

There is criticism, and criticism. Sneering criticism does not require a great deal of intelligence.

The only critic who is worth a mention is the constructive critic.

"Time, Weekly Newsmagazine," firmly believes in the news value of ridicule.

In a recent issue "Time" gave much space to an article on "spiritual ambulance chasers."

Many readers of "Time" are irritated by its tactics which seem little better than spiritual ambulance chasing.

Flippant and impertinent do not add prestige to any publication.

"I'M FROM MISSOURI"

"Miracles," says the modern cynic, "are the bunk." Miracles are useless.

Many childishly extravagant stories have been advertised abroad as miraculous events.

If there isn't any God, it stands to reason that God can't work a miracle.

A miracle is a fact. It is an obvious fact as a shoe or a shaving brush.

Some element in the miracle can be seen and known. Otherwise it could not be judged a miracle.

What is the most dangerous thing in America? Somebody wants to know.

about an event, any event that He so chooses, He is a poor sort of God to worship.

In a certain sense man needs miracles. They are one of the highway signs along the road to the true religion.

It is this that many non-Catholic religions fail to see. They claim to be the true religion. They assert their divine origin.

In the final analysis, it is ridiculous to say that God cannot bring about an extraordinary effect, a miracle, to manifest His glory and goodness.

Thus the whole question resolves itself to this: one must either admit the possibility of divine miracles or deny the existence of God.

ANYAN DEFENSE

"As you sow, so shall you reap." The history of human experience has conclusively proved the truth of this adage.

Some time ago the Nazi government started a movement called the "Aryan Defense." It constituted Germany's defense against the Christian religion.

The first move by the Defense Committee was the publication of a pamphlet entitled "The Bible Unveiled." In it, Hanns Obermeister, the author, stated that the Nazi regime rejected the Bible as a work of man.

This may sound rather absurd. And it is absurd. But, unfortunately, it is true. Nazi hatred of the Jewish race has grown to such an extent that it has become a boomerang.

The flower of intellectual Germany, German-Jewish authors, poets, artists and scientists are forced into poverty and exile.

"As you sow, so shall you reap." In due time, Nazi Germany will reap its crop of hatred, revenge, immorality, perverted phylanthropy.

THE HISTORY OF MANI

Man is represented by a man-animal. He spent his life ranging through vast forests.

Man today has gained in exterior garb. He has acquired a few manners, a little polish. The tailor and the barber help to make him look civilized.

But there is one thing that hasn't changed. One of the two essential parts of man is still fixed on reading and tearing—his heart.

Someone is trying to determine what is the oldest joke in the world. We don't know, but "Elect me and I'll reduce your taxes" dates a long way back.

Progress means people who used to read contentedly with one candle, complaining about hundred-watt lamps not giving 'em light enough.

Motor cars to match one's clothes are the latest. We suppose if we ever have a new car it will have patched fenders.

Current Comment

The Honorable Joseph Daniels, United States Ambassador to Mexico, is on the spot.

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Robert Daily, clerk of St. Ignace, Michigan, places a four-leaf clover beneath the official seal on each marriage license he issues.

A Los Angeles mail order Church mailed a hat home one day last week in ordinary package.

2,200,000 people have petitioned the Holy Father for the beatification of 11-year old Guy de Fontgalland, son of a French Countess.

The body of the saintly youth who died in 1824 was exhumed a few days ago.

Some cigarette smokers are terrible hoaxes. A recent editorial in the Toledo Catholic Chronicle.

Why not make use of the ash trays provided and be a cigarette smoker, if you must, but not a hotheaded cigarette smoker.

Rambling Round

The ideal solution for the peace of Europe would be for Hitler and Mussolini to eat each other up.

We have always discovered that the best time to work is when the boss thinks you should be off.

This country does not need a detector half as much as it needs a truth detector.

Capitalists are people who endow colleges to educate young liberals who curse capitalists.

Some appear good until they get the occasion to be otherwise.

Love is seen in deeds rather than in words.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

Catholic Facts But Little Known

By M. J. MURRAY

The great organ of the Lateran Basilica, Rome, was used FOR THE FIRST TIME IN TWO CENTURIES during the celebration, last February, of the 14th anniversary of Pope Pius XI's election.

The Protestant AUTHORIZED VERSION of the BIBLE is a prerogative of the Kings of England.

The printing of this version, entrusted to Robert Estienne, had to be renewed after the accession of EDWARD VIII.

A MISSIONARY PRIEST IN CENTRAL AFRICA HAS HAD THE QUEER EXPERIENCE OF FINDING A SWARM OF BEES IN THE WOODEN TABERNACLE OF HIS CHURCH ON THREE OCCASIONS SINCE 1932.

Who were the QUARTO DECIMANS? ANSWER NEXT WEEK (D)

THE LIBRARY SIGN POST

A gentleman begins to feel like a somebody when he gets letters about things which he has done.

M. M. A. is perhaps reading with interest the current issue of the Catholic Evidence Library.

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Diocesan Recordings

ATTENDANCE at the Holy Name Convention was very good.

WHILE THE HOLY NAME parade of a few years ago attracted wide attention to men unafraid to demonstrate the faith that is in them.

IN THE FOUR YEARS of the Recorder's weekly and in this column he has yet to mention a Holy Name Convention.

WHEN CATHOLIC LAY organizations first took a collective interest in the public good.

TO MISS JANE GABRYCH, of Harper Street, thinks most heartily of you.

SPORTS, WITH FOOTBALL, were the main feature of the Diocesan Convention.

DELEGATES ASSIGNED to the coming Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Convention have been called.

THE average American doesn't mind wearing chain of some order.

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