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I earnestly bespeak for the CATHOLIC COURIER the united and generous support of our priests and people, and I fervently hope that it may carry into every home in the diocese the salutary influence of the Catholic Press. If Pope Pius XI could say for the whole church: "anything that you do for the Good Press, I will consider as having been done for me personally", I feel that for this diocese I can and should say "Anything that you do for the Catholic Courier, I will consider as having been done for me personally".

+ EDWARD MOONEY,
Archbishop-Bishop of Rochester.

Editorials

AT THE WAILING WALL

In an address at Albany last Saturday night, Governor Lehman indulged in much wailing over crime.

"Tears, idle tears, I know not what they mean," says Tennyson.

But if one may judge the Governor's mind by his address, the cause of his idle tears is clear.

His emphases are wrong.

The Governor is glad that newspaper editors feel the "need of strengthening our machinery of criminal justice."

This is one newspaper editor who is seeking first crime prevention, and the means adequate to this end. And while everyone is looking to the Fathers of this country for guidance today, he would call everyone's attention to their certain belief that morality without religion is doomed. Not in any word of theirs will you find sought such support of morality as was sought by Governor Lehman in his address—the material self-advantage of the business man, the consumer, the taxpayer.

There is no reason to be afraid of mentioning religion. The Fathers were not afraid. And why be afraid of mentioning religious schools? Were not the first schools in this country church schools?

Friends need one another. Yet they do not need to live in the same house to be helpful, to supplement one another. Why, then, Mr. Governor, let the bugaboo of union of Church and State run you to cover?

We are informed that the most serious crimes are committed by young men under twenty-five years of age.

Youth is not sleepy. It is alive, adventurous, with bounding health and energy. It seeks outlet. Give it healthy out let. And over all let the spirit of religion brood, that kind of religion that youth can respect—sensible, forceful; that kind of religion that can show teeth, if needs be.

JOHN E. MASSETH.

FURY—AND HAUPTMANN

Are you, dear reader, ready for jury duty? Might we ask you to waive the answer for a while? Try to figure out if you know how to think, to reason. That is, coldly, dispassionately, objectively, correctly. Seeing things fully as they are, and drawing logical conclusions.

You have been educated. You have documents to prove it. But that may mean nothing. Despite the vast sums spent upon you towards ends of education, despite the vast number of facts pumped into you in the name of education, you still remain uneducated if you cannot think, reason coldly, dispassionately, objectively, correctly.

(Is this a clinic, or something?)

Have you a real relish for thinking things out carefully and correctly? If not, the indictment against what you call your education is strengthened.

Is your newspaper reading mostly confined to what is flashy, frothy? The periodicals that predominate in your reading, are they cheap in quality as well as in price?

Granted your indulgence, the diagnostician would go further. Do you shy away from somewhat lengthy treatise, be it an essay or what not, requiring some effort in thinking, reasoning? Do you find yourself impatient for such, without temptation to think? If such reading? If so, go back and get your money back. You haven't even been trifled.

Give them another chance. Be patient and let them keep at it, with this condition, that they first hereafter, that they develop and perfect the faculties of thought of persons before giving them much to think about.

Reason, unlike life, begins, we hear, at seven.

All this has a bearing on one's fitness for jury duty.

At the time of the Hauptmann trial and conviction, we emphatically condemned both procedure and verdict. In our February 21 issue we tried to clear up confusion. We tried to focus attention on the fact that Hauptmann was charged with murder, and with nothing else.

Last Sunday in Chicago the president of the AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION, William T Ransom, declared—

"The important question is whether a trial so conducted was in accord with a public sense of justice and propriety. The public has a duty to see to it that its standards of propriety and ideals of justice are not again flouted. The trial of an accused by newspaper and radio does not constitute an impartial atmosphere."

In his "Trial By Fury," appearing in the FORUM for January, Richard A. Knight, a lawyer, who has "no more admiration for Hauptmann than you have," sets forth as the purpose of his article the advancement of the proposition that "the decision presents, as did the conviction before it, a monstrous miscarriage of justice bearing social implications of the gravest and most alarming character."

"Last Spring," writes Mr. Knight, "in the midst of a mob of peanut eaters in an atmosphere suggestive of a cockfight rather than a court, Hauptmann was tried and found guilty, allegedly on circumstantial evidence, not of kidnaping nor of extortion but of murder. Now kidnaping is one thing, and extortion is another, and murder, quite distinctly, is yet a third. And in the record compiled at that trial there is no more evidence that the man is guilty of murder than there is that you are an ass."

Concerning "social implications of the gravest and most alarming character," Mr. Knight affirms that "in a society in which anybody is to be safe, criminal convictions may not be based upon hunches or personal opinions—not even on yours or mine. They must be based upon legal evidence and legal evidence alone. Otherwise, everybody becomes at once a potential victim of the incalculable intuitions of the mob, and there is no law or safety anywhere."

