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"I would make any sacrifice, even to the turning of my ring, for the sake of a Catholic newspaper."—Pope Pius X.

Editorials

A NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENT

Beginning Monday, May 14, the annual drive for the Community Chest funds of the city of Rochester will begin. The Catholic Courier joins with other institutions in urging the continued support of all of its Rochester readers in this great undertaking.

It would be superfluous on the part of this publication to say that the Community Chest is deserving of all praise. Its record during the years of its existence bespeaks more praise than mere words can offer. But it is permissible to call attention to the fact that during the years of the depression it has still carried on, in spite of many necessary curtailments, in such a way that the institutions which it cares for have not felt the pinch of poverty as have other institutions not under such support. This is a wonderful tribute to those who maintain the Community Chest. Certainly Rochester owes a debt of gratitude to them, which can best be expressed by continuation of the support they seek. The Chest and the clinic which it has made Rochester unique among American cities.

Catholics have a share with others in the funds of the Chest. In the spirit of gratitude, then, Catholics should continue to support it, with increased generosity, if possible.

JOHN MOODY AND CONVERSION

John Moody, prominent Wall Street business man, was recently received into the Catholic Church. At a recent meeting of The Catholic Converts League, he told how he became a Catholic. Originally he was a prejudiced Protestant. In the course of years he became an agnostic. Gradually he came to smile upon the Catholic Church as just another, but the greatest, of religious follies.

However, an unbiased study of religions revealed to him that Christ was a historic personage. He used the same method in studying Christ that he used in studying business problems. He went after the facts, and the facts brought forth a real Christ. Three facts influenced him to embrace the Catholic Faith, the objective Christ, the doctrine of the Supernatural as taught by the Church, and the Communion of Saints. Once admitting a real Christ, then the only logical conclusion was the reality and truth of the Catholic Church.

When men stop seeing Christ as they would like to see Him, and give up their subjective notions about Him, they see the real Christ. This is common to all intelligent thinkers about religion. Not until men see and know the Christ of the Gospel will they come into the Church. This explains Mr. Moody's conversion. The Christ of the Gospel.—He is the real Christ, the Christ of the Catholic Church.

PRINCIPLES NOT PERCENTAGES

Advocates of birth control were denounced in recent sermon delivered at St. Mary's Cathedral in Galveston by the Rev. E. K. Fulkerson, who asserted their first principle is that there is no future life.

They are logical when they reason from this first principle that "man has within himself no purpose in this world and no abiding victory to gain." "New grant this first principle, which is untrue," he said, "apply a rigorous logic to it, and you have birth control. If there be no purpose in being a man, there is no reason for begetting men. If mankind has no goal, there is no use starting the race—not even the human race. This is sound logic."

"If birth control is to ever become universal it must constantly be making exceptions. It must go on saying that in certain cases it must not be taken too seriously. Excuses must constantly be made, and the principal one will probably be the economic one: the number of children will depend on the budget and the gold balance! If gold is scarce, then children must drop 40 per cent. Children must not be invited to homes of the poor. This means children are not wanted, an assumption that is fallacious, for children are the strongest—the wealthiest friend man has. Poverty does not excuse from making them the strongest friend that it allows a man to have. The only excuse is that he has money."

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those now is that Herod's contraceptive device was a sword. And the babe that escaped, when he grew to manhood, called the son of that king a "fox." The Pharisees, saying to him: depart and get thee hence; for Herod hath a mind to kill thee. And he (Christ) said to them: go, and tell that fox: behold, I cast out devils and do cures today and tomorrow.

"He calls Herod a fox as if to remind him that those who practice birth control lose manhood not only for themselves but for their posterity."

Is it high time the thinking element of America protested against reforms based upon percentages instead of principles? Father Fulkerson said, "We are now led into a hopeless confusion of what is right and what is wrong. Prohibition obscured moral vision by calling a sin that which is not really a sin. Birth control steps into this confusion and says that which really is a sin is not a sin at all. Public consciousness absorbs this false morality and sentences a woman to jail for taking four drinks and lets thousands run loose who have taken four lives. The domain of morality today extends only to the 'public' sins like drinking; the amoral is the 'secret' sins, like birth control."

THE WHITE MAN'S CONCERN

Some very interesting facts are revealed by Professor Charles Richets survey of world population trends. Yellow and mixed races are multiplying between five and six times as fast as the white races; and among the white races Europeans are multiplying the least, the most civilized showing the least population increase.

News despatches keep us well informed of Japan and her influence. She is a world power, and that cannot be denied. Her recent announcement of the "hands-off China" policy makes it pretty clear that she intends to be even more of world influence than she is at present.

Russia is attempting a decided come-back in world influence. The mere fact that other nations have to keep their eyes on her shows that Russia is an influence that cannot be ignored. In our own country a very considerable amount of current literature deals with Russia, much of it being openly sympathetic.

The home of the yellow peoples is Asia, and the greatest part of Asia, Siberia, probably the vastest region in the world, belongs to Soviet Russia. India, China, Manchukuo all in Asia, probably furnish the biggest international problems of the day.

One hundred and sixty million people are officially estimated to come under the rule of Soviet Russia, officially atheistic. The population of the Japanese Empire is about 92,000,000, officially and practically pagan. These figures certainly should provoke thoughtful concern and promote thoughtful action among Catholics.

It is useless to decry the "yellow peril" or the "black scourge" or any other menace to the white man. If the white man insists on dying out, there is not much that can be done about it. What should concern him, however, is the heritage he leaves to his successors. He should at least leave something valuable, and the most valuable bequest he can make is a Christian heritage. There is still very little Christianity among other races. Two-thirds of the world is pagan.

Current Comments

LAUDATE DOMINUM

How the Iroquois Indians near Montreal answer the celebrant of the Mass in their native Mohawk tongue is told in a Communication published in a recent issue of AMERICA. This interesting fact recalls the wide variety of languages used by the Church in its corporate worship of God. Catholics, accustomed since childhood to the roll and thunder of the Latin, may be surprised to learn that their Church uses no less than eleven other liturgical languages as well. True, they are the tongues of the Eastern Church. But the 8,000,000 people ordinarily called Uniates are every bit as Catholic as any Knight of Columbus named Callahan and are in just as close communion with the Pope—despite the fact that their liturgies are phrased in Syriac, Arabic, Coptic, Rumanian, Chaldaic, Ethiopian, Slavonic, and some four other modes of speech. After all there is no intrinsic reason why the Mass should be said in Latin. Christ did not speak Latin when he instituted the Eucharist. And the Apostles, going forth into every nation, probably offered their Masses in the foreign tongues in which they preached. The early Christians in Rome celebrated Mass in Greek until some time in the Third Century (the "Kyrie eleison" today being a relic of that, as is also the present custom in Papal Masses of singing the Epistle and Gospel first in Latin and then in Greek). With one exception all the liturgical tongues, however, are dead tongues. Just as the ordinary American must be taught the Latin of the Western Mass, so the Russian Catholic must learn the Slavonic of his own liturgy, and the Abyssinian the ancient Ethiopian of his. Hence the polyglot worship of the Church cannot be adduced to argue that the Latin should be scrapped and that every nation in the West should offer the Sacrifice in its own vernacular. This, indeed, is an old proposal, one that the Council of Trent as long as 400 years ago examined thoroughly and at great length, and then rejected unanimously.—AMERICA.

"The minds of today are beginning to see that our problems are not primarily economic and political, but religious and moral; that society will not and cannot be reformed from without, but only from within. It is only by the spirit of Christ and the spirit of prayer that the freedom of man, won by bloodshed and national sacrifice, can be safeguarded and preserved."—Rev. Dr. Fulton J. Shanley.

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Diocesan Recordings

Still on the "Golden Rule" standard, the Community Chest dollar will be called in next week. Heed the call.

Why do they call those lightly held—contracts—entered—into—by movie stars—"marriages"? They are hardly such in the true meaning of the word.

One of our readers, Laurence Donovan of East Rochester offers these suggestions for Mothers' Day, on May 13, this year: "If mother is here with us—let us go to her and show her how very much indeed we love her. Tell her we have not forgotten how wonderful she has always been to us. Show her that we're proud of her by giving her some little token on this day. Or better still, kiss her as we did when we were little children and tell her all the things we are sure she would like to hear. We're never too old to do this, and how happy it will make her. Not only think of her on this day, but every day of our lives as long as God permits her to remain with us. Let her hear our words of love and admiration for her, and when we are amid the stress and strife of this world, one thought of her will bring us consolation and give us courage. Do not wait to repay in a small measure this mother-love; but let us do it now while she is with us. Thank God for giving us such a wonderful mother!

"If she has gone—then let us bow our heads and talk to her for a while in prayer on this day. Receive our Lord in Holy Communion, offer it up for her and tell her in our prayers how great our love is for her. Visit her grave on yonder hillside and place over her some sweet-smelling carnations—typical of her self-sacrifice and of our gratitude for all she has done for us. Remain here and converse with her—let us tell her the things we should have said while she was still with us. She will hear us and understand."

In the course of his remarks as toastmaster at the annual Communion Breakfast of the Nocturnal Adoration Society of Rochester, Sunday, James P. B. Duffy, president, took occasion to thank the pastor of the Cathedral for seeing to it that Our Lady Chapel was kept warm during "the coldest winter in two generations." He did not think it necessary to mention that members of the Society during that "cold winter" had once a month during the night arisen and braved the cold to keep their appointments with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. This is also true of members of the other Nocturnal Adoration Societies in the diocese.

Getting facts concerning Catholic activity still seems to be difficult for secular newswriters. A recent United Press dispatch appeared in one of our dailies as follows: "Special services for the deaf of all creeds are conducted here every Sunday at St. Mark's Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Protestants, Catholics and Jews are brought together by their common handicap of deafness and form the congregation for the Rev. Samuel M. Freeman, himself a deaf mute. The congregation, which averages about 40 to 60 people and sometimes goes as high as 200 on special occasions, listens to the Rev. M. Freeman's sermon and goes through the regular Methodist ritual, 'singing' hymns in unison in the sign language." Inquiry made by the pastor of the largest Catholic Church in Atlanta fails to reveal that any Catholics attend the services. TIME magazine carried a story recently that "Catholics, Protestants and Jews are welcome to attend" which is undoubtedly the true story.

With the Centennial Celebration spirit growing as the days approach for various events planned by the Rochester committee, there is being received by this newspaper countless suggestions for recalling Catholic activity down through the hundred years. With these suggestions are coming valuable material which when put in shape will be most interesting. Recently Patrick J. McCracken, a life-long member of the Cathedral parish brought to our attention several facts regarding 100 year old Catholic history in Rochester. "Felix McGuire," Mr. McCracken wrote, "was the first Irish Catholic to settle in this locality and was followed by many well to do Irish who settled in the Town of Greece. John B. Klem, the first German Catholic came in 1816. In 1820 St. Patrick's Church was organized and services held there until 1823. They erected a small stone church 38 x 42 feet built up to the street line. Previous to the erection of the church those and others here at the time would have to travel through the woods and over the rough roads to Albany where there was a Catholic chapel, and a priest there only part of the time. If they found no priest at Albany they went to New York City to what is now the lower part of New York." Mr. McCracken also calls attention to the fact that St. Mary's Church was founded in 1834. "The significant thing about recalling the activities of Catholics 100 years ago is that Catholics tend to practice their faith never doubted them. Their faith grew stronger as they encountered difficulties to get the consolation of

STRANGE BUT TRUE Catholic Facts But Little Known

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Illustration for 'STRANGE BUT TRUE' featuring a woman in a nun's habit, a street shrine, and a cathedral. Text includes: 'The great SAINT TERESA OF SPAIN who died on October 4, 1882... THE DAY AFTERWARDS this jump in the calendar was ordered by Pope Gregory... correct the accumulated errors of the Julian system.' 'BEAUTIFULLY EXCITED STREET SHRINES are common in Florence and pendant lamps burn before many of them day and night.' 'A NUMBER OF LADIES WHO ARE DOMINICAN TERTIARIES... THEY LIVE WITH THEIR FAMILIES IN THEIR OWN HOMES AT DITCHLING, SLESSEY, ENGLAND, JOIN IN PRAYERS DAILY IN THE LITTLE CHAPEL AND ALL DEVOTE THEMSELVES TO OLD-TIME ARTS AND CRAFTS.'

THE LIBRARY SIGN POST

Laurels for Miss Jane Lester of Nazareth College whose five poems in the college quarterly, Verity Fair, bear the genuine seal of the lyric Muse. Here is no facile versifying, no vulgar rhyme-juggling, but the delicate, elusive intimation of those hidden hues of Beauty which many of us fleetly glimpse but which only the authentic poet can alchemize into the expressive phrase. Miss Lester's gift ought to bring her name to the pages of the Commonweal or of The Catholic World.

Mare's old gravestone epitaphs from Ding Dong Bell. How urgently it expresses the aloneness of man's last narrow home. "Stranger, when I at peace do lie Make less ado to press and pry! Am I a Scoff to be who did Life like a stallion once bostride? Is all my history but what— A fool hath—some as read forgot? Put back my weeds, and silent be: Leave me to my own company!"

No Catholic who knows history and the meaning of words will stand sheepishly by and say nothing when he hears his Church classified as one of the Christian sects. The word "sect" comes from the Latin verb, "secare," which means "to cut," and therefore a sect is a group that is separated from the entire body, a section that is alien from the whole. But the word Catholic, which comes from the Greek phrase "katholon" ("according to the whole") means "universal" or "entire." A Catholic sect, therefore, is a contradiction in terms: it doesn't need much intelligence to see that a slice isn't the whole loaf. The Catholic Church is the Church of Christ, not one of the Churches of Christ nor one of the Christian sects.

The non-Catholic John Ruskin, one of England's great men of letters in the last century, discovered in the course of his studies that "all beautiful prayers were Catholic—all wise interpretations of the Bible Catholic—and every manner of Protestant written services whatsoever either insensibly altered, corrupted, or washed-out and ground-down rags and debris of the great Catholic collects, litanies and songs of praise."

Christ must be allowed entrance into international councils if the efforts for peace are to be saved from lapsing into futile farce. For the thirty years since the great bronze statue of the Saviour was erected on a site 14,000 feet above sea level on the border of Chile and Argentina, there has been amity between the two countries. The seoffer may

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smear. "Coincidence; what of it?" But the people of Buenos Aires are not scoffers, and so, in all the Catholic churches of their city on the thirtieth anniversary of the statue's erection, Masses of thanksgiving were celebrated for the intention of peace.

THE QUIET DAYS Do we ever stop to think, we wonder, how best are the quiet days—the days when nothing happens? There is no illness to give anxiety, no business burdens or other trouble to disturb, but, on the contrary, there is the delight, I consciousness that all is well in the home, and before us the promise of a peaceful day. We know of no condition of life that brings more pleasure than this, or that should more quickly fill the heart with gratitude.—Brooklyn Tablet.

Spiritual Thoughts Spiritual life is the perfection of the Christian life. Charity is the bond of perfection.—St. Francis de Sales. True virtue has no limit. Our soul knows itself by its presence.—St. Thomas. Actual grace is necessary for every supernatural act. Christian life is the life of God within us.—MASSON. All that the nails and lance produced in the flesh of Christ, maternal love caused also in the soul of Mary.—St. Bernard.

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