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Editorials

RENDER- TO CAESAR

Of recent days there has been more or less agitation, even among nationally known churchmen, to lay a tax on the property held by the vations church denominations.

That these churchmen should join the ranks of those who desire this church tax may seem things to most people. However, be that as it The State has always recognized the

The State has always recognized the value of religion in community life. Although not fostering one religion against another, it has tried to help the cause of religion by making it easier for the churches to exist materially. For this reason church property has gone along free of taxation.

This is as it should be. It would be hard to figure out in dollars and cents how much the charches are saving the state each year.

astand allheys are instilling within the minds and hearts of people these principles of religion that make for a law abiding citizenry. They are inculcating the spirit of patriotism in a way that even the state itself could not do.

We speak a word of warning to those who in order to balance state budgets, look eagerly about them for a new source from which to draw taxes. Tax church property today and you may tax it out of existence. With teligion gone from the minds and hearts of people, more triutes analysis, tellow man and state will be committed and the state will find itself spending more and more money for prisons and institu-"tions of correction." In other words, the state "" -- may-be-the loser in the long run.

It seems hardly fair to say that all churches could afford to pay a tax because a few are-free and clear of debt. We Catholics know that the most of our churches still carry mortgages. know that if we can pay the interest on them during this depression we are doing well. We that to have a state tax added to the financial burden of our churches might prove to be the last straw. "Render to Caesar the things that are "Caesar's" is a command that came from the lips of Christ Himself. But in no wise can it be now turned against the churches in favor of a tax on their property. The churches adequately fulfill Christ's command in the service they render to the state in keeping its citizens religious minded.

assurance can be given that the situation will be corrected? The only solution to the whole problem for

Catholics at least is to send their children to Catholic institutions. They need never be harassed with anxiety for the education their children will receive there, and they can rest assured that their faith will grow instead of being warped and destroyed by the destructive influence of indifferentism and skepticism.

WHY BE HONEST?

This is the question that a young writer in the February issue of "The American Magazine" has asked its editor to answer. In turn the readers of the magazine have been asked their answer to the question.

It seems that the young man who wants only one real practical reason for being honest, had been taught that honesty helps one to get to heaven, brings the confidence of fellow-man as well as their trust, aids in business success and results in self-respect and happiness.

All these reasons were given him as a boy at home, in Sunday school and at public school. But since growing up and looking around at the factics of his neighbors he has decided that there is no truth in the reasons given him for being honest.

In the first place, he disclaims any knowledge in the reason that honesty helps one to get to heaven. In other words there may or there may not be a heaven that opens its gates to those who practice virtue here on earth.

In the second place, he claims that, as far as he can see, honesty could pay if the so-called good people cared enough about it to practice if. But good people do not practice what they preach. So his conclusion is that honesty does not pay.

The young man is sure only of this life. He wants to enjoy it. He wants to make money to spend for comforts and pleasures. It seems to him that dishonest money comes more quickly thua honest money. Of course it would not be well to be caught in a dishonest deal. To be exposed in dishonesty would make true all the reasons he has been given for being honest.

We wonder how many other young people, products of a neo-pagan and materialistic age, arcain the same frame of mind as this young author.

Passing over his query, "Why he honest" which any eighth grade pupil in a parochial school could answer for him, we make hold to say that the young-man's mind was not moulded in value truly spiritual by his Sunday school teacher nor reinforced by the secular education he received in the public schools. These two institutions, instead of augmenting the spiritual training the boy received from his mother failed miscrably and allowed agnostic and materialistic tendencies of - thought to -develop and supplant the mother's teaching.

Woe to this nation if steps are not taken to eliminate godless and atheistic education- from the midst of your children. In its wake follows a materialism that warps the minds of our people with selfishness and robs their lives of even the natural virtues that their very reason should command them to extol.