Who next will be caught in the clutch of such adverse circumstance? It could be you, or you, or you.

But from "trial by fury" may all good powers deliver us all. —J. E. M.

OPINIONS

It has us a bit dizzy. Maybe you can figure it out. Without doubt, you have been reading and studying the majority and minority opinions of the Supreme Court on the AAA.

In his syndicated article of January 7, David Lawrence says that "The Supreme Court unanimously upheld the Alexander Hamilton conception of the use of the spending power of Congress for the 'general welfare' . . . Thus, for example, Congress can pay out as a subsidy to shipping or the coal industry or to farmers any amount it wishes, so long as it doesn't condition the gift upon some action by the recipient or some compliance on his part with some action sought in return by Congress."

Does this mean to you that Congress can give the money, but thenceforth must forget about it? That Congress has no power to see to it that the purpose for which it was given is fulfilled?

In a signed statement appearing in THE NEW YORK TIMES of January 12, Raymond Moley says: "Interpretation by the majority opinion of the Court on AAA, that "the omission of legal precedents is especially noteworthy . . . It (the opinion) is certainly not derived from the words of the Constitution." There is still a third point, the matter of States' rights. Mr. Moley goes into that, too.

"Surely it could not have been derived from the doctrine of States' rights, for only two weeks ago, in Colgate v. Harvey (the Vermont tax case) the identical majority of six, overturning a uniform course of decisions of sixty years' standing, introduced a construction of the privileges and immunities clause pregnant with heretofore unimagined limitations upon State power.

"'As citizens of the United States,' said Mr. Justice Sutherland in that case, 'we are part of a single great community consisting of all the States united and not of distinct communities consisting of the States severally.'"

Writes Roscoe Steffen of the Yale Law School to THE NEW YORK TIMES, January 12—

"Granting that Congress has power to tax, that it has power to spend in the national welfare, still if it sees fit to condition its spending, in order, as pointed out by the minority, to carry out effectually the purposes which justify the spending in the first place, then the whole structure must fall. Why? Because, in the view of the majority, this would constitute an invasion of rights reserved to the States, although it could point to no provision in the Constitution requiring that the broad grant of power to Congress to spend in the general welfare must be so crippled . . . Surely a century of government intervention via the tariff to reduce the supply of industrial goods at the expense of agriculture should lend respectability to similar grant in aid of agriculture."

Must most of us confess to such perplexity as vexed Omar Khayyam?

"Myself . . . heard great argument
About it and about; but evermore
Came out by the same door where in I went".

J. E. M.

Current Comment

SECOND-HAND SCIENTISTS

Just around every corner there lurks a second hand scientist. They are as commonplace and useful as pathogenic microbes. Their pockets bulge with theories which they advance as final conclusions. Their minds are cluttered up, like an attic storehouse with so-called working hypotheses which they expound as dogmatic laws.

What is a second hand scientist? He is one who knows just enough not to know how little he knows. No one can confound him with a bona-fide scientist. The two intellectual scars which disfigure his appearance are unmistakable. The one is his abysmal ignorance of the story of science. The other his puerile claim to being a lower court supreme court of final appeal on every branch of human knowledge.

Dr Oscar Riddle speaking the other day before the American Association for the Advancement of Science, seemingly elbowed his way into the ranks of second hand scientists. Asserting that organized religion has "evoked the heavy hand of legislation" to prevent the teaching of scientific truth in schools and colleges, he stated that religion has stifled scientific thought.

Unfortunately the facts are stacked against the doctor. At times like worms in an apple, facts are very disagreeable. In this instance they eat away the core of the doctor's silly assertion. To mention but a few outstanding scientists of today who flatly contradict the doctor's statement: J. B. S. Haldane, Sir James Jeans, Herbert Carter, Arthur Compton.

Dr. George Sperti, internationally famous scientist, director of the Basic Research Laboratory of Cincinnati University, recently resigned that post to become Director of the Institution Divi Thomae an institute established by the Most Rev. John T. McNicholas, Archbishop of Cincinnati. Seven of his co-workers also resigned from the secular college laboratory to join Dr Sperti in the new religious institute.

The head of organized Christendom, Pope Pius XI, not so very long ago paid especial honor to Dr Rudolph Weigl professor of Biology of the University of Lwow, Poland, for his discovery of anti-exanthematic serum.

Professor Chiovenda, Director of the Botanical Gardens and Institute of the Royal University of Modena recently paid high tribute to the contributions of Catholic missionaries in East Africa to the science of botany. Dr Chiovenda was most grateful for the aid which organized religion gave to him.

But this record can be carried on indefinitely. It is sufficient to say that the story of science shows how pitifully inadequate is doctor Riddle's perspective. A great proportion of the bona-fide scientists all down through the ages have expressed gratitude to "organized religion" for its helping us many kindnesses and contributions to science.

Vesalius, father of Anatomy. Valentine father of Analytical Chemistry. Chaulac, father of Modern Surgery. Lavoisier father of Modern Chemistry. Morgagni father of Modern Pathology. Becquerel father of Electro-Chemistry. Haüy, father of Scientific Crystallography: these men are on the other side of the fence from Dr Riddle. Only a second-hand scientist would dare speak [illegible] Only a second hand scientist would have the brazen effrontery to deny historical facts connected with their lives. Only a second-hand scientist would dare to give the lie to the cooperation which these bona-fide scientists received from organized religion.

The daily press plays up the rash statements of these second hand scientists because they are in the foreground. Real scientists as a general rule are too busily occupied with their researches to lecture or write voluminous articles for the daily papers or the magazines. And even if they did their language would be so technical that the average lay person could not understand it.

Perhaps it is just as well to let the second-hand scientist pave on. To set him on the path to true knowledge might bring climactic results. For if he ever acquired real knowledge of even an infinitesimal fraction of the things he thinks he knows, there would not be enough space in the expanding universe to accommodate the expansion of his ego.

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Nothing on earth is equal in value to one step or greater nearness to Christ. Bishop Hedley.

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Our principal business should be to conquer ourselves and to become more perfect every day in this practice. St. Francis de Sales.

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There is one sure sign of recovery. People no longer think Providence responsible for the fix they are in. Catholic Chronicle.

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The daily practice of the Works of Mercy is the kind of apologies people do not have to apologize for. Peter Maurin.

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God reserved to Himself His justice and power, but he clothed Mary with His mercy. Canon Sheehan.

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True confidence does not consist in the sentiment, but in the will. Do you wish to trust in God? Then have confidence.

STRANGE BUT TRUE
Catholic Facts But Little Known

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By M. J. MURRAY

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For [illegible] Catholic [illegible] privileges you can now secure the Catholic Evidence Library by telephone. The number is Stone 1937.

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I pass on to you the following comment on Christopher Dawson by a reviewer in the Saturday Review of Literature. Christopher Dawson is the most [illegible] writer of our day and this comment is [illegible] because he is indicted and convicted. His [illegible] shows only the expert and the great judge, assuming no guises. The Saturday Reviewer gives there a discussion of Dawson's most recent work "Religion and the Modern State" [illegible] indispensable book unless you read it, we are unfortunate. It is a book difficult to review an account of its characteristic fairness but it should be said that the writing of it is singularly lucid and persuasive."

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Mr and Mrs. Sheed have stated that Christopher Dawson is doing far more good by writing books and articles for the Catholic Church in preference to Engelbert Dollfuss either Chancellor or Bishop. If they were called to have a vote [illegible] the preliminary speech were [illegible] and especially of Belloc. Dawson can't [illegible] so effective to day.

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Thousands of people will talk to the apocalyptic melodrama [illegible] Mr H G Wells who is bringing his "Things To Come" out to Hollywood. But not one of them will prove to consider Dawson's fascinating and sane forecast of things to come.

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Perhaps as we pray the Litany of Saints the invocation to all the holy monks and hermits does not strike a responsive or sympathetic chord in us. We do not understand it may be the motive that is behind a life of retreat to the desert for the sake of Christ. I recommend to you a reading of Father Martindale's lucid and witty exposition of the subject in the chapter on St Anthony the First Hermit in his admirable "What Are Saints?" A resolution to remove this lack of understanding [illegible] Friday, the 17th, the feast of St Anthony not the Paduan but the hermit.

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The Church Unity Octave begins tomorrow and ends a week later. All sincere Catholics will pray that God will send light and strength to all those who are not of the true fold so that soon there may be but one fold and one Shepherd. A sympathetic understanding of the problem and the spirit of our prayers for unity such an understanding will be fostered by additional reading of pertinent books. I suggest two for reading during the Octave: Rebuilding a Lost Faith, by John Stoddard and Why Rome?, by Selden P. Delany.

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It could be [illegible] the most vigorous [illegible] the Catholic press of America that all the revelations of [illegible] must [illegible] published by secular news [illegible] warnings which Fathers [illegible] Nor is it less gratifying to [illegible] the part of honest [illegible] every state of the [illegible] knowledge [illegible] ing attitude of the [illegible] by her tremendous [illegible] has been a prime factor [illegible] the American people [illegible] their rights. It has been [illegible] and influence to be [illegible] deny that the effect [illegible] would be [illegible] the Assembly of God [illegible] Monsignor Sheen [illegible] Father Coughlin [illegible] Bishop Gallagher [illegible] Father Lemke [illegible] Father Cronin [illegible] Father Moore of San Diego [illegible] Father Tolle [illegible] Father Dunne [illegible] Father Rice [illegible] Father Dowling [illegible] Father Ryan [illegible] Father Barry [illegible] Father Sullivan [illegible] Father Dolan [illegible] Father Lynch [illegible] Father Cronin [illegible] Father Ryan [illegible] Father Dowling