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"I would make any sacrifice, even to the pouring of my egg, to support a Catholic newspaper." - Pope Pius X.

Editorials

A WORD OF PRAISE

A common sight on Rochester street cars is a man or woman reading a book. A very pleasing sight to an educator or cultured person is the quiet, crowded room of any of the Rochester Public Libraries.

The Catholic Courier noted with pleasure the statement of John Adams Lowe, director of the Rochester Public Libraries, that Rochester, the twenty-third city in the country in point of population, is eighth in circulation of books, and the foremost of the State in library organization.

The Catholic Courier wishes to commend Mr. Lowe for maintaining such wonderful service to the public, and to add a word of deserved praise for all workers in the Rochester Public Libraries. Certainly there are no places in the city, or anywhere else for that matter, where one may find a more cordial or encouraging welcome, or a more informal friendly atmosphere.

While still on this subject, attention might be called to the facility with which valuable books may be borrowed from these libraries in Rochester and the encouragement given to use them. A great number of our readers reside in Rochester; no letter recommendation can be made to them that they use the library facilities of the city, both public and private, in their leisure time.

CREMATION

Whether cremation is becoming more common in these days is hard to tell. But it seems that we hear more of it anyway, particularly among the wealthy and more well-to-do. The only practical excuse offered for it is economy.

The first reason for burial among all peoples is undoubtedly that of natural affection for those we love and respect. We are loath to depart from those we love, and when loved ones die, it is only natural that we try to preserve their memory as long as possible, and to make that memory as concrete as possible.

The whole human race loves to preserve relics of its heroes and leaders. Witness the care with which patriots gather the relics of Lincoln or Washington or Napoleon because of their associations.

Among other very strong and pious reasons for burial is the example of the Master. We believe in the Resurrection of Our Lord as the strongest proof of our religion, and we believe in the resurrection of our own bodies on the Last Day.

It would seem that God approves this custom of the Church. Occasionally there are miraculous evidences to the sanctity of the saints manifested on the occasion of the disinterment of the remains. The body of St. Francis Xavier, for example, is still intact today in Goa, India. Upon disinterment, the remains of the Little Flower, a young girl of thirteen years of age, were given forth by her body.

the Greeks and Romans, those who did not believe in the immortality of the soul ordered their bodies to be burned. The same thing is true today in general.

That it will become necessary because of lack of space in or near large cities seems a very far fetched argument. That it is cheaper, at present anyway, is not evident when we consider that it is common mostly among the wealthier of our citizens.

Cremation today is still a pagan custom and as such the Church forbids it.

BOSHI

In these days when there is so much agitation among our separated brethren for church unity, it is astonishing to find such variation of opinion as that brought out by Northwestern University. Questionnaires sent to all the Protestant ministers of Chicago and answered by nearly all of them, elicited an unexpressed answer for Catholicism, viz., "that a house divided against itself cannot stand."

Among other things brought out was the fact that 74 per cent of the ministers do not believe that God keeps a record of one's bad deeds in a "great big book." Probably the modern conception of God's record keeping is an electric book-keeping machine.

On such an involved question of science as the age of the world, 67 per cent were agreed that God spent millions of years in making this world. If the majority rules, then this great problem is solved.

However, 98 per cent really believe that God rules the world. Congratulations to Almighty God that this power has not been taken away from Him by vote. In their surroundings, it is not to be wondered at that the other two per cent feel that God no longer rules the world.

And congratulations to those men who feel themselves the equals of Jesus Christ, 42 per cent of them! They feel themselves "as much the sons of God as Jesus."

To a Catholic, What Bosh!

SOMETHING TO STUDY

A pamphlet well worth reading is that prepared by Rev. George Johnson, Ph. D., for the N. C. W. C., entitled, Federal Aid to Education in the Emergency. Without going into any discussion of the arguments proposed for one side or the other, the author gives a very clear, succinct and precise statement of some of the many problems facing the educators of the nation today.

It is hardly necessary to point out that in the solution of the economic problems of today, there are many points of Catholic morality touched upon, and that Catholics should be very watchful of their interests.

Current Comments

NEED FOR MASS AND COMMUNION

It would work for civic betterment, as well as personal religious advancement, if Catholic parents would fully realize that there are spiritual as well as physical tragedies and that the former far outweigh the latter in their consequences.

It is the duty of parents to know the companions of their children, to know their places of recreation, and to exercise the greatest care lest their boys and girls meet with spiritual disaster. It is unfortunate that there are people so unsophisticated, or so indifferent, that they refuse to believe that young children have a capacity for material sin and vice.

The greatest safeguard, supplementing the vigilance of sensible elders, is the faithful attendance at Sunday Mass and frequent reception of the Sacraments. Monthly confession and receiving of Holy Communion should be a minimum, and the child should be encouraged, by word and example, to begin and keep up the habit of weekly reception of his God in Holy Communion.

GOOD EXAMPLE

A Catholic man was aroused from his slumber by the early ringings of the church bell, for Sunday Mass. He felt quite sleepy and intended to prolong the enjoyment of his comfortable position in bed.

Diocesan Recordings

Whether the President or Colonel Lindbergh is right in the present controversy over air-mail contracts cannot be decided by the man in the street who cannot possibly have all the facts.

Catholic Press Month and the forthcoming Catholic Press Exhibit are serving to revive the early history of the Catholic Press movement in the diocese.

The first Catholic newspaper in the Rochester diocese, according to John J. E. Kennedy of Kennedy Brothers of 8 Marietta Street, Rochester, was edited and published by the late Rev. Louis A. Lambert, L.L.D., pastor of St. Mary's Church, Waterloo, N. Y.