Current Comment-

THE CATHOLIC PRESS ABROAD

For fifty years the progress of the Catholic Press has been a triumphant march through

throughout the country during February each year, this year finds the Diocese of Rochester out in the forefront with plans for observance of the "month" as out. lined by the Bishops of the United States through the National Catho. lie Welfare Conference. This will be the first organized observance of Catholic Press Month in the Diocese of Rochester The Ordinary of the Diocese, the

Most Rev. Archbishop Edward Mooney is lending his support, en. couragement and full approbation The importance being attached to Catholic Press Month this year is a source of gratification to all

who have been interested in the Catholic Press in the diocese and particularly in the development of the diocesan newspaper.

On an occasion such as this we should like to give full credit to the many who, down through the years, have given of their talents. lime, and money to the cause of the Catholic Press but this we shall have to save for another time. However, it might be well to touch lightly upon the development of the Catholic Fress in the diocese, as the writer of this column knows it, after an experience of ten years in the field.

From Willard E Marakle, first editor of the Catholic Journal we have fearned something of The beginning of a Catholic newspaper in the diogese which was the forerun. nor of the present diocesan operated Oatholic Courier We are handing it out in "chunks."

Way back in 1889, three young men, two experienced job printers and one cub reporter, deciding that Rochester needed a Catholic paper. plucked up courage and bronchod the subject to the first Bishop of Rochester, the Rt. Rev. Bernard J. McQuaid. The Bishop listened to the proposition patiently, all the while a quizzical smile playing over his countenance, then he is reported to have said "I admire your courage bui doubt your judgment and practical knowledge of what you propose " He went on to point out the difficulties to be encountered. "However," he said. "if you want to give the project a trial, you will have my best

In a few weeks thereafter-in 1889 -- the first Issue of the "Cath. olic Journall' with Edward J. Ryan president, and manager: Thomas-H. Donovan, Associate Editor and Willard Ar-Marakle, Editor, made its first appearance. At that time secular journalism was of the one. man control variety. William Purcell dominated the Union and Ad. vertiser; Charles E. Fitch, the Democrat and Chronicle; and Jo. soph O'Connor, the Post Express in Rochester: Charles A. Dana, the Sun: Gordon Bennett, the Herald in New York and St. Clair McKel. way, the Brooklyn Eagle, The same was said to be true of th Cathol Pciress. The Freeman's Journal represented McMaster: St Louis Church Progress spelled Courde B. Pallen; the Boston Pilot. Patrick Donahoe; the Catholic News, John Gilmary Shea; the Catholic Union and Times, Rev. Patrick Cronin and so on.



Reason For Existence

The reason for existence of a Catholic Press is pointed out in the following, taken from a recent radio address on the Catholic Press given by the Rev Timothy Rowan, News Editor of The New World, official newspaper of the Archdiocese of Chicago

"There are many, who, not content to be indifferent to the Cath. olic Press, actually question its right to exist. With such persons Faith and Religion. Certainly our the last four Popes are in direct and open disagreement. The first éternal welfare deserves at least reason why the Catholic Press ex-

cesan paper, always a reader is a truism. Of course a few subscribe for a while and then cancel, but they have never really become which they are anxious to be readers, whey -never-entered-intowell to formed We are not finding the spirit. They are of the class fault because one has a duty to who grudging is fulfill the obligalook after his material concerns. tion of hearing Mass and are he has also a right to a fair share through with religion until next of recreation and amusement. It Sunday is scarcely fair to find time for all Pràises Loyal Réader other things and then allege that there is not time, nor interest nor

"The real supporter of the Catholic press, the real answer to the question 'How does the Catholie ress exist?!_is the loyal reader. How could the Catholic press existwithout the reader who is interested enough to write occasionally to agree or disagree with the editor on some question; the reader who scans the ads and does a little real missionary work with firms which do not advertise as well as with those who do advertise; the reader who is as prompt as possible in paying his subscription. "These are the men and women who make possible the Catholic Press and may they increase and multiply so that all the world will know how and why the Catholic press exists by the force of the number of its loyal supporters."

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THE SUBTLE ATTACK

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Catholics have heard many times, until it has become an old story, the dangers to faith that awar Catholic students in secular institutions of learning

Before the opening of every school year and on the occasion of graduation from demonstration and high school, sound and weighty arguments are put forth to persuade Catholic parents to insist on a Catholic college for their children,

It may be well to emphasize the fact that the Catholic Church does not stand alone in recognizing the harm to religious faith and religion that has been and is being done in our secular colleges and universities.

Only this past week, Bishop William T. Manning, in an address before a large audience in New York, condemned university professors who (ht to destroy belief in God in the minds of their

students. The Bishop has made a keen analysis of the method used by these professors, 'No' longer do they make a direct attack on dogmatic or moral beliefs. Their attack is more subtle and consequently more dangerous because of the possibilities of its success.

Side remarks are hurled against religion and religious beliets by a professor of a subject that has no bearing on philosophy or theology. Insiduations that create doubts are casually spoken in the classroom to cause the beginning of a breakdown in faith. The general attitude towird religion is not so cold as it is indifferent, as though religion were something long dead and wired in the tomb of medieval ages.

Catholics cannot afford to expose themselves tora loss of faith by doubts created by subtle of diffelici. If the attack were open, the could be put on his guard. But it is not.

some countries of Europe. This has been particularly true in Holland and Germany; in the latter country it charted the course to Canossa that Bismarck swore he would never take and in the end was very glad to make. The Catholic Press made the Center party a power to reckon with until Hitler smothered all parties in his totalitarian state.

In Holland the zeal of Catholics for their press has been phenomenal. There are 2,300,000 of our Faith in the Netherlands, about one-third of the entire population. They support thirty Catholic dailies in addition to a strong periodical press. The results are apparent in the positionthat Catholics enjoy in what was once the center of Orangedom.

The figures bear repetition. Holland Catholics are about one-tenth as numerous as American Catholics and thirty Catholic dailies are published, read, and supported in their tiny state. In the United States the single Caholic daily is in a state of continuous nervous collapse. Some of the weeklies aren't a full step behind.

On the other hand, those countries where the Catholic press has been dormant have witnessed a sinug distain for the Church or downright persecution. Spain comes to the mind immediately in this connection. When the land of Isabella the Catholic saw the Church on the way to expatriation, the Catholic press woke up. The latest developments show the results in a swing toward the historic Church of Spain in the last clections.

These European musings should give pause to American Catholics. Their support of their own Catholic newspapers would come nearer to a 100 per cent perfection as a result -Cathofic. "Universe Bulletin, Cleveland).

THE CURSE OF SPECULATION

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Speculation is probably the greatest curse of modern capitalism. It keeps thousands of para-Mites initening on workers of all classes. Fourfifths of the transactions in stock exchanges are immoral. It is not ethically wrong for a person to spend his own money buying actual goods, or buying potential goods in advance in order to keep up a regular supply. But it is morally wrong for people who cannot pay, and who do not intend to pay, to purchase options on goods. which do not exist, merely to sell these options to the put on his guard. But it is not. It arreading where this being conscious of it. It have this being conscious of it. It have this being conscious of it. It have this protest that protest should this accuration. We may that alk probable that the present wold-wide depression can be attributed to this eveil more than to any other.—Sydney Cutholic Press. If you decide to say your prayers every day the professor but from his say them, whatever you feel like. Don't drive the professor but from his say them, whatever you feel like. Don't drive the professor but from his say them suddenly one morning just because your other persons in similar circumstances who gani-

The Rochester entrant into Catholic journalism had a precari. ous career, we are told. Equipment in those days was not as bhighly developed as now. Mr. Marakle drew no salary from the paper. working on the daily newspaper by day and writing editorial matter at night. Mr. Ryan and Mr. Donovan drew only printers' wages. The venture at that time did not provide_sufficient revenue for all, so Mr. Marakle withdrew and Mr. Donovan later left to found the Albany Catholic Chronicle which he continued until his death a fewyears ago. Mr. Ryan by application and perseverance continued the Catholic Journal until his death in 1929.

About 25 years ago there existed another Catholic newspaper in the Rochester diocese, called the Catholic Citizen, we have been told. The Echo, published by the Catholie Orphan Asylum of Buffalo es. tablished & Rochester edition, here about iwelve years ago.

Following the consecration of the late Bishop O'Hern, a company was former and the Catholic Jour. nal was taken-over and the name changed to the Catholic Coutler and Journal with Mr. Maurice F. Sammons as entor and manager. -Upon Mr. Sammens, retirement the company was taken over by do-cessa autionities and, offices were established in Columbus Civic Cen.

ter Building. The trend in the Catholic -Press field throughout the country has been away from individually owned newspapers towards those operated by the discours with clerical and

lay editors and managers,

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ists is because the Pope-desires its existence.

"Pope Leo XII said: 'A Catholic paper is a perpetual mission in the home.

"Pope Plus X said : 'In vain will you found churches and build schools unless you are able to wield the powerful offensive and defensive weapon of a loyal Catholic Press.

"Pope Benedict XV sald: 'The work of the Catholic papers has been most praiseworthy. They have been an effective auxiliary to the pulpit in the spread of the Faith.

"Pope Plus XI said: 'Anything that you will do for the Catholic press I will consider as having been done for me personally.' And more recently our present Holy Father said to a group of Catholic newspaper editors: 'You are my voice. I do not say that you make my voice heard, but that you are really my voice itself: for few indeed would be the number of the children of our Common Father who could learn my wishes and thoughts without the aid of the Catholic Press.*

The second answer to 'Why does the Catholic press exist?' is because the Bishops of the various dioceses find the diocesan newspaper not only a convenience but a necessity, for a well instructed Catholic laity.

Deserves Attention

"The third answer as to 'Why does the Catholic Press exist?' is because this is an age of special. ization. We have trade and professional journals for every line of human endeavor. Then there are golf, baseball, aviation, automobiles, and scores of other similar magazines, including moving pictures and short story magazines; All these magazines are read wide. ly because men and Gwomen and chlidren have their pet subjects

writers among the clergy and laity tend to the production of an interesting and influential newspaper. Many of the difficulties met by those who have retired from the field still preset themselves, but many things also are present to overcome such obstacles. The present management believes the Catholic Courier now compares with any Catholic newspaper in the field. The Catholic Press' Month observ-, and with the the test Month observ-, allow with the test and the the diocese to the newspaper as now published, all the newspaper as now

as much attention as does our temporal affairs. "Now as to the question." How

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Does the Catholic Press exist?" The Catholic Press exists by the Providence of God, by the encouragement of the Popes, by the authority and financial support of the Bishops and, last but not feast, by the generous support and cooperation of its readers. We have already seen how Divine Providence and the Popes have aided the Catholic Press. We now come to the nart played by the Bishops particularly in the United States. Readers of Catholic newspapers are familiar with the letters (NC) or the line 'By the N.C.W.C. News Service.' These letters mean the National Catholic Welfare Conferchec News Service . .

News of World "One of its most important works is the maintenance of a world, wide Catholic news service. This, Catholic news service maintains. correspondents in all important locations in the world and through an excellently staffed and efficiently operated headquarters in, Washington, D. C., it furnishes all Catholic papers in the United States with frequent news releases. Each Catholic paper pays a rate for the service in proportion to its circulation and the service it reodiven

loss each year, because the chief concern is not profit, for even making ends meet. Its chief object is to improve the Catholic press. The annual logs is made up each year by the Bishops of the Hierarchy of the Distors of the America. Under this plan each dioresan paper receives the same service

"It (the Catholic newspaper) is a newspaper. It contains local news of interest. It comments on the news of the week as presented by the daily papers. In addition to presenting the Catholic news of the world it corrects errors in the secular press, issues warnings about fraudulent agents preying on Catholic people. It tells of the activities of Catholic clubs, parishes. schools, alumni and fraternal socleties. Special devotions are listed, holydays and fast days are announced. well in advance, questions are answered. In a word it ren-ders real privice and is as a way as a letter from home, all of which is but the sugar coating for the sound Catholic dottring which it presents excit week. As a conse. quence once a reader of the dis-

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Spiritual Thoughts

Aim high; strive to become ever more perfect .--- Blessed Ant. Grassi.

"Our principle business should be to conquer ourselves, and to become more perfect every day in this practice .--- Saint Francis de Sales.

All things seem rushing straight into the dark-

But the dark is God. -George Macdonald.



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