the fact that the proportion of nervous diseases among women has increased almost three-fold in a generation. If they will investigate further they will find what this English physician has found among married women, and they will make the further discovery that unmarried women are suffering as well as a result of the outraged modesty which modern so-called courtship sanctions. Unmarried men should remember that their own indiscretions in courtship lay the foundation for the shipwreck of their later marriage. The Church calls marriage "Holy Matrimony."—The Ave Maria.

CARMEL IN CHINA

The fourth little group of Carmelite nuns are leaving an European convent in order to establish themselves in China. Bishops laboring there begged these cloistered communities to come and pray in their midst, as bishops have the world over. The worldly-minded among us may imagine that for many generations to come the urgent need in China would be for priests and sisters dedicated to active participation in the teaching work of the Church.

The missionaries, however, see another need: They realize that they are fighting the forces of evil and that the only power by which they can conquer is the Grace of God. It is for this reason that they are always begging for spiritual alms. It is this fact that prompts them to make great sacrifices to maintain in their midst convents of contemplatives, sisters who spend themselves in prayer and sacrifices, that the Lord might bless the work of the Church in that land teeming with pagans. They know that unless the Lord build the house they labor in vain who build it.—The Evangelist (Albany).

OKLAHOMA STREET PREACHING

The experiment in Oklahoma shows that street preaching is not an impossibility for the Catholic clergy and it proves, too, that those outside the Church will listen with attention and reverence to a Catholic priest or layman. The man in the street is not as irreligious as is commonly supposed. Naturally he has not been impressed with the brand of religion that has been preached on the street corners by the shouting and ravings of well-meaning but uneducated evangelists. But give the man in the street a chance to come in contact with the representatives of a religion that is sane and worthy of a hearing and he will receive instruction that cannot be too impressive and enlightening.

We have the truth. Why not make it known? Many perhaps will reject it, but they will never embrace it if they are not given an opportunity to hear it. If they will not come to our churches, let us go out to them. This not only Catholic but apostolic. Had the twelve apostles remained inside closed walls, the world would never have been converted to Christianity. They reared their pulpits in the market-places, on the roadsides, and wherever they found a hearing. We have been committed to false conservatism for too long. The example of these Oklahoma priests should be imitated. There should be street preaching, or something like it, in every city and town in the land. Good news Oklahoma!—Catholic Sentinel, Portland.

Back Through the Years

—A Glimpse Through the Files of The Catholic Courier and Journal

March 29, 1890

The annual retreat for the men at St. Patrick's Cathedral was given by the Rev. Father Gannon, S.J.

St. Bridget's Reading Circle elected the following officers: President, Mrs. James Fee; Vice-Presidents, Miss Quin, Miss Bertie O'Rourke; Secretary, Mrs. Dowling; Treasurer, Miss Geraghy; Librarians, Misses FitzGerald and Cunnean.

E. J. Sullivan received a present of some handsomely carved Irish bog oak walking canes from his friend and former co-worker in the Irish national cause, D. J. Hishon, secretary of the Irish National League, Dublin, Ireland.

St. Mary's Hospital received \$10,055.68 from the city during the past year; St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum, \$4,205; St. Mary's Industrial school, \$3,604.32; St. Patrick's orphan asylum, \$3,460.50; Home of Industry, \$1,591.50; and Sisters of Mercy, \$2,408.

April 5, 1890

Committees in charge of the concert given by the Arbuckle band at the Knights of St. John Baptist reception at Washington Rink were: arrangements, Charles A. Parr, general manager; Israel J. LeBeau, Eugene Doucette, Frank Rivard, Leon St. Hilaire, Henry Hudon, Severo Andrews, Alfred Stone; floor, Louis B. Savard, manager; William Andrews; N. O. Roy; Charles F. Parr; Joseph Roy, Edmund Rombaut, John B. St. Hilaire; reception: Joseph H. Savard, Henry LaCasse, Eugene Savard, Antoine Terrien, Paul Tierlinck, Peter Robillard, August Swartel, Albert LaCasse, Charles Gilles, Louis Fournier, and Charles A. Hudon.

April 12, 1890.

St. Joseph's parochial hall was blessed by Bishop McQuaid. The Bishop was assisted by Very Rev. Msgr. DeRegge, Very Rev. Joseph Wirth, rector of St. Joseph's; Rev. F. X. Sinclair, SS. Peter and Paul's; Rev. F. C. Oberholzer, of the Most Holy Redeemer and Reverends A. Pingel, Kuborn and Henn of St. Joseph's.

An entertainment was given at the Sacred Heart Convent on Prince Street, the day being the feast day of Rev. Mother Carrigan's patron saint.

A banquet was tendered Rev. Dr. Sinclair by the Young Men's Catholic Association of SS. Peter and Paul's Church in honor of his safe return from an extended southern trip. President Peter A. Vay made the address of welcome. A. J. Smith acted as toastmaster.

April 19, 1890

A largely attended meeting of ladies and gentlemen was held at St. Mary's Hospital to devise means for raising \$20,000 to pay off the floating debt and make much needed improvements at the institution. William C. Barry was made chairman and J. G. O'Brien, secretary. Eloquent speeches were made by Mayor Carroll; D. B. Murphy, Alexander B. Hone, Patrick Cox, James Fee, Rev. J. P. Kiernan, Rev. Dr. Sinclair, Rev. J. O'Connor, Rev. J. P. Stewart, Mrs. Mahon, Mrs. Hone and Mrs. Kitley. All manifested the greatest enthusiasm and pledged themselves to do all in their power to further the work.

April 26, 1890

St. Pius Society elected the following officers: President, Andrew Wolf; Vice-President, John Kraus; Recording Secretary, James Fee; Financial Secretary, Mathias Jacobs; Treasurer, Theodore W. Mensing; Finance committee, John Bubel, Max Demmert, Peter Keller; Sergeant-at-arms, Stephen Zink; color bearers, Louis Drexel, George Streif, Michael Hoeh; U. S. flag bearer, Joseph Tesing; Physician, Dr. Buecher.

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WAYSIDE WHEAT

A tourist in California, says Edward Guest, the poet, asked a native how far it was to San Jose. He pronounced the name carefully, using the letter "J" as in English. The native promptly informed the tourist there was no city of that name in California, but there was a San Hossay, and that "J" was sounded like "H" in California. Visiting awhile, the native asked the tourist if he expected to remain long in the State. "No," said the tourist, "hust from Hute to Huly."

"Men are beginning to get their feet on the ground," said a politician in talking about the depression the other day. He's right. A lot of soles are worn through.

Some Congressmen are backing a movement to consolidate the Army and Navy. Another conspiracy to beat Notre Dame.