

Catholic History

It has been charged that in the Catholic districts the relatives of such persons keep the suicide secret. However, considering the carelessness with which every case of an unnatural death is investigated in Switzerland, such an explanation is not very plausible.

The Church teaches that such action, perpetrated without God's consent constitutes a grave injustice towards Him. To destroy a thing is to destroy it as an absolute master and to act as one having full and independent dominion over his life, since to be an owner one must be superior to his property.

Widely different reasons have been advanced to explain this frequency of suicide. It does not depend on any one particular cause, but rather on a multitude of factors. The social and economic situation—the feverish pursuit of happiness often ending in bitter deceptions, intense stimulation of sexual life, intellectual overwork, sensational news stories, influence of heredity, the ravages of alcoholism, all these contribute.

Statistics prove that the proportion of suicides in Protestant countries is greater than that in Catholic countries, and that the increase in suicides keeps step with the de-Christianization of a country. France presents a painful example paraded in the systematic de-Christianization of a country.

Neither did they belong to those who value the success of a mission by the number of baptisms, they freely admitted that a baptized Eskimo, even if he goes to church regularly, is still far from being a Christian, but that in him the old belief in ghosts will continue for a time to live, just as primitive belief in various gods of the Teutons has been preserved in some sort of Christian disguise or other up to the middle ages, nay, in some of its ramifications, up to our own day.

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The 15th annual meeting of the American Catholic Historical Association was held in New York City, N. Y., on Dec. 29-30, 1934.

No student of American history can fully know his country and remain unacquainted with such history.

Through that arrangement and the generous assistance of the Endowment, the Vatican Library, a house of learning and a place of great beauty, to all students of history throughout the world.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE Catholic Facts But Little Known

By M. J. MURRAY



THE PAPAL STABLES HAVE BEEN FINALLY CLOSED DOWN.

The Pope & Cardinals now use MOTOR-CARS exclusively.

THE WEDDING is derived from the Anglo-Saxon WED meaning a pledge.

THIS REFERRED TO THE 'PLEDGE' WHICH A BRIDE-GROOM GAVE HIS BRIDE, i.e. THE RING.

This impressive painting of CHRIST THE WORKINGMAN, appealing to different races, is one of the masterpieces of the International Labour Bureau at Geneva. It was painted by a French artist, MAURICE DENIS.

The PRIESTS' CASSOCK is a monastic measuring dress, today is but a survival of the times when all men wore skirts and chins to the sky.

THE BUDGET OF GREAT BRITAIN EACH YEAR INCURS THE LOSS OF £3.6 FOR A PREACHER.

Spiritual Thoughts

There is not a word of the Bible that says that the Church has not sinned. There is not a word of the Bible that says that the Church has not sinned.

CATHOLIC EVIDENCE

Within the next two weeks Henri Ghzon's extraordinary book will be ready for Library use. I hope it will find many readers (it deserves them) and will make many converts to the Little Flower (she deserves them).

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