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Editorials

RECOVERY BEGINS AT HOME

In a presumptuous moment, one might hazard this general criticism of the conduct of the American people during The Depression (the italics are everybody's). As a nation we have wasted time...

Success of the plan should bring measurable benefit to everyone. Yet, that success is wholly dependent upon the extent to which we co-operate.

As Catholics we may logically be expected to take special interest in the progress of the housing program. Physical improvements in a dwelling may well be reflected in the greater spiritual happiness and contentment of its occupants.

On page 5 of this issue, the CATHOLIC COURIER presents the first of a series of exclusive articles on "Home Improvement" together with advertising and news information that is valuable for every one interested in better housing.

BETTER BOOKS IN THE HOME

A new campaign is under way. Its slogan is "More books in the home." Since this campaign is likely to have a favorable response, it is extremely important that the slogan should be significant.

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book that has done most to tear down our moral values, to introduce into society a false attitude toward wrong-doing, and wrong-thinking, or at most, a laissez-faire attitude, is the well-written, sparkling, modern novel, the scintillating, gay, society story, the moody, depressing character study.

The exposition of rationalistic philosophy, to the strains of a Beethoven symphony and the clink of a cocktail glass, sounds much more convincing than it does in the lecture room.

Shall we have more books in the home, then? More books, yes. But books of the better kind. Good books. Well-written books. Books by intelligent, right-thinking authors.

ST. TERESA OF AVILA

Next Monday, October 15 is the feast of St. Teresa of Avila who by prayer attained the highest degree of mystical life and found in prayer such enlightenment on divine things that her works earned for her the title of Doctor of the Church.

In Teresa's mind, two things, which are sometimes thought to be incompatible, are to be found not only in combination but in their highest perfection, that is, spirituality and common sense.

As a matter of fact St. Teresa is an example of a great moral truth, namely that spirituality perfects common sense. Spirituality is the perfection of the reason and the will, the sanity of the whole intellectual and moral nature in all its instincts and operations.

God is not glorified by diseases of the imagination nor by the imbecilities of the mind. Wherever God abides in the soul He perfects it.

Common sense does not necessarily consist, as some may think in conforming to public opinion or to the prevailing customs but in conformity to wisdom and prudence, to the will of God which is the universal rule of right and to the judgments of those who are united with God.

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Diocesan Recordings

Generous support of Aquinas Institute will assure strong Catholic laymen for the future.

Keeping the chin up today is more important than having the face lifted.

Considerable space was given in a recent issue of the Waverly Sun and Nichols Recorder to an account of the death of the Rev. Edward J. Dwyer, late pastor of St. James Church, Waverly.

If the graduates of Aquinas Institute and its predecessors, Rochester Catholic High School and Cathedral High School since the days of the one typewriter and one teacher over a quarter of a century ago could be lined up in parade there would be an imposing array of priests, sisters, professional people and prominent business leaders that would amaze Catholics of Rochester.

Recording for years to come the founding in 1884 and progress since of St. Mary's Parish in Rochester, a well-prepared souvenir brochure has been published to be distributed at the Centennial events planned in St. Mary's Parish.

Way off in Japan, the CATHOLIC COURIER is being read, it is learned this week in a letter sent to the Rev. Leo C. Mooney, diocesan director, Society for the Propagation of the Faith by the Rev. M. J. Kuenburg, S.J., rector of Sophia University, conducted under the auspices of the Jesuit Fathers in Tokyo.

The following incident, we believe, is a good example of Catholic Action. In a recent meeting in Austria, a Catholic university man speaking to an audience of Socialist workers, read to them from the Encyclical, Quadragesimo Anno.

We join in spirit with the Eucharistic Congress in Buenos Aires this week. Nine thousand miles' distance was a forbidding barrier for most persons' inclinations and pocketbooks in our neighborhood of the globe; but it is the merest step to the Catholic spirit which knows that the Sacramental Lord present in the tabernacle of our parish church is the same Lord who is being adored and petitioned on the Congress altars of the Argentine capital.

