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definitely, is this: The magnitude of the material universe, as we now know it, has done away forever with the Christian faith in a Supreme Being, intelligent and free, to whom we are responsible, in a Heaven and a Hell, in the primary importance of the human being, in the dignity, spirituality and destiny of man. The earth is now but an insignificant material speck in the vast cosmos, and therefore (note the deduction) man is but a pitiable, self-exalted biped creeping on the surface of this insignificant speck of matter, a mosquito, of matter like the speck itself, and looking up to a Heaven which he had imagined to exist above the blue vault, while now we know there is no blue vault, but just an optical illusion, and no Heaven beyond it. Therefore Q.E.D.

Bulk Brisbane's Criterion The fundamental error here is his false conception of the scale of values. Material bulk is the criterion. It may surprise Mr. Brisbane, even shock him to hold that in Catholic doctrine Arthur Brisbane is greater than the whole material universe—so far as it is material, I say greater, not bigger; for I have no idea of his stature or his girth. For all I know, he may be a little dwarfed hunch-back who goes on crutches, reading him it has never occurred to me to ask how big is this great editor. What I do know is that he has an intellect, that he has ideas, that he can communicate them to me and to others, that he has a free will, that he is capable of love and hatred, and that none of these things depends on the size of the universe, nor on the size of his body, nor even on the size of his head. And all that he will himself admit.

Perhaps he would deny free will.

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Daughter Was Cured At 'Scottish Lourdes,' Non-Catholic Asserts

London—(NCWO)—A non-Catholic mother is claiming that her nine-year-old daughter, suffering since birth from paralysis, has been cured at Carlin, the "Scottish Lourdes."

Little Isobel Crawford had never walked and doctors had told her mother that nothing could be done to cure her. Hearing of the doctors' verdict, a Catholic friend urged Mrs. Crawford to take the girl to Carlin. There her legs were blessed with a relic of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus two or three times each week for three months, and now she is able to walk about for long periods without any aid.

This is the second cure reported by pilgrims to Carlin within a month.

lental bodies, and dedicated it to Pope Paul III. In this very true sense this earth is still the centre of the universe, the most important part of the immense whole, both for us and for Mr. Brisbane.

His Ignorance Inexcusable Our destiny! And what is our destiny? Here Mr. Brisbane has the advantage over me. I don't know what he considers his destiny, nor whether he thinks he has any. From these articles of his, and those that have preceded them for thirty odd years, I should gather that he considers himself a fortuitous material accident in this material cosmos, destined to dissolve again into his material elements when he stops functioning as an organic being. But he knows what I, as a Christian, believe to be my destiny; and if he does not know it, his ignorance is inexcusable. To find out he has but to ask a Catholic child, to consult the penny Catechism or any text book on Catholic doctrine. Our destiny is Heaven.

Now Mr. Brisbane's articles leave the impression, and they are intended to leave the impression, that Heaven is an out of date superstition, because Heaven was some place above the blue vault where God reigned as Superman in a Kingdom to which the just were admitted in due time. Such a thing is now seen to be absurd. Therefore, there is no Heaven.

Does Mr. Brisbane really believe, with that superficial and ignorant pot-boller, Mr. Wells, that such is, or ever was, the Christian conception of Heaven? If he does so believe, his ignorance is inexcusable. Christian Notion of Heaven. What do we understand by Heaven? Heaven consists in seeing God, "face to face," as the Apostle teaches. It is the sight of God as He is in Himself. That seeing is an act of human intellect by which it apprehends God as the Supreme and Infinite Truth, for truth is the object of the intellect. Seen as the Infinite Truth he is also apprehended as the infinite Good; and good is the object of the human will. From this two-fold apprehension follows the supreme happiness of the human soul. Hence that sight of God is called the "beatific vision," the vision that "beatifies," that makes supremely beatus, happy. Where then is Heaven? It can be everywhere and it can be nowhere. God is Infinite. He is not where. He is a Spiritual Being not limited by place or space or time. The soul is a spiritual essence, and when it is admitted to the sight of the Supreme Truth as it is in its essence, then the soul is in Heaven.

Mr. Brisbane may say that is an "illusion." It may be in his mind; but that is not the point here. The point is whether we, Christians, believe, or ever did believe, that Heaven depended on the eccentric conception of the universe, or on any conception of the universe. That is his contention, though as I have said, he has not the gumption to state it plainly; and in that contention he is misrepresenting us and trading on the ignorance or simplicity of his readers.

I presume he has read Dante. Does he really think that the Catholics of Dante's time, or that Dante himself, believed Heaven to be scattered among the spheres into different compartments in space, and that some of the Blessed lived in the moon? Or does he think that Dante really believed that purgatory was a mountain shot up in the Garden of Eden?

Dante knew well the Catholic doctrine. In 600 years not one line of heresy has been discovered in his great poem. It might be said that the Divina Comedia is St. Thomas' Summa in verse. He could have told what Heaven is in less than one canto. But writing, not for pure spirits, but for men in this mortal life where understanding depends on the imagination and the imagination on pictures gathered from the objects of the senses, he constructed his poem on symbols and imagery. When, however, he came to the highest Heaven and wished to give us some conception of the Divine Essence, he acknowledged his impotence. But though it was in that highest Heaven he placed the "myrtle rose," closest to the Throne God, he teaches in every Canto of the Paradise that God is in the soul, and enjoyed by the soul of every one of the Blessed in all the circles and spheres through which he leads us. There is much more in the Catholic doctrine of Heaven than Mr. Brisbane has yet grasped; but that is no excuse for his making us believe in a Heaven in which no Christian ever believed.

Next week we will see some of his more flagrant errors in history and science.

TO PUBLISH LISTS OF FILMS CLASSIFIED BY CHICAGO'S LEGION

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Since the story was written, Mr. Harrison's Reports for Motion Pictures issued a Complete List of Censored Pictures. By these means, in accordance with Harrison's Reports, it may be explained that this is the oldest and best motion picture censorship in this country, furnishing the most reliable and complete information in pictures to thousands of theaters and individuals. With fifteen years experience Mr. Harrison has dealt with authority on the subject of censorship.

Lauds Chicago List From the beginning, the delegated representatives of the motion picture industry opposed the idea of listing pictures. Their motives were not made evident. The Bishop's Committee left each diocese free to adopt its own plan. Therefore, formal approval was not necessary or asked for. But far from disapproving, members of the Bishop's Committee at an informal meeting and later by letter, manifested interest in the Chicago list, and more recently the Chairman of the Committee, Most Rev. John T. McNicholas, sent the following encouraging message: "The Committee is delighted to see such constructive things done by the group you have at work in Chicago. I would say by all means continue the process. If objections come from any quarter, I am willing to say that I have encouraged your group to continue its helpful work."

Such approval could hardly have been given to the campaign in Chicago if the Bishop's Committee had any objection to its most outstanding feature, the issuing of the weekly list of pictures. From the beginning, every picture without exception classified in the Chicago list has been actually reviewed and its rating carefully considered. Responsibility for this list is assumed by the Steering Committee of the Chicago Council of the Legion of Decency and diligent efforts made to check and double check every picture according to the sound standards of Catholic morality. Up to date over 250 pictures have been passed upon. That these difficult and conscientious efforts to help the campaign are appreciated is more than evidenced by the hundreds of letters received from members of the Hierarchy, clergy, Catholic organizations and institutions.

Recently, some criticisms have emanated from a very large center where there has been no effort or experience in putting on this campaign against indecent motion pictures. Lack of information has led to misrepresentations. Such critics are playing into the hands of the representatives of the motion picture industry who are trying to discredit this campaign by exaggerating discrepancies in lists of pictures. Consideration for hundreds of thousands belonging to the Legion of Decency who are using this list to guide them in keeping their pledge must outweigh consideration for the critics. Therefore, this important service to the campaign will be continued until the Bishop's Committee arranges for a national list.

Scranton Diocese Holy Name Union Joins Film Fight

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hibition of any salacious film or the display of any suggestive advertisement, as corrupting morality and betraying the principles of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. "To make these protests effective, Holy Name Men must consider it an obligation to remain away from every motion picture that in any sense offends decency and Christian morality and to register their protests with an open and avowed intention of arousing public opinion to approve and follow their course of action. All To Sign Pledge "We demand the exhibition of pictures in accord with the standards of Christian living. To that end, we demand still further, that exhibitors and theater owners insist with their producers, that the people of the Diocese of Scranton, represented by the men of the Holy Name, will not tolerate further offensive entertainment, and if necessary, will remain away from all pictures to secure the success of the campaign for decency. "These resolutions are adopted in defense of things most sacred to us, our youth, our homes, our country and our religion, and we solemnly bind ourselves to observe all the promises contained in the pledge of decency which will be signed by every member of our society." Judge J. A. Matthews of Newark, N. J., also addressed the meeting, urging those present always to live up to the principles of the organization in order that "our Government might return to solidarity by learning to live in the old-fashioned way." Peter J. Dowdell, of Scranton, was elected president, and the next convention will be held at Nanticoke, Pa.

FOUNDER INDICTED Asheville—(NCWO)—William Dudley Polley, founder of the Silver Shirts of America, has been indicted here for violation of the North Carolina "blue sky" law in connection with the sale of stock in Galahad Press, Inc., now in reorganization. Three of his aides, Don D. McElroy, Robert C. Sumnerville and H. M. Hardwick also were indicted.

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