Mr. Kennedy relates that after fifteen years of publication by Father Lambert in Waterloo, the "Catholic Times" was sold to the publishers of the "Catholic Union" of Buffalo and consolidated with that publication under the name of the "Catholic Union and Press," which was edited and published by Father Cronin.

On September 5, 1903, the Rev. Thomas Daniel Kennedy, Louis A. Kennedy and John E. Kennedy established in Rochester, "The Catholic Citizen," mentioned in this column, two weeks ago.

"The Catholic Citizen" edited and published by the three Kennedy brothers appeared in tabloid form with 16 pages and was the official newspaper of the Diocesan Federation of Catholic Societies.

Circulation was good in Rochester and Peoria, Illinois diocese. Father Kennedy at that time was rector of St. Mary's Cathedral and chancellor in the Peoria diocese.

In April 1908, Father Kennedy, accompanied by his brothers and two sisters, visited Rome and was presented in private audience to His Holiness Pope Pius X by his cousin, the Most Rev. Thomas F. Kennedy, D.D., who was then rector of the North American College in Rome.

The Holy Father on that occasion bestowed his Apostolic Blessing on the publishers and all subscribers to "The Catholic Citizen." Mr. Kennedy recalls, His Holiness was an ardent advocate of the Catholic Press and urged all the faithful to subscribe to and read Catholic periodicals and especially Catholic newspapers.

Mr. Kennedy in reminiscing about those days said that it never occurred to him that one day one of the last year students at the American College in Rome on that Sunday morning in April, 1908, when the publishers of "The Catholic Citizen" assisted at the High Mass in the College Chapel would be today "the eminent Archbishop Edward Mooney, now Archbishop-Bishop of the Rochester Diocese."

We have recounted the above to bring to light efforts made to furnish the Catholics of the Rochester Diocese with Catholic newspapers during the years of the diocese's existence.

During the past few weeks, the Catholic Courier has been enabled to furnish to its readers the Church's position on birth control, sterilization and church unity, to cite three outstanding considerations of the day.

Reports reaching us of varied activities in the cause of Catholic youth indicate results are being obtained. If those active in this great movement could look years ahead and see the actual results of their efforts they would be greatly encouraged in their work.

STRANGE BUT TRUE Catholic Facts But Little Known

By M. J. MURRAY

STARS! The names by which many stars are known to science were determined in OLD TESTAMENT days. THE BOOK OF JOB (IX-9) reads: "WHO MAKETH ARCTURUS, AND ORION AND HYADES AND THE INNER PARTS OF THE SOUTH."



The Basilica of ST. PAUL-OUTSIDE-THE WALLS, one of the Holy Year Basilicas, is so named because it is situated outside the ancient walls of Rome.



Eating meat on Fridays! EXCEPT IN LENT, THERE IS NO FRICTION IN SPAIN! A DISPENSATION WAS GIVEN TO THE SPANISH PEOPLE SEVERAL CENTURIES AGO FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE IN THE CRUSADES.



Miss Lenina Tarbell of Chicago, born in May 1835, was converted to Catholicism in her HUNDRETH year, 1933!

The Mother Prioress of Notting Hill Carmelite Convent, London, founded her 32nd convent in Great Britain during December last, a record only equaled by that of St. Teresa of Avila who founded 32 Carmels in the 16th Century.

Where Is Film Filth Leading Nation?

"So great is the problem suggested by the wrong kind of talking picture that drastic effort must be launched at once if we are to stave off national disaster," the Most Rev. John J. Cantwell, Bishop of Los Angeles and San Diego, declares in an article entitled "Priests and the Motion Picture Industry" appearing in the February issue of The Ecclesiastical Review.

Bishop Cantwell is a member of the committee appointed by the General Meeting of the Bishops of the United States, held in Washington last November, to deal with the problem of motion pictures. Other members of the committee are the Most Rev. John T. McNicholas, O.P., Archbishop of Cincinnati; the Most Rev. Hugh O. Boyle, Bishop of Pittsburgh, and the Most Rev. John F. Noll, Bishop of Fort Wayne.

"Certain it is," says Bishop Cantwell, "that some action of heroic proportions must be taken if we are to save the youth of America from a pollution and debauchery the like of which America has never known heretofore. In vain do we struggle to rear great educational institutions, if the invidious character of the cinema is permitted to prostitute the character of our adolescent youth."

Good Films Successful

Attacking the argument of those who "point to the box-office success of pictures which, to many patrons, are definitely offensive," Bishop Cantwell says that "as a matter of fact, the records indicate that few pictures that are vile, suggestive or unclean attain any outstanding success" and that "the most outstandingly successful offering of the current season is a cartoon comedy in color which has 'not a shadow of suggestiveness about it.'"

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Back Through the Years

(A Glimpse through the files of the Catholic Courier and Journal)

June 15, 1895 Bishop McQuaid ordained to the Holy Priesthood the Reverends Patrick J. Neville, John P. Brophy and Cornelius Cronin.

Francis J. O'Brien, son of J. C. O'Brien was graduated from the University of Toronto with the degree of A.B.

June 22, 1895 The Lyceum Dramatic Club of St. Mary's Church, Auburn, made its first appearance in Bernard F. Moore's Irish drama, "Captain Jack."

The Rev. William C. Reilly, son of William A. Reilly celebrated his first Solemn High Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Rochester. Father Reilly was ordained in Brooklyn, after completing courses at Niagara University and St. John's College, Brooklyn.

If the labor terrifies, the reward invites - St. Bernard.

Keep the choicest of thy love for God Dante.

He who would be rich in virtues must neglect no opportunity of exercising them.

Fear to offend God above all things, and then you need fear nothing else.

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