Half-breeds from the Argentine pampas and Indians from the wastelands of Terra del Fuego will unite in the common bond of faith with their cultured compatriots of Buenos Aires, with North Americans and Europeans, Asiatics and Africans, around one altar, where the familiar and beloved Latin surmounts the barriers of language, and where the lifted Victim draws forth the same prayer from those thousands of diverse hearts.

The Jesuit, Fr. Martindale, one of the English speakers at the Congress, has this to say in an article which he wrote two months ago in the Commonweal:

These congresses "can, if we allow them, do what nothing else can, what, alas, every Communion ought to do: baptism itself ought to ensure it, but we resist; we interpose obstacles; our eyes are then still blinded to what a Eucharistic Congress may force on them—well, it ought to shame us into surmounting every schismatic thought, into exercising every first-beginning of a severing feeling of ill-will. Terrible would it be, if after, or even during, such a congress, our Lord should have to tell us that we are 'no better than the pagans', because we consent to do good to them only who do good to us, and allow antipathies due to class, to nationality, or even to race, to separate us."

How does it all strike the fair-minded non-Catholic? Well, here is what one of them said some years ago after attending Mass in St. Patrick's Church in Montreal: "One thing above all struck me."

STRANGE BUT TRUE Catholic Facts But Little Known

By M. J. MURRAY

It is recorded of CHARLEMANGE who conquered Europe in the ninth century, that he wore a HAIR-SHIRT DURING THE WHOLE OF HIS LIFETIME. Designs for a new section of the mosaic work in WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL have been on exhibition beside a book in which the public may write criticisms and suggestions to be considered by Cardinal Bourne before he gives the order to proceed. Although SAINT PATRICK is depicted nowadays wearing a beard, he favoured the Roman style (short hair and no beard) so strongly that he called a Synod in A.D. 456 which ORDERED EXPULSION FROM THE CHURCH FOR CLERICS WHO ALLOWED THEIR HAIR TO GROW!

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It always comes to me whenever I go into a Roman Catholic church. It is the wonderful suggestion of unity. Here in this large church, with its immense congregation, you never thought of its individual members—yet never thought indeed, of them in any other way than as of forming one immense body, an organized unity, dominated and welded into one corporate whole by generations of tradition and training. If you are interested in a readable account of modern devotion to the Holy Eucharist, look for Fr. Schwertner's book, "The Eucharistic Renaissance," in the Catholic Evidence Library. "The Catholic World" for fifty-six years of uninterrupted labor has accomplished a noble and holy apostolate in defence of the Church and of Christian Civilization. This praise of the United States' militant Catholic monthly was given years ago by Pope Benedict XV. It still wears well. Under the present editorship of the outspoken Father Gillis, it holds its place among the best magazines in the land. Its short stories frequently find their way into prize collections of the year's best; its articles are informative, pleasant, humorous; its theatre and book reviews are bright with wit and sense; and its editorials, well read and seen: there is nothing quite like them written in the United States: even the word-lashing Mencken must cede the palm here. We invite you to read it each month in the Catholic Evidence Library. Catholic Courier Published every Thursday in the Year by the CATHOLIC COURIER and JOURNAL, Inc. 50 Chestnut St. Rochester, N. Y. Telephone, Stone 1492 Communications regarding the conduct of this newspaper, articles and illustrations for publication, should be addressed to the Editor, Catholic Courier. If the return of manuscripts or pictures is desired, they must be accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope, but the Editor does not hold himself responsible for such communications. Business communications of whatever nature should be addressed to the Catholic Courier and Journal, Inc., to the attention of the Manager. MECHANICAL REQUIREMENTS Width of column: 13 cms (2 1/2 inches). Depth of column: 20 1/2 inches (full length). Size of page: 14 3/4 inches inches (7 full columns); 15 3/4 inches by 20 1/2 inches. Form close noon of Wednesday preceding publication